

MINUTES OF THE
CREST HILL PLAN COMMISSION

The March 13, 2025, Plan Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Thomas, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Center, 20600 City Center Boulevard, Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Roll call indicated the following present: Chairman Bill Thomas, Commissioner Ken Carroll, Commissioner Angelo Deserio, Commissioner Jeff Peterson, Commissioner Marty Flynn, Commissioner John Stanton, Commissioner Cheryl Slabozeski.

Also present were: Interim City Administrator Tony Graff, Police Chief Ed Clark, Economic & Community Development Director Patrick Ainsworth, Community Development Consultant Ron Mentzer, City Engineer Ron Wiedeman, Building Commissioner Don Seeman, City Attorney Mike Stiff, Administrative Clerk Samantha Tilley.

Absent were: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 12, 2024, for Commission approval.

(#1) Motion by Commissioner Peterson seconded by Commissioner Slabozeski, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 12, 2024.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Commissioners Peterson, Slabozeski, Deserio, Carroll, Flynn, Chairman Thomas.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Stanton.

ABSENT: None.

There being six (6) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Bill Thomas presented case number PUD-25-1-3-1, of Lockport Township Fire Protection District seeking Approval of Various Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments, Special Use Permits, Preliminary and Final Planned Unit Development (PUD) Plans, and Miscellaneous PUD Exceptions, in M-1 Limited Manufacturing District zoned, site located along the south side of Division Street west of Broadway Street and east of Weber Road in Crest Hill, Illinois.

Chairman Thomas asked if the paperwork is in order. The necessary paperwork was in order.

Chairman Thomas asked for a Motion to Open the Public Hearing on Case Number PUD-25-1-3-1.

(#2) Motion by Commissioner Carroll seconded by Commissioner Deserio, to open a public hearing on case number PUD-25-1-3-1.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Commissioners Carroll, Deserio, Flynn, Peterson, Stanton, Slabozeski, Chairman Thomas.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:04 p.m.

Chairman Thomas asked the Community and Economic Development Consultant Ron Mentzer to present the specifics on this case.

Consultant Ron Mentzer commented that he is currently the City's Community and Economic Development Consultant and prior to the city hiring Patrick Ainsworth as the full-time Community and Economic Development Director he had served as the city's Interim Community and Economic Development Director for over a year and over that time period he has been involved in the City's ongoing discussions with the Lockport Township Fire Protection District about the proposed new training and maintenance facility.

In 2023, the Fire District contacted the city to set up the first meeting with the staff to let the city know they were working on this project, provide a high-level conceptual overview of the scope of the project, and find out what the city's approval process for the project would be.

In January of 2024, the Fire District appeared before the Council to present an update on the preliminary scope, design, and timing of this project.

In August of 2024, the Fire District submitted their formal application materials for the various special zoning approvals that would be required for the project including a request for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Special Use Permit.

In September of 2024, the Fire District, consultants, and partners appeared before the City Council at a Work Session meeting to present the conceptual PUD plans, they had prepared up to that point.

In early January of 2025, the Fire District submitted the preliminary and final design documents and application materials.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct an official public hearing for the various special zoning approvals that would be required for the construction and operation of the proposed new maintenance and training facility. The process of the public hearing was then explained.

It was stated that the Plan Commission is an appointed body, which is appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council, which then makes recommendations to the City Council on special zoning approval requests.

Consultant Mentzer gave a brief overview of the key special approvals that have been requested by the Fire District. It is important to note that the city staff performed a comprehensive review of the detailed application materials for this project and prepared a detailed staff report that was distributed to the Plan Commission and made available to the public on the city's website that staff report provides more detail on each one of these requests.

The first set of requests involves a series of zoning ordinance text amendments that relate to the proposed outdoor firing range component of this project. The first text amendment involves amending the city's zoning ordinance text to add a detailed definition for this type of firing range.

The second text amendment would add the newly defined governmental training firing range use as a possible special use in the M-1 Zoning District. From a zoning perspective, all land uses are either considered prohibited, special uses, or permitted uses. Permitted uses are allowed without going through any type of public hearing process. Uses classified as a special use require the applicant to go through the City's formal public hearing process.

The third text amendment would add a specific parking requirements for this type of use.

The fourth text amendment would exempt governmental training firing ranges from the existing Noise performance standards contained in the City's Zoning Ordinance.

