

**PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF WILLOUGHBY
JULY 9, 2015
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: B. Fiala; Ken Kary; C. Cox; G. Patt; G. Merhar, Chairman
ABSENT: No one
OTHERS: Mike Germano, Ass't. Law Director; Jim Sayles, City Engr.;
Janice Lipscomb, Econ. Dev. Mgr.; Darryl Keller, Chief
Bdg. & Zoning Inspec.; Betty A. Nardelli, Secretary

Chairman Gerald Merhar called the public hearing to order at 7:04.

The legal notice was read into the record for the following:

KIRTLAND COUNTRY CLUB	39438 Kirtland Rd.	CUP -
(Arthur D. Baldwin II)		Seasonal skeet range
		C.O.1103(b) (140)
		C.O.1155.07(m) (7)
		R-100 dist.

The following spoke **FOR** the proposal.

Arthur D. Baldwin II

6941 Waite Hill Rd.

Waite Hill, Ohio 44094

Mr. Baldwin said the original skeet range was located at I90. It was operated for five years and then stopped because of the noise. It was part of the Country club as a subsidiary use.

Mr. Baldwin said the Club has \$35,000.00 capitol to use for the skeet range. Three tests were done randomly on Saturday and Sunday February 21 and February 22. The third test was done March 22 on Sunday when people were home. The tests were done at three sites. The Police monitored any calls that came in regarding noise from the tests. Mr. Baldwin said that the Mayor, Police Chief and Councilman for Kirtland Rd. were notified of the tests. The test at the third site was the best test. Mr. Sherwin said that the Mayor couldn't hear any noise from Sherwin Rd. or I90. The police had no phone calls on the test date.

Mr. Sherwin said that they plan to shoot only during the cold months on weekends November 1 thru March 31 when doors are closed.

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Mr. Baldwin said that clay pigeons don't break down chemically. The shooters will clean up the clay pigeon debris at the end of the season.

The following spoke **AGAINST** the proposal.

Don Lewis

4620 Sherwin Rd.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Mr. Lewis said that 28 years ago he was involved in skeet shooting on Saturdays and Sundays. The shootings was not extremely loud but it was annoying. The Country Club was part of Kirtland Township then. They joined Willoughby as a R-100 zoned district in 1985. They had a one year license for skeet shooting that had to be renewed every year. One year they didn't renew it so it became a nonconforming use. Planning Commission rejected their application and they appealed it to the Board of Zoning Appeals and it was denied. The City and the Club made a deal but it was never carried out any further. Mr. Lewis said that the people who live here now don't care for skeet shooting.

Ed Figler

4750 Figgie Dr.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Mr. Figler said that you are taking responsibility for okaying this. You're not including Kirtland. When people hear all this noise they will call the Police. They won't call Willoughby because they okayed it. Mr. Figler said that you're opening a can of worms. You are forcing this on the residents. Chairman Merhar responded to this by saying that this was discussed with Kirtland's Mayor who had no opposition to the skeet shooting.

Pat Lewis

4620 Sherwin Rd.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Mrs. Lewis said that she wishes that there was an alternative to this. The money for this could be used for an in-door shooting

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range or cross country skiing. Mrs. Lewis said that they are not in favor of the skeet shooting range.

The following spoke **IN REBUTTAL FOR** the proposal.

Arthur D. Baldwin II

6941 Waite Hill Rd.
Waite Hill, Ohio 44094

Mr. Baldwin said he appreciated what the Lewis's said. Mr. Baldwin said that he wished there was an alternative to this. Mr. Baldwin said that was the reason they had three tests on weekends because they don't want to be bad neighbors.

Mr. Baldwin said the skeet shooting two decades ago was straightened out. Mr. Baldwin said that they took their time picking spots to test shoot that would be the least objectionable. Mr. Baldwin said that he thinks skeet shooting is needed and that Mr. Lewis won't hear the noise.

The following spoke **IN REBUTTAL AGAINST** the proposal

Don Lewis

4620 Sherwin Rd.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Mr. Lewis said that he spoke to the residents of the Tudor Estates and they were not aware of the skeet shooting. Mr. Lewis said that he also talked to the person who lives on Markel Rd. in Kirtland and she was not aware of the skeet shooting. Also the Mormon Church was not aware of it. Also the residents opposite of the golf course are against the skeet shooting.

Pat Lewis

4620 Sherwin Rd.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Mrs. Lewis said that when the testing was done their neighbors were in New York. Also Mrs. Lewis said that they weren't home either.

The following spoke **IN REBUTTAL FOR FOR** the proposal.

Arthur D. Baldwin II

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Waite Hill, Ohio 44094

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Mr. Baldwin said that the Club has cross country skiing. Mr. Baldwin said that they will shoot after 12:00 p.m. on Sunday's because of church services. Mr. Baldwin said that he talked to Mark, owner of Tudor Estates, and he is in favor of skeet shooting. Mr. Baldwin said that he only knows of one Tudor resident that is a Club member.

The following spoke **IN REBUTTAL AGAINST AGAINST** the proposal

Ed Figler

4750 Figgie Dr.

Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Mr. Figler said that the Tudor residents weren't spoken to. They are the ones where you will get feedback.

Chairman Merhar read two letters into the record:

A letter of 7/7/15 from Alan Steinberg of 4560 Sherwin Rd. who is against it because it doesn't fit in with the quiet neighborhood.

The second letter was non-dated from Susan Culotta who said they moved on 4460 Sherwin Rd. May 28, 2015 and they are opposed to the skeet shooting range.

There being no further business the public hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

A tape of this public hearing is available for review in the office of the Planning Commission Secretary.

Gerald Merhar, Chairman

Betty A. Nardelli, Secretary