

6:30 P.M. – TOUR OF FUTURE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PROPOSED SECOND-FLOOR RESTROOMS – 36600 DETROIT ROAD; AND THE JAMESON HOUSE – 36675 DETROIT ROAD

Members of Avon City Council met at City Hall, 36600 Detroit Road, for a tour of the future Council Chambers and the proposed second-floor restrooms. The tour was conducted to familiarize Council Members with the planned renovations and improvements as the City prepares for the eventual relocation of public meetings to the new Council Chambers.

Council Members also toured the Jameson House, located at 36675 Detroit Road, for future planning purposes. Mayor Bryan Jensen led the tours.

7:25 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 65-26 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 413-68, PASSED JANUARY 15, 1969 COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, AS AMENDED, REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE (5) ACRES LOCATED AT 34550 CHESTER ROAD, PERMANENT PARCEL NO.: 04-00-021-000-092 FROM C-4/O-2 GENERAL BUSINESS/PLANNED RESEARCH OFFICE PARK OVERLAY TO C-4/M-1/O-2 GENERAL BUSINESS/ GENERAL INDUSTRIAL/PLANNED RESEARCH OFFICE PARK OVERLAY

Council President Fischer opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 65-26 at 7:25 P.M. No comments were made and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:26 P.M.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, HELD MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AT 7:30 P.M.**

The Chair, Council President Brian Fischer, called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Council-at-Large - Mary Berges; 1st Ward – Jennifer Demaline; 2nd Ward – Anne Marie Etienne; 3rd Ward – Anthony Moore; Council-at-Large – Michelle Patton; 4th Ward – Scott Radcliffe; Council-at-Large and Council President – Brian Fischer; Mayor - Bryan Jensen; City Engineer – Ryan Cummins; Planning and Economic Development Coordinator – Pam Fechter; Law Director – John Gasior; Safety Director/Public Service Director – Duane Streater; Clerk of Council – Barbara Brooks.

ABSENT:

Finance Director – Steve Presley

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Berges to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Work Session of Council held Monday, June 15, 2026, and to approve said

minutes as published, and the vote was: Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Etienne to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 22, 2026, and to approve said minutes as published, and the vote was: Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 65-26 – TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 413-68, PASSED JANUARY 15, 1969, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, AS AMENDED, REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE (5) ACRES LOCATED AT 34550 CHESTER ROAD, PERMANENT PARCEL NO.: 04-00-021-000-092 FROM C-4/O-2 GENERAL BUSINESS/PLANNED RESEARCH OFFICE PARK OVERLAY TO C-4/M-1/O-2 GENERAL BUSINESS/ GENERAL INDUSTRIAL/PLANNED RESEARCH OFFICE PARK OVERLAY

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 65-26 by title only, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 413-68, PASSED JANUARY 15, 1969, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, AS AMENDED, REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE (5) ACRES LOCATED AT 34550 CHESTER ROAD, PERMANENT PARCEL NO.: 04-00-021-000-092 FROM C-4/O-2 GENERAL BUSINESS/PLANNED RESEARCH OFFICE PARK OVERLAY TO C-4/M-1/O-2 GENERAL BUSINESS/ GENERAL INDUSTRIAL/PLANNED RESEARCH OFFICE PARK OVERLAY

The Chair declared this to be the third of three readings of Ordinