



City of Pataskala Planning & Zoning Department
Scott Fulton, Director of Planning
Director of Planning's Report to Council

Current Projects

➤ **Planning and Zoning Commission**

December 4, 2024 Hearing: No applications were submitted for the December 4, 2024 Planning and Zoning Commission hearing; therefore, the hearing has been canceled.

➤ **Board of Zoning Appeals**

December 10, 2024 Hearing: The following applications are scheduled to be heard at the December 10, 2024 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing.

- Application VA-24-012: Tyler Nighland is requesting a variance from Section 124905(C)(2)(b) to reduce the required side yard setback when abutting a residential zoning district from 25-feet to 10-feet for the properties located at 14652 and 0 Broad Street (Parcel Nos. 063-144954-00.000 and 063-141504-01.004)
- Application VA-24-020: Shelly Hunt is requesting a variance from Section 1221.07(B)(1)(i) of the Pataskala Code to allow for the construction of a patio that would fail to meet the minimum required front yard setback for the property located at 350 Shawnee Loop South.
- Application VA-24-021: Pamela and Dwayne Siekman are requesting a use variance pursuant to Section 1211.07(B) of the Pataskala Code to allow for the properties to be used as a Wellness Center for two properties located at 3937 Headleys Mill Road.
- Application VA-24-022: Matt Langel – Pool Professionals Ohio, LLC is requesting approval of three (3) variances for a private swimming pool. First, from Section 1297.02(B)(2) to allow for the pool deck to encroach 2.5 feet within the required setback. Second, from Section 1297.02(B)(2) to allow for a pool fence less than the minimum five (5) feet required. Lastly, from Section 1297.02(B)(2) to allow for the pump and filter installation to be less than the required 20 feet from a property line for the property located at 711 Woodington Drive.
- Application VA-24-023: Roger E. Henry, Sr., is requesting a variance from Section 1221.05(D)(4) to allow for the construction of an accessory building on a lot without a principal structure for the property located at 207 West Avenue SW.

➤ **Ordinance 2024-4483**

- Connie K. Klema is requesting to rezone two (2) properties, totaling 63.59 +/- acres, from AG – Agricultural to PM – Planned Manufacturing with a Planned District Overlay pursuant to

Sections 1217.13 and 1261.06 of the Pataskala Code properties located at 7330 Columbia Road and 0 Columbia Road (Parcel Nos. 064-152844-00.001 and 064-152844-00.000)

- The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the application on October 2, 2024.
- A Council public hearing was held on November 18, 2024 at 6:30pm.

➤ **Development Committee**

- A Development Committee meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2024, at 6:00pm
- The purpose of the meeting is for a residential TIF, CRA and NCA discussion and to a concept plan from Redwood for apartments.

➤ **100 Connor Avenue**

- The Planning and Zoning Department has been working on an ongoing code violation of Section 1223.05(a)(2) for litter, refuse and debris since October of 2022.
- As this has not achieved compliance, the Planning and Zoning Department may refile the case as a violation of Chapter 723 – Junk Yards, identifying the property as an illegal junk yard and giving the City the authority to clean up the property, if so desired.
- The owner was found guilty on August 3, 2023, and the case was closed on January 16, 2024, after the \$1,000 fine was paid.
- As the violation was not addressed, the Planning and Zoning Department restarted the violation process on August 7, 2024.
- A Mayor’s Court summons was issued on November 14, 2024, and the owner of the property is scheduled to appear in court on December 5, 2024.

➤ **Pataskala CRA’s**

- The Planning and Zoning Department has compiled information on the existing CRA’s within the City for assessment and provided them to the Montrose Group.
- This assessment will determine the efficiency of existing CRA areas and determine if they should be expanded, retracted, or otherwise adjusted.
- Staff has completed the CRA Process Guide so that all parties (Council, Administration and the Company) are on the same page and know what to expect when navigating the CRA process. It is designed to be policy, rather than legislation, so that it can remain flexible.
- Staff and Montrose are working on the creation of a CRA for the northwest “innovation” district as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.
- Staff presented a summary of the proposed Northwest Innovation District CRA to the Development Committee on June 21, 2022 for consideration. The Development Committee recommended that staff proceed with the formal creation of the CRA.
- A draft ordinance is currently under review by the Law Director. Once completed it, and associated CRA creation documents, will be presented to Development Committee.
- At their June 25, 2024 meeting, the Development Committee recommended the Northwest Innovation District CRA proceed to Council for adoption.

- Ordinance 2024-4475, which would create the Northwest innovation CRA, was approved by Council at the August 19, 2024 Council meeting.
- Staff is completing the next steps in the process in order to file the new CRA with the Ohio Department of Development.
- Staff filed the necessary documents with the Ohio Department of Development on October 15, 2024 and is awaiting formal certification.
- The Ohio Department of Development accepted the NW Innovation CRA on November 18, 2024, now making it official.

➤ **Comprehensive Plan**

- The Planning and Zoning Department has identified the Economic Development goals outlined in the Comprehensive Plan for implementation and has reviewed them with Montrose and the City Administrator.
- The Planning and Zoning Department is prioritizing the planning and zoning goals outlined in the Comprehensive Plan for implementation. It is likely that Conservation Rural/Suburban regulations will be the first item addressed.
- With the passage and implementation of Impact Fees, staff has completed Action 6.3.1 of the Comprehensive Plan which states: “Consider the use of impact fees as a tool plan for and cover the cost associated with future development”.
- Montrose is working on the creation of a CRA for the northern “innovation” district as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan as Action 4.2.2 which states: “Continue to market and explore opportunities for the northern innovation district”.
- Staff is working on the creation of the Summit Road TIF as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan as Action 2.2.2 which states: “Establish the area as a primary showplace for the City through public and private improvements”.
- Staff was asked to prepare a progress list for the goals and objectives contained in the Comprehensive Plan.
- Staff is currently working with MORPC as part of their Planner Pool Program to assist with the completion of some of the goals and objectives contained in the Comprehensive Plan.
- MORPC will be assisting the Planning and Zoning Department with an apartment study which, amongst other things, will determine the impact of multi-family housing on the schools.
- MORPC is assisting the Planning and Zoning Department with defining “rural character” (Actions 1.4.3, 1.3.1 and 1.3.2).
- Staff determined the “rural character” survey will need to be completed by the Planning and Zoning Department as the scope of the project became larger than expected.