

Mayor Compton and Members of Council
City of Pataskala, Ohio

December 19, 2016

Board of Zoning Appeals Position

Dear Mayor Compton and Members of Council,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my resume to you for consideration of appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

I am a 30 year resident of the City of Pataskala, residing in the former Lima Township section, and a graduate of the Licking Heights High School. I have served in local government capacities for the last 16 years. I began my career in the Service Department of neighboring Jefferson Township in 2000, building knowledge and experience of project development, public infrastructure improvements, grant writing, service to residents, and community partnerships. I was blessed to be promoted in nearby Etna Township as their Township Administrator in June of 2013, where I served in an economic and community development, and zoning enforcement type capacity. I began employment with the Licking County Planning and Development Department in November 2016 where I serve in a community development type position. I have gained extensive knowledge of zoning legislation, enforcement, interpretation, and appeals in my local government service.

I have built great working relationships with government officials in our region and I enjoy collaboration and partnerships. I am always looking for ways to better serve the residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Platte".

Rob Platte

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Background

Strong public infrastructure improvement experience with major development projects in the area. Proven success in economic development, public infrastructure projects, land use planning and zoning application and enforcement.

Accomplishments

November 2016-Present Licking County Planning & Development Licking County

Community Development and Compliance Planner

- **Fair Housing Administrator** – I serve as the county's Fair Housing Officer
- **NRAC District 17** – I serve as the District 17 NRAC liaison for OPWC CLEAN OHIO grants
- **Grant Writing** - I will be involved in grant writing for special projects for the Planning and Development Department
- **CHIP Program** – I am the administrator of the county's Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program through the Ohio Development Services Agency.

June 2013-November 2016 Etna Township, Licking County Etna, Ohio

Etna Township is extremely active in economic and community development in the western Licking County and central Ohio area, which requires significant public infrastructure improvements to be made. The corporate park growth has driven road and water and sewer improvements in the State Route 310 and State Route 40 area.

Township Administrator/Zoning Inspector

- **Economic Development** – Negotiated, drafted, and facilitated multiple development projects and tax incentive packages to foster development projects and revenue stability, including: an Amazon Fulfillment Center that brought 1500+ jobs and \$90 million in investment, a 3 million sf logistics and distribution park on 240+ acres, and a current project that encompasses 770+ acres for retail and commercial projects.
- **Central Ohio Regional Collaboration** – 3 year member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Executive Committee, working with over 60 local governments in the implementation of sustainable growth plans and distribution of more than \$90 million in Federal Highway Administration funds.

- **Local Collaboration** – Negotiated and brokered multiple agreements with surrounding cities and government entities including long term annexation agreements and JEDDs, and incorporated a Community Improvement Corporation to serve as the local economic development entity of Etna Township and the western Licking county communities.
- **Infrastructure Projects** -An \$8.08 million County Engineer/County Commissioner-Local School Board-Township-State of Ohio major roadway improvement project and a locally and federally funded Taylor/Palmer Roads widening and water/sewer project.
- **Legislation** – Prepare resolutions for Board of Trustees consideration, service on the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Legislative Committee for state and federal bills.
- **Land Use Planning** – Identified and managed residential and commercial property rezonings and development planning in conjunction with both developers and land owners.
- **Zoning Enforcement** – Management of issued permits and enforcement of violations of the local Zoning Resolution.
- **Grant Writing** – Obtained more than \$2.5 million in state grant funding for public infrastructure projects, including \$2 million to widen State Route 310 and multiple paving projects funded through the Ohio Public Works Commission.

June 2000-June 2013

Jefferson Township, Franklin County

Blacklick, Ohio

Jefferson Township is located in eastern Franklin County and is one of just a few remaining rural areas of central Ohio. Hundreds of acres of Open Space have been preserved and two of its four community parks were developed through state grant funds.

Parks Coordinator-Service Department

- **Grant Writing** – Successfully drafted and was awarded two Ohio Department of Natural Resources-NatureWorks park development grants totaling \$142,358.
- **Contract Negotiations and Drafting** – Created and managed multiple land and building use agreements that included one with Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Parks, use agreements for Township facilities, development agreements of Township lands and Joint Venture Agreement revision with the Licking Heights Local School District.
- **Legislation Preparation** – Drafted and prepared park resolutions for presentation to the Township Trustees.
- **Budget Preparation and Management** – Drafted, reviewed and adjusted Temporary and Permanent Appropriations for cemetery and park funds for Administrator review and presentation to the Township Trustees.
- **Purchasing** – Responsible for all cemetery and park related Township purchases.
- **Rezoning For Development** – Managed rezoning of Township-owned open space for redevelopment that included review with the Franklin County Planning

Commission, the Township Zoning Commission, and the Township Board of Trustees.

- **Public Outreach and Communication** – Direct contact with Homeowners' Association Members for park related issues. Assisted with levy campaigns and Township event promotion.
- **Parks Board Liaison** – Provided communication between the Township Trustees and the nine-person Parks Board for grant projects, events, and capital projects.
- **Farmers Market Manager** – Market manager from 2010 to 2013; including planning, coordinating, budgeting, advertising, and directing a market of up to 25 vendors.
- **Event Coordinator** – Planned, marketed, created budget, and directed annual park events such as a Halloween Party, Ice Cream Social, Winter Walk, and Spring Walk. Each event realized an increase in attendance, partnerships, and revenue annually.
- **Funding Procurement** – Secured financial and in-kind donations for parks to meet awarded grant requirements.
- **Pesticide Application** – Licensed Commercial Pesticide Applicator, oversaw and directed all applications of pesticides for the Township.
- **Certified Playground Safety Inspector** – Certification valid through 2018.
- **Facility Maintenance** – Responsible for maintenance of the Township Hall, parks facilities and cemetery buildings. Daily use of a backhoe for grave opening and closing, mowing and trimming of turf areas, tree trimming, and flag placement, use of large tractors for field mowing, Z-Trak mowers and trimmers, chain saws and brush chipper, and restroom and shelter house repairs and maintenance, as well as repairs and contracts.
- **Road Maintenance** – Use of backhoe for asphalt and storm drain repairs, ditch reclamation, tree trimming, and sign replacement.

February 1997-June 2000

The Kroger Company

Columbus, Ohio

Grocery Department Head

- **Night Shift Manager** – Managed the dry grocery night stock crew of up to 15 people.
- **Product Ordering and Delivery**
- **Employee Shift Scheduling**

Professional Affiliations

Former Member – Executive Committee – Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Board Member – Pataskala Area Chamber of Commerce

Former Member – West Licking Development Group, Community Improvement Corp.

Member – Ohio Parks and Recreation Association

Member – National Recreation and Parks Association

Former Member – Ohio Cemetery Association

Former Member – Ohio Township Association

Pesticide License – Ohio Department of Agriculture Certified Applicator; Lic. #93868

Playground Inspector – N.R.P.A. Certified Playground Safety Inspector; Lic. #20737-1015

C.D.L. – Valid Ohio Class “B” Commercial Driver’s License

Numerous miscellaneous committee and board appointments

References

Randy Foor	Etna Township Trustee	740-927-7717
John Albers	Albers & Albers Law Firm	614-464-4414