

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**& THE WHEELING PLAN COMMISSION**  
**PUBLIC WORKS LUNCHROOM**  
**77 WEST HINTZ ROAD, WHEELING, IL**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024**

**1. Call to Order**

President Horcher called the meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Horcher**

**3. Roll Call by Clerk Brady**

Present: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel.

**Plan Commission Roll Call by Michael Sprague**

Present: Don Johnson, Gerald Riles, Michelle Myer, Steven Kasper, Diane Smart, Rick Hyken.

Village Manager Jon Sfondilis, Fire Department Chief Scott Salela, Economic Development Director Len Becker, Community Development Director Ross Klicker, Assistant Community Development Director Steve Robles, Public Works Director Dan Kaup, Village Planner Marcy Knysz, and Village Attorney Mallory Milluzzi were also present.

**4. Changes to the Agenda - None**

**5. Citizen Concerns and Comments**

Cheri Klumpp commented on the Wheeling Town Center vacant lots related to tables, landscaping, and a water feature.

**6. New Business - All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action**

**Discussion: A. General Discussion between the Wheeling Village Board and the Wheeling Plan Commission**

Village Manager Jon Sfondilis outlined the subject of the discussions for the meeting including Wheeling Town Center, and the topic of building murals. Subjects included sign visibility analysis, lighting, vehicular and pedestrian circulation, parking, and shade for outdoor seating. Discussion ensued on those subjects in addition to path connections between the Park District and the Town Center, and a mural on the back wall of Cinergy. Manager Sfondilis introduced Daniel Grove of Kimley-Horn who delivered a presentation

Manager Sfondilis asked for Board consensus on proceeding with the proposed improvements as presented. The Board agreed except for the cost of improving site lighting. Discussion continued regarding the location and number of cubes and pylons.

President Horcher asked if the Board is in favor of spending \$66,000 to construct a path between the Park District parking lot and the Metra station.

Consensus Approved:

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel.

No:

Attorney Milluzzi spoke about the process of approving murals going forward, noting that we should be cautious due to First Amendment rights. After Attorney and staff discussion it was determined that a code amendment regulating murals is necessary. Attorney Milluzzi asked that if there are any questions or comments please let her know.

**7. Official Communications - None**

**8. Executive Session - None**

**9. Adjournment**

President Horcher asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, second by Mary Krueger.

Motion carried by voice vote, all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

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Kathryn M. Brady, Village Clerk

Approved this 7th day of October 2024, by the President and Board of Trustees