The next set of special zoning approvals that have been requested involve special use permits. The Fire District has requested special use permits for the preliminary and final PUD design plans for the project, the operation of an institutional use in the form of the public safety facility, and for the operation of an outdoor governmental training firing range on the subject site.

This project is being processed as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) with requests for a series of PUD exceptions for detailed components of the projects that do not match up and comply with the letter of all the city's regulations and ordinances, which include:

- Allow one of the facades of the building to have a reduced amount of masonry materials.
- Allow increased accessory structure height for the training tower classroom/building.
- Allow the main burn tower building and the adjacent outdoor classroom facility to be constructed with shipping containers.
- Allow to increase the maximum width of the only driveway they have proposed for this project on Division Street.
- Allow a parking lot islands that would allow them to be paved and striped instead of landscaped.
- Allow a large, designated loading zone.
- Allow the bottom edge of the wall sign on the west building façade of the main facility to be located six feet above grade.

Chairman Thomas asked Chief O'Connor of the Lockport Township Fire District to approach the podium to be sworn-in and present the case. Chief O'Connor was sworn in.

Chief O'Connor introduced himself and thanked all for giving them the opportunity to present their project. He introduced Jason Estes, and Jennifer Villena, who are the project architects from FGM Architects Inc. (FGMA). He also introduced Deputy Chief Ron Huff from the Lockport Police Department who will discuss the details and the training opportunities of the public safety range. Also, with them tonight is Nathan Sevener, the Principal Consultant from Soundscape Engineering who will present the findings of the outdoor sound study.

Chief O'Connor gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the proposed new training and maintenance facility project.

He explained how the facility will improve the Fire District operations and reduce the response times for local police and fire agencies, the importance of realistic training and how it enhances emergency response efforts and ultimately improves public safety.

Chief O'Connor commented that as the Fire Chief his primary responsibility is to ensure the Fire District is properly staffed, trained, and equipped to handle emergencies across a forty-six square mile jurisdiction serving 85,000 residents and that the Fire District's first responders return home safely to their families.

Over time, the hazards first responders deal with have changed and become more dangerous and complicated. This continues to require more coordination and collaboration among the emergency response teams that respond to local emergencies and calls for public safety response. The new training facility will enhance how the various specialized first responders provide service, which will in turn help improve the quality of life for the residents and create a safer community. This requires extensive ongoing training to make all first responder personnel prepared, efficient, and safe, which is why a dedicated training facility is essential.

This state-of-the-art facility will provide Police and Fire personnel with advanced and realistic opportunities that exceed the continuously increasing mandated training requirements.

The proposed project site is located on a portion of the former Stateville property the Fire District received from the State of Illinois for the specific purpose of creating a new training facility that would serve as the hub of inner agency coordination and support critical public safety training and operation functions in a unified setting. This project will also include space for emergency vehicle maintenance.

The purpose of this facility is to improve response time for training, standardized training across the district, enhanced hands-on realistic training and this facility will consolidate all resources in one central location. The more realistic the training is the more proficient the fire fighters become, and increased proficiency leads to safer operations.

This facility would also offer a cost-effective solution to satisfy regional first responder training needs. Currently, they must rent out of district training facilities which takes the companies out of

service. Additionally, members pay to take classes at other fire facilities because they do not have the resources to provide those classes internally.

Jason Este from the architectural firm the Fire District has retained to design this project, FGMA approached the podium and was sworn in. Jason commented that the site is just under thirteen acres in area and includes a proposed 23,100 square foot training and maintenance building that would contain three classrooms that are fifty seats each, a breakout area, a kitchenette, EMS and training offices, and restrooms.

He also commented that the facility will also provide a centralized location to store reserved equipment where fire companies can come and drop off a vehicle for repair or maintenance and then be able to swap vehicles quickly which would bring the company back into full-service capabilities.

Jason then explained the design and benefits associated with the proposed training tower, which is a critical component of the training facility. The four-story training tower will provide realistic fire suppression, search and rescue emergency response, and live fire training with burn rooms. These would have live training scenarios where they would have the police there as well. The training tower classroom is a place to get out of the weather, discuss training and regroup if needed.

A brief video was played to help further illustrate the design and explain the benefits of the training tower.

There will also be an auto extrication pad where they will take practice vehicles and put them into situations for extrication training, as well as learning on the modern technology like electric vehicles.

There will be a storm water detention / training pond that will pull dual purposes of water rescue, including dive operations, boat rescue operations, ice rescue and drafting and pumping drills.

On site, there will be a Fire, EMS, and Police Memorial overlooking the pond by the boat ramp centrally located.

Chief O'Connor explained that when the Fire District acquired this site from the State of Illinois with the support of several State Legislators. The goal was to establish a dedicated training site to meet all their operational needs. As part of the initial plan, a small firing range was included for the arson investigators, who like Police Officers must complete mandatory annual qualifications. Recognizing the challenge, that all local first responders face regarding securing range time at the existing Department of Corrections and State Police District 5 firing range facilities, they identified this project as a potential solution to that issue. After discussions with the Lockport Police Department, it was learned that they face similar challenges and while they had secured funding, they lacked a suitable location to build a firing range. Since Lockport Police have the funding and expertise, and Lockport Fire District had the land, the idea emerged to combine funding and resources and expand the project from a fire training facility to a public safety training facility that will serve the fire and police agencies in Lockport Township including the City of Crest Hill Police

Department, the Village of Romeoville Police Department and Lewis University Police Officers at no charge.

Deputy Chief Ron Huff from the Lockport Police Department, approached the podium and was sworn in. Deputy Chief Huff introduced himself and stated that he has spent the last twenty years as a firearms instructor and a Range Master with the Police Department.

He stated that this is a unique opportunity to bring all the agencies together to a single training ground that provides limitless opportunities. Currently, the mandates for police training in the State of Illinois are forever increasing. As of now they have eighteen classes that must be attended in addition to basic training, firearm qualifications and other ancillary training.

Only public safety agencies within the Lockport Township Fire Protection District will be allowed to use the range, which is five agencies, and they will be under the supervision of the Range Master from the Lockport Police Department, who will also write the guidelines for the use and operations. The Range Master will not be on the grounds for every shoot and the other agencies that will use this range will be required to provide their own Range Master to oversee their shoots and ensure their staff operate within the guidelines agreed upon by Lockport Police Department, the LTFPD, and the City of Crest Hill. The range will not be open to the public. The range will be owned by the Lockport Township Fire Protection District but designed, built, and operated by the Lockport Police Department.

The proposed times of the range is no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and no later than 10:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, on Saturdays and Sundays the hours will be 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. This will not be every day. Lockport Police Department shoots approximately fifteen times a year, Crest Hill Police Department is similar, and Lewis University and Park District Police would be lower, and the Romeoville Police Department will only use the range for their rifle training since they have their own indoor firing range for handgun training. Most of the training will take place between March and October. They are proposing to be able to do night shootings once per week, but this does not mean that it will happen once per week. Some agencies only do night shooting four times a year.

They are proposing a 100-yard shooting range, which is 110 feet wide in an east to west direction and 375 feet long in a north to south direction. There is an extra seventy-five feet space behind the firing line for officers to reload ammunition, and store equipment.

There will be a 20x60 concrete pad on the north end of the firing range, where a canopy structure will be installed to protect first responders training at the range from weather. Between the east end of the canopy structure concrete pad, there will be a ten-foot pass-through for vehicles needing access to the range. There will also be spotlights on light poles inside the firing range for the nighttime shooting. These lights will be pointed downward facing the south towards the ground and will only be in use when training is taking place at the range. They will not be on all the time, and they are not meant to be security lights.

There will be 24-foot-high berms around three sides of the range for safety and sound suppression purposes. The current standard is an 18-foot back stop berm for a hundred-yard firing range and

their proposal is to increase that by 33% to a 24-foot berm to provide as much sound mitigation as possible. On the north end of the range, there will be a 21-foot-high sound barrier wall which is located behind the shooters to reflect the noise from the gunshots away from the homes to the north.

Jason Estes approached the podium again and gave a brief explanation of the sound barrier wall. He stated that it will be twenty feet tall, and it is perforated fiberglass panel that is meant to be exterior with a structural steel frame and is similar to sound panels on the side of a highway or airport that you would see.

Nathan Sevenser, a consultant from Soundscape Engineering, approached the podium and was sworn in. He commented that they were asked to assess the sound mitigation that was being proposed for the project. They modeled the sound impacts that would be generated by two different types of firearms at the proposed range, an AR-15 and a handgun. He explained the key conclusions that were contained in the March 11, 2025, Noise Transition Assessment study his firm prepared. He stated that the study showed that the various sound mitigation improvements incorporated into the design for the proposed firing range would reduce the sound impact of the range on surrounding properties from two decibels for the properties located furthest away from the proposed range to twelve decibels at the nearest residential properties to the northeast. Due to the logarithmic nature of the decibel level measuring scale, a 10-decibel reduction in sound levels would roughly result in the sound being perceived half as loud to the human ear.

Chief O'Connor recognized and thanked those who stepped up and supported the project, which were State Legislator Natalie Manley, State Senator Meg Loughran-Cappel, Will County EMA Director Allison Anderson, Crest Hill Police Chief Ed Clark, Lockport Police Chief Rich Harang, Lewis University Police Chief Mike Zegaldo and Police Chief Brant Hromadka of Romeoville. He then thanked FGMA for their hard work on this project and thanked his Board of Trustees for their support.

He also thanked the city staff of Crest Hill. He then stated this is an important initiative that will help the community better. He also thanked everyone that came out in support for tonight's meeting.

Chairman Thomas asked the commissioners if anyone had a comment or question.

Commissioner Peterson commented that everyone has done a very good job, and he then asked how many officers would be training at the same time and was told as little as seven to a maximum of fifteen at one time.

Commissioner Stanton commented that this project is very well planned and a very thorough presentation.

Commissioner Carroll asked what the forty-six decibels is equivalent to? Nathan with Soundscape Engineering commented that two people talking to each other would be approximately sixty decibels on average where the voices go up and down as you talk.

Commissioner Carroll then asked if there would be a fence for security around the training facility. Chief O'Connor commented that no vehicles will be stored outdoors, and it is a secure building. Commissioner Carroll then commented that he is concerned with the retention pond being there with a boat ramp and asked if they see this being a problem. Chief O'Connor commented that it would be no different than any other water retention pond in any subdivision and this would not be open to the public.

Commissioner Slabozeski commented that it was a very impressive and detailed presentation. She then asked what the additional cost would be to have an indoor firing range? It was then commented that it would be an additional eight million dollars plus to get a long gun indoor range which would be a substantial upcharge. Commissioner Slabozeski then commented that the land has already been gifted so that is a cost savings right there and this would be something to look at.

Commissioner Deserio thanked them for the detailed proposal that was nice to read and had great information.

Chairman Thomas then asked any city staff if they would like to ask a question or make a comment. There were none.

Chairman Thomas had all who were making a public comment stand and be sworn in.

Shawn Hillman, a resident on Borio Drive, commented that he is a proud resident of over twenty years. He grew up in Sycamore Illinois and that is where his father-in-law served the community as a fireman for thirty years before retiring as assistant chief which gives him some insight to this. He then commented that he is glad to be a member of the community that cares for their residents and stated that we have potential in Crest Hill. He then commented that the property adjacent to the proposed training facility would be great to give the residents closer access to facilities such as future healthcare but asked will the sounds of gunshots help us realize our potential. He then commented that he cannot imagine an organization coming to survey the wonderful city and available space and hear gunshots and think this is where they want to set up their organization.

He then commented that he read all the material about the sound barrier proposed but down the road is an existing shooting range for the Illinois State Police that has a berm, and he still hears the gun shots at his home.

He also commented that he is excited to see development towards the training and support of the people who serve our community and are important improvements to be made to serve those who serve the residents, but he believes putting a gun range next to homes and perspective businesses is not a good idea. He then stated that he respectfully asks and challenges the leadership of this community if there is anywhere else, they can consider putting a gun range. He then asked the Commission to please reconsider phase four of this project.

Chief O'Connor commented that they listened to the concerns of the community, especially the Borio area, and have changed a lot in how they designed the gun range. They talked to a lot of experts regarding how sound travels and what they learned they modified how they built the gun range. He then commented that once sound goes up, it does not come down. They also changed

where the range would be on that property and the direction of the gunfire to make sure it does not point towards a residential area.

Jamie Malloy, a resident, commented that she shoots a handgun and when she shoots her handgun, she wears protective ear coverings and she has shot a rifle outside, never indoors but she commented that an AR-15 has got to sound like a canon and that is the part she is worried about for the citizens of Crest Hill.

