

Willoughby • Ward 2 Newsletter



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Councilman: Ken Kary

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Lakeshore Blvd. “finally”



On December 17, 2019, Council passed two resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-116

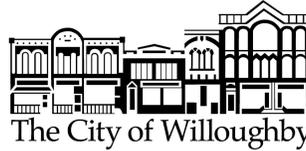
A resolution authorizing the City Engineer to prepare plans for the LAK-283-06.82 Lakeshore Boulevard Resurfacing Project. This was prepared, discussed and voted on, so that all the appropriate engineering can take place NOW to prepare for the state to come in and repave this road. The plans must be completed well in advance of the work to be done so that there will be no “hold-up” to the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-118

A resolution authorizing the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the SR 84 and SR 283 Handicap Ramp Replacements Project. This critical component of the project, the handicap ramps must also be engineered NOW so that they too can be installed at the time of the paving. This project will not only be completed, but it will be completed AHEAD OF THE ORIGINAL DATES DECLARED. Remember, even though Eastlake and Timberlake’s section of SR 283 were paved a few years back, ahead of Willoughby, it was at the discretion of the State’s assessment of SR 283 in these three cities. To them, the section in Willoughby did not need to be addressed until AFTER Eastlake and Timberlake. Obviously, we did not agree, but our time has come.

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Comments by the Mayor



Here is the copy from the Mayor’s report from the end of the year, 2019. There is a great deal of valuable information shared by him in this particular report.

As we near the end of 2019, it is a great

time to reflect on the important successes and challenges our City encountered during the past year. Financially, the City did an excellent job of managing ever-increasing costs, with a relatively stable income. Thanks to the efforts in managing expenses by our Directors, we will finish this year with a solid fund balance. It should be noted costs are rising at a faster pace than income. Our Director of Finance, City Council, and I will be closely monitoring this over the next few months. Our economic development team has worked tirelessly in bringing new business to Willoughby, including seven new businesses to Downtown Willoughby and providing two storefront renovation grants in our Lakefront District. We are also excited about the completion of the Weston building at Jet Center Place, and the announcement of Marc’s to locate at the shopping center at Euclid and S.O.M. Center Road. Proceeds from the sale of the former Memorial Junior High School were returned to the Willoughby-Eastlake School District as promised. Finally, a Request for Qualifications is underway for the Glennridge project to be located on Glenn Ave near the Todd Field parking lot. **We anticipate this project will bring enhanced parking and access for our Downtown.** Submissions will be received and reviewed in January.

We have been active in bringing new and exciting programs to our City, including Wildroots Modern Market, Live Well Willoughby, growing merchant organizations in Downtown and Lakefront Business Districts, and an expanded summer gazebo concert series. **With recent improvements to Osborne Park, we are planning to host live music and other family-friendly events at the lakefront next summer!** (end of the Mayor’s comments)

In closing here, we can all see that the Administration, Council, and the Directors are not all sitting idle. A lot is happening in the city and we all need to understand that it just takes time to address not only these items listed but also those that are “in the basket” as well. If you really want to see what is happening in Willoughby from North to South, make plans to attend some of the Planning Commission Meetings where you can experience first hand, much of what is happening in Willoughby.

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TREE PROGRAM



I cannot tell you how many times I have heard, why is the City not planting any trees? Why are we cutting down so many trees? The City has several

ordinances that deal with trees. Here is the intro to those ordinances.

943.01 TREE PLANTING AND MANAGEMENT, PURPOSE.

Tree planting and management is established to protect existing trees, historic trees, aesthetically important trees, and all trees on public right-of-way area land owned by the City of Willoughby, including but not limited to, parks, airports, and golf courses. The aesthetic and financial importance of trees to the City of Willoughby is paramount to the future character of the City. In 2019 the following trees were planted in our city. Seventy tree lawn trees at various homes that were on a waiting list were installed. Four trees were planted by the street department. Six trees were planted at the city parks. Five trees were installed at the Lost Nation Fire Station. Five trees were planted at the North End Cemetary. Eight trees planted at the City Golf Course. All the trees were replaced either due to storm damage, disease, traffic damage, or new home construction. This is a total, in one year of **one hundred and ONE trees**. Now, I know that many residents do not see these trees going in, but this report of numbers and plantings was shared with me when I too was inquiring about more trees possibly being planted. When I received this information from our Service Department, I was certainly pleased that we are still active on this issue. For the record, I need to share that we have a Shade Tree Commission consisting of four citizen members and one member of the Council. The four citizen members of the Commission are appointed by the Mayor with the approval of Council. The purpose and duty of the Shade Tree Commission shall be to act in an advisory capacity to Council in regard to the removal, trimming, pruning, surgery, planting and replanting of trees on the streets, parks and public places in the City and to assist in securing the cooperation of the residents in a coordinated and planned program of tree protection and planting.

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What is Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is composed of 5 members who are Willoughby residents, four appointed by the Mayor and one City Council member.

