

Willoughby • Ward 2 Newsletter



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LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT @ LOST NATION FIELD

Well, the time has arrived with the Master Plan for Lost Nation Airport being submitted to the F.A.A. In 2014 the



Airport was transferred from the City as the owner to the Lake County Ohio Port and Economic Development Authority. To date, several projects are now underway to improve and enhance the properties SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY. Let me highlight a few of those projects that were shared in the 6/27/19 News Herald.

-Weston Development Group is currently in the construction process of a 130,000 sq. ft. Building on Jet Center Drive. This will eventually serve a wide variety of industrial users. Along with this, the facility will provide income for the City through income tax.

-The Airport wants to start to construct new T-hangars and other conventional hangars to bring in more business

-They also want to increase hosting community events along with hopes to put on the Air Shows again.

-Emerging Technology: This new emerging technology that the Airport is deliberating is the possibility of the eventual usage of drones. The goal is to find out how drones may fit into the airport environment.

-For 2020 and beyond the F.A.A. is requiring all aircraft to have what they call an automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast (ADS-B). This is a surveillance signal that allows them to be seen by all other aircraft, even when there's no tower or radar!

-Not in Ward 2, but in Mentor. The City of Mentor has requested a 1.3-acre land transfer to begin improvements at Fire Station No. 4 on Reynolds Road. This is a positive move for the Station.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT OSBORNE PARK EROSION

This has certainly been a hot topic over the past several months. Let me take a moment to share where the city is at this time with the concerns we are facing. For many, the erosion at Osborne Park is an extremely critical issue. Yet I have faced others that share, "who cares". I guess some of that comes from those that use the Park, those that do not use the park, those that wish to care for ALL of Willoughby, and those who fear "how much is this going to cost me? I get all these feelings but as a lifetime resident of the city, and now a city councilman, I look at Osborne Park as a GREAT ASSET to the city and its residents. Just look at what Osborne Park provides our residents, and not only those who live near the shoreling. We have the Municipal Pool, the sports areas, the walking trails, the pavillions, Disc Golf, Playgrounds, Exercise Equipment to name only a few. Then there is the BEAUTY OF THE PARK ITSELF! Just visit in the early morning or late evening for the best views ever!!!



Lake Erie's water levels are at historic levels. In fact, the lake's water level has raised 6" since May 1st of this year and we have already broken the historic highest water level of 1986. This is 30" above the average sea level of the lake. May had the highest average monthly water level increase since 1918. Similar, but not as extreme high-water levels occurred in 1973-1974 and 1997-1998 when water levels receded until 2007. Historic patterns indicate we will continue to see elevated lake levels this spring and summer. Lake water level should begin to drop after this year.

The issues at Osborne Park are common among all lakefront properties in Ohio. We have read about marinas with docks underwater and lower lakefront areas experiencing flooding in many cities along the lakefront. In Lake County, Mentor, Fairport Harbor and Perry Village are experiencing significant issues with lakefront erosion.

Over the past weeks we have been investigating erosion control options and funding for these.

Finally, as mentioned to Council, temporary erosion control measures at Osborne are not currently funded. If we develop a master plan that includes erosion control, they may be funded. One cautionary note, the Master Plan needs to be thoroughly evaluated before proceeding. There is a 2012 lawsuit filed by Madison Township landowners against North Perry Village and an engineering firm for damage caused to their properties due to the construction of the Towline Park Marina. What we've learned thus far is design and engineering associated with lakefront improvements may, and probably will have and impact on neighboring landowners and we should carefully examine our options. This is one of the reasons the armour-rock, temporary solution was put aside at this current time.

In closing on this topic for the moment, Osborne Park has been on Council's Agenda now for several meetings. The July Meeting we will re-visit it again hoping to move quickly and diligently with our Master Plan for the Park and the problems we face. This is an effort to deal with not just Osborne's shoreline, rather the Willoughby Shoreline!!! We hope to see the city and the residents working together.

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@ LOST NATION FIELD continued

Grants in Process:

-Two Ohio Department of Transportation grants are in process for MORE TREE CLEARING. A 2017 grant, nearly complete on Lost Nation Road, west of the Airport, is nearly complete. Ten (10) acres of tree removal from the path of Runway 10 were cleared to comply with FAA Guidelines. A second grant for the clearing of the other runway ends is in place. Three trees in Ward 2 are south of Fire Station #2.

-A 2018 Grant from the FAA was to review the wildlife –deterrent fencing around the Airport. Twelve thousand linear feet of 10-foot fence to FAA specifications will eventually replace what is currently in place. The anticipated cost is between \$900,000 and \$1 Million. The current barbed wire will be eliminated.

The NAME CHANGE

I know there will be those, like myself, that hate to see the name change for what has been the same for so many years. Here is the explanation as to why this move is taking place. To date, the official name is Willoughby Lost Nation Municipal Airport. Since it is not a municipal airport anymore, yet it is still located in Willoughby, its ownership and operations are taken care of by Lake County. Lake County Executive Airport will be the “official” name. The “at Lost Nation Field” will be included in signage that is displayed. The guess is that pilots will refer to it as Lake County when they refer to the facility.

I, as the councilman of Ward 2, am proud to share that I have spent a good deal of my time contributing to the Airport Master Plan, with a focus on Safety and Infrastructure. This work dealt with not only the Airport but also the surrounding area, which is in Ward 2. Safety is key.