Todd Randich, a second-generation Lockport Township Fire Fighter. He commented that his father served the community for 42 years and he served the community for 28 years. Currently, he is the president of the Board of Trustees for Lockport Township Fire District. He then commented that when he started there were three people at their station and Crest Hill Police Department had two people on the street and they taught them how to tie to the hydrant, since they did not have the people, and the officers taught them how to deal with a difficult subject when on a call. They worked together and had each other's backs, and they will continue to. He then stated that this is a significant investment for their training for everyone, all agencies and training together to be one. This will make the community the safest.

Claudia Gazal, a resident, and a ward two alderwoman, approached the podium and stated that she was there on behalf of the residents. She commented that a board member from the Arbor Glen Community asked her to represent the residents at this meeting. She read a letter from Julianne Pierce regarding the gun range stating it will lower our value of the homes, terrorize animals, upset veterans because no one will want to move near the range because of the noise of gun shots. She does want the firemen and police to be trained and work in harmony but would like to see the gun range indoors or removed.

Claudia also commented that the commission is an advisory board, and the Council will override the approval by the Plan Commission with a 2/3 majority vote and reminded the board they only make recommendations, but she is standing in front of the commission as a representative for her ward 2 residents. She also asked the commission to think about their vote and stated that they are not against the facility, and they think it is beautiful and brings many good things to the city. She also commented that she knows what it takes to be family of an officer since her son is an officer and he was hurt because he was a new officer and needed to train and learn more. She then asked why they are mixing these police and fire together. She then stated that another problem is if it comes to the Council, and they vote it down because of the firing range, the entire facility would be voted down.

Claudia also asked the attorney if they did not separate the gun range from the facility and if it is voted down by the Council will the entire facility be gone. Attorney Stiff commented that it would not necessarily be gone because they are asking for a text amendment to allow for the gun range component and the City Council could act on that request separately from the other requests for the overall project.

Claudia than asked a question for another residents, if any of the existing fireman or police officers from Lockport live close to a fire range? She then commented that Crest Hill has been fighting for the two hundred acres off Weber Road, and she is concerned that developers will not build homes

next to a fire range. She then commented that any decisions we make now affect the future of our residents.

She then thanked the only commissioner for asking if the gun range could be indoors.

Claudia then stated that there are two representatives on the commission from Carillon Lakes Community and stated that they would come to meetings because of the noise from the trucks backing up but she commented that when they purchased their homes they knew there was commercial warehouses by Carillon Lakes Community but when the residents purchased their home they were not informed that they would be building a gun range.

Claudia then asked the commissioners of the Plan Commission Board to think about the future for the residents. She also commented that she is not against the facility nor are the residents, but they are against the gun range.

John Batusich, a resident, commented that he hears the gun fire and so does everybody in Crest Hill, Lockport, and Joliet area hear. He then commented that these agencies are going to continue to shoot, and they will continue to hear gun fire that will be louder compared to what the gun range will be. It is a state-of-the-art outdoor facility at a reasonable cost with a partnership with another taxing body and putting our resources together to help each other out to be cost effective.

John then commented that the gun ranges at Stateville and District 5 have been around since the 1960s and then asked Claudia when she built her house because three-gun ranges were there when the subdivision was built and sold those homes. He then said that if development came in now, they would hear gun fire as it is now, but they will not hear the gun firing from this facility, and it would not be until 11:00 p.m. He then commented that to stop this project because of the gun fire versus the benefits that this facility will provide does not outweigh.

He commented that over thirty years ago he arrived first on a call and had to pick an officer up off the street who passed away and he does not want that to happen again because of the sound of gun fire stopping the best training for the fire and police departments in this area.

Patricia Burnett approached the podium and was sworn in. She commented that she lives in Lockport by the high school. She commented that she had called for an ambulance twice in the last few years and when they arrived the Police Department and the Fire Department were there working together. She then commented that she can hear the gunshots where she lives, and they used to bother her but now it gives her great feeling of goodness because she knows they are training. She also stated that two years ago at the Canal Days of 2023 her husband and her were sitting on the curb watching the parade go by and she looked up and seen snipers on the downtown buildings, but those snipers were there to protect the people, so another Highland Park incident did not happen in their neighborhood. With that said, she stated that she wants those snipers very well trained. She then commented that we used to not have to worry about our children having a shooter in the school but currently they must train for it when that happens.