The duties of the Planning Commission are:

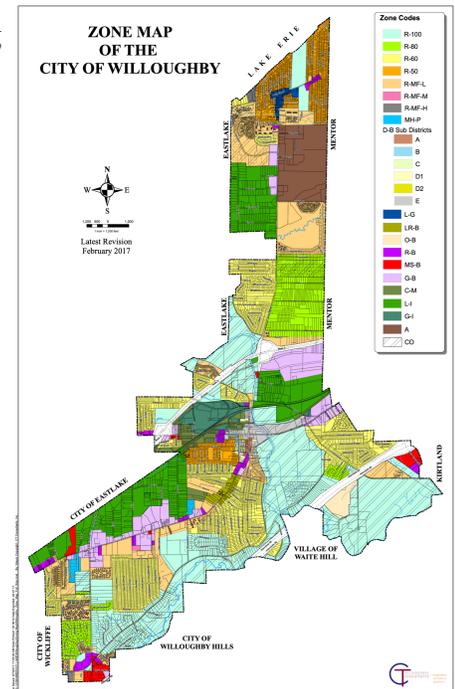
- To approve and recommend to City Council plans for development or redevelopment
- To review and recommend to City Council plans and maps for dividing the City into zones or districts
- To review all development plans as required by the Planning and Zoning Code
- To review all applications for conditional use permits
- To make a determination that a proposed use that is not listed or provided for in the Zoning Code is substantially similar to a listed principal or conditional use
- To investigate and to propose on its own initiative amendments to the Planning and Zoning Code
- To review and act on all plans and plats for subdivisions
- To adopt rules and bylaws for the holding of regular and special meetings for the transaction of the Commission business.

The members of Planning Commission are:

- Mike Wildermuth, Chairman
- Steve Norris
- Ken Kary, Council Appointee
- Charles Cox
- Jodi McCue

The **Planning Commission**

meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers, which is in the lower level of City Hall.



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For YOUR information



Point of Sale Inspection

Over the past several months I have had several calls asking about the sale of a home. Hopefully this will help answer some of your questions.

Home inspections are performed on Thursdays and condominiums are inspected on Fridays. Someone has to be at the home while our techs are on site. This needs to be set up and paid for before the inspection can be scheduled. Payment can be credit card, cash, or check (payable to The City of Willoughby). A fire inspection also needs to be scheduled with the Fire Department to check for working smoke detectors. Call the Fire Dept at 440-953-4344 to set up an appointment. Please call 440-953-4111 if you have any other questions.

- Homes south of Vine are done between 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. on Thursdays
- Homes north of Vine are done between 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. on Thursdays
- Condominiums are done between 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. on Fridays
- Commercial/Industrial are set up to be inspected on Fridays

Below are the charges that might pertain to the owner's property:

- Base Charge – \$75.00 (include smoke detector inspection)
- Sidewalk – \$35.00
- Downspouts – \$40.00 (when downspouts are going into the ground)
- Driveway Drain – \$20.00
- Yard Drain – \$20.00
- Sump Pump – \$30.00 each
- Sanitary Flush Test – \$30.00 (for each stack required to be tested)
- Water – \$50.00 (required if premises do not include running water)

NOTE

I am planning on holding another WARD 2 MEETING sometime Winter 2020. I will keep you posted on the DATE•TIME•LOCATION

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a Sample Planning Commission AGENDA

**PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF WILLOUGHBY
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2019
AGENDA**

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:00 p.m.

Zepe's Tavern 5680 SOM Center Rd. (Leon Sampat, LS Architects)	Conditional Use Permit
New Townhomes 5164 SOM Center Rd. (Rep.- Jeremy Rosen & Mark Holz, Frontier Land Group)	Conditional Use Permit
Planning Commission	Planning and Zoning Map Amendments (see attached legal notice)
Karbella Construction 38333 Pelton Rd. (Shane Pierce, Owner)	Conditional Use Permit
Vine Street Willoughby LLC 36933 Vine St. (Rep.-Michael Christoff, Vocon and Mike Marous, Owner)	Rezoning/EAS PPN# 27-B-034-0-00-001-1, 27-B-034-0-00-002-0, 27-B-034-A-00-001-0, 27-B-034-A-00-026-0, 27-B-034-A-00-002-0, 27-B-888-0-10-100-0, 27-B-888-0-11-100-0 from General Business to General Business/Commercial Manufacturing and
	Rezoning/EAS PPN#27-B-034-A-00-003-0, 27-B-034-A-00-004-0 and 27-B-034-A-00-025-0 from Commercial Manufacturing to General Business/Commercial Manufacturing

REGULAR MEETING

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes	November 14, 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes	November 14, 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes	November 28, 2019 Canceled

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Timperio Roofing 37211 Ben Hur Ave. (Rep.- Henry A. Penttila, Architect)	Development Plan/EAS
Marc's 34800 Euclid Ave. (Rep.- Leon Sampat, LS Architects)	Development Plan/EAS
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DISCUSSION

John Wiertel (Representing Mr. Millstein)	Rezoning PPN #27-A-007-A-00-009-0 (5.96 acres) 27-A-007-A-00-008-0 (5.84 acres), 27-A-007-A-00-014-0 (4.11 acres) from R-100 to R-50
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