LAND DEVELOPMENT ON LOST NATION ROAD



Let me take a moment to share with all what I have been experiencing regarding the Properties that have been or still are “FOR SALE” on Lost Nation Road (West Side, near the Airport). There are four (4) major properties as well as a series of properties on Aquarius Parkway. Those on Lost Nation Road are zoned Commercial while those on Aquarius are zoned light industrial. Those that have

recently sold are owned by Mr. Patel, a very well know developer with ownership of many Dunkin Donuts. The other lands are owned by Cleveland Clinic being marketed by Global Real Estate. Currently Mr. Patel has not come to the city for plans regarding the two properties he purchased. The Cleveland Clinic properties have been looked at by developers who are interested in;

- Homes
- Condominiums
- Apartments
- Senior Apartments
- Retail

This for some, may be a bit scary. Many residents asked me to just keep the properties “as is”. I must share, that is not possible, because they are owned by individuals who purchased them with the intent to “one day” have them be developed. With that being the case I have kept “total transparency” on the process since I have been meeting with these sellers, and potential purchasers. I have heard from residents the positives and negatives of all these potential developments. I know what some want, and I know what some do not want. The greatest worry is to see the land that has “nothing” become “something. Traffic, traffic, traffic. That too is a concern. The fear of businesses that “will not make it” then empty storefronts. Nobody can predict the future, but I must share that as your councilman, and a member of the Planning Commission, any and all ideas must come in front of me for my vote. My concerns, no matter what are:

- Is this what the majority wants to see IF DEVELOPMENT MUST TAKE PLACE?
- Is this the best for Ward 2 and its residents?
- Will any particular development put a burden on the city and its services (police and fire)?
- Will an increase in traffic be controlled, by placing the burden on the developer to fund the cost of traffic signals if warranted?
- Simply put, is this “the best use” of this land for Ward 2?

This is all valuable property to not only the land-owner but also the city. This land could provide services to the residents of the north end that they have been asking for over the years. PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH YOUR OPINIONS!!!

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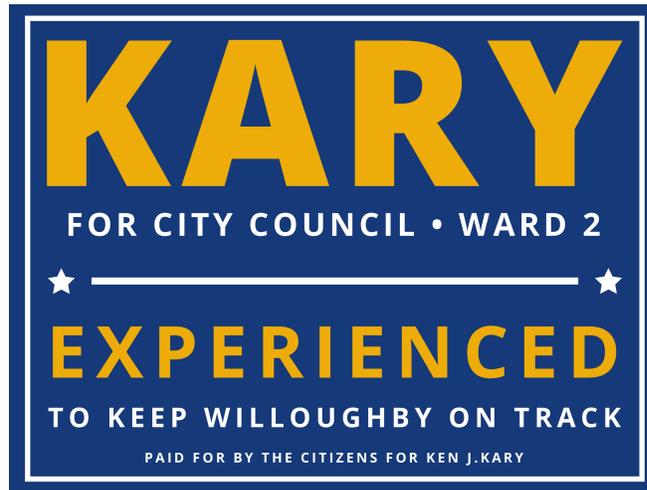
WARD CREEK STORMWATER MANAGEMENT @ North Bay

Storm-water Management has been a “hot topic” for the city for years. In Ward 2 there are several areas where the ward has struggled with flooding. Two areas that have been cited by the City Engineer are Two Town Ditch and Ward Creek. Of course, there are other areas that plague residents, and I have done my best to address those areas. We have had flooding occur on properties where it never happened before, and for those homeowners, it has been challenging. Some of the reasons for this yard flooding is the following: New homes are built and the developer is caught grading properties NOT to the approved elevations set forth by the Building Department. This needs to be caught early on in the build. Second, there are residents of both new and older properties that decide they want to elevate their yards, but in return, what they do to their property affects the properties around them! Please keep a fresh eye out for activities like this and if you are suspect, CALL THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Regarding the North Bay, Kyle Cove area, because of the extreme flooding to homes here are the two primary goals. Widen the Ward Creek Channel that runs from Kyle Cove through Lost Nation Golf Course. Second, widen or in reality add a second culvert under North Bay to aid in the flow of storm-water traveling west to Eastlake and the Chagrin River. These two moves, as well as the addition of “erosion protection at Ward Creek near these homes, is critical. Another important component is to do the “homework” to find out who is the “owner” of the retention basin on North Bay. All records indicate that it is owned by, the North Bay Colony Community Association, which we believe is no longer in existence. With that being the case, and nobody is taking care of its operation, the city would like to take ownership so that they may get the structures to operate in a manner that is productive to the flow of large amounts of storm-water and NOT affect the homes in the area. The best here is that I will be keeping these residents “in the loop” on all aspects of this project! Funds for this work come from monies the county collects to help fund the programs. A GOOD THING!

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I HAVE DECLARED MY CANDIDACY to be RE-ELECTED COUNCILMAN, WARD 2, WILLOUGHBY. I AM ASKING ALL OF YOU WHO FEEL I HAVE SERVED NOT ONLY WARD 2 BUT THE CITY AS A WHOLE TO HELP ME SERVE ANOTHER TERM ON COUNCIL



If you are willing to offer your support and display my campaign sign in your yard late summer/fall, please e-mail me at

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PLEASE SHARE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

HELP ME GROW MY MAILING LIST FOR WARD 2



I am asking for your help as recipients of my Newsletter to share with friends and neighbors that they too can get these mailings. It is my goal to get the Newsletter out to as many residents as possible keeping those in Ward 2 informed. Have them contact me using the information below.

Thank You

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