Chairman Thomas asked for a Motion to Close the Public Hearing on Case Number PUD-25-1-3-1.

(#3) Motion by Commissioner Peterson seconded by Commissioner Carroll, to close the public hearing on case number PUD-25-1-3-1.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Commissioners Peterson, Carroll, Deserio, Slabozeski, Flynn, Stanton, Chairman Thomas.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:45 p.m.

Commissioner Slabozeski commented that she has a conflict. She stated that her conflict is that we have two parties disagreeing with one another and she believes in compromise so everyone can live in harmony with one another and stated that there must be a solution to this problem where everyone is happy, and we just have to find that solution.

Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to recommend to the City Council approval of the requested waiver of the various Preliminary/Final PUD Application Submission Requirements as outlined in the March 13, 2025, Plan Commission Staff Report for this case.

(#4) Motion by Commissioner Peterson seconded by Commissioner Flynn, to recommend to the City Council approval of the requested waiver of the various Preliminary/Final PUD Application Submission Requirements as outlined in the March 13, 2025, Plan Commission Staff Report for this case.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Commissioners Peterson, Flynn, Stanton, Carroll, Slabozeski, Deserio, Chairman Thomas.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Thomas and Attorney Stiff commented that the entire staff report, the addendum, and the sound study is all online for everyone to read in detail.

Consultant Ron Mentzer commented that if you are interested in locating those documents it is under the Agenda and Minutes section of the City's website and if you are having problems locating those documents, please contact the Clerk's Office or the Community Development Department at the city.

Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to recommend to the City Council approval of the requested Zoning Ordinance text amendments as outlined in the March 13, 2025, Plan Commission Staff Report for this case.

(#5) Motion by Commissioner Deserio seconded by Commissioner Carroll, to recommend to the City Council approval of the requested Zoning Ordinance text amendments as outlined in the March 13, 2025, Plan Commission Staff Report for this case.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Commissioners Deserio, Carroll, Stanton, Peterson, Flynn, Slabozeski, Chairman Thomas.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to recommend to the City Council for conditional approval of the various requested Special Use Permits and Planned Unit Development Exceptions as outlined in the March 13, 2025, Plan Commission Staff Report and the March 13, 2025, Staff Report Addendum for this case and with the additional condition that the location of the proposed firing range sound attenuation wall be adjusted as outlined in the March 11, 2025, Noise Transition Assessment prepared by Soundscape Engineering.

(#6) Motion by Commissioner Peterson seconded by Commissioner Stanton, to recommend conditional approval of the various requested Special Use Permits and Planned Unit Development Exceptions as outlined in the March 13, 2025, Plan Commission Staff Report and the March 13, 2025, Staff Report Addendum for this case and with the additional condition that the location of the proposed firing range sound attenuation wall be adjusted as outlined in the March 11, 2025, Noise Transition Assessment prepared by Soundscape Engineering.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Commissioners Peterson, Stanton, Carroll, Deserio, Flynn, Chairman Thomas.

NAYES: Commissioner Slabozeski.

ABSENT: None.

There being six (6) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Thomas informed the petitioner that the Plan Commission is a recommendation body only. The City Council will hear about the case and have an official vote.

Chairman Thomas then commented that whenever he thinks about needing a First Responder to come to his house, he hopes that they have been well trained and prepared, and this facility will make sure they are the best prepared and trained First Responders in our community.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Commissioner Carroll commented that he would not be here if it were not for the Lockport Township Fire Department. He commented that he had an asthmatic attack and had to call 911 and within four minutes the fire department arrived and had him bagged and on his way to the hospital,

where he spent 24 hours on a ventilator in Intensive Care Unit. He then thanked the Lockport Township Fire Department and stated he would not be here today if it was not for them.

There being no further business before the Commission a motion for adjournment was in order.

(#7) Motion by Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Carroll, to adjourn the March 13, 2025, Plan Commission meeting.

On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Commissioners Flynn, Carroll, Slabozeski, Deserio, Peterson, Stanton, Chairman Thomas.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being seven (7) affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53p.m.

As approved this 24th day of April, 2025.

As presented ✓

As amended



BILL THOMAS, COMMISSION CHAIRMAN