


Apology to JRPW and its General Partners

On behalf of the City of Oak Hill, we acknowledge that, in July 2020, the City, acting through a majority of its prior Board of Commissioners, failed to comply with Tennessee statutes governing the amendment of the City's Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map in passing an ordinance that amended the Radnor Lake Natural Area Impact Zone. Specifically, the adoption of the amendment in July 2020 failed to comply with the statutes requiring a vote by the planning commission on a proposed amendment to a zoning ordinance or map (Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 13-7-203(b) and 13-7-204) and failed to comply with the statute requiring a particular form of notice and a public hearing before an amendment to a zoning ordinance or map is adopted by the Board (Tenn. Code Ann. § 13-7-203(a)).

The proposed amendment, which the City admits was void ab initio because of the failure to follow the above requirements of Tennessee's planning and zoning statutes, would have placed the property located at 806 Old Hickory Boulevard, which is owned by JRPW, a general partnership, whose partners are John Woods, Jr., Becky Woods Garrett, Patty Woods Weatherford, and Bill Woods, in the Radnor Lake Natural Area Impact Zone. Although the amended ordinance was void and of no legal effect, the City ordinance incorrectly stated, and the City zoning maps incorrectly showed, that the JRPW property was in the Radnor Lake Natural Area Impact Zone when it was not.

We, the current Board of Commissioners, sincerely apologize to JRPW and the named partners for this action of the City. The City's action resulted in a lawsuit being filed by JRPW against the City of Oak Hill. In that lawsuit, the City admitted that this prior Board of Commissioners' action was void from the beginning and should not have been taken without following the proper legal steps.

The City of Oak Hill and its Commissioners apologize to JRPW, and to Mr. John Woods, Ms. Garrett, Ms. Weatherford, and Mr. Bill Woods, for this prior action of the City passed by a majority vote of the former Board of Commissioners.

Signed  *Cristina Swann, Vice Mayor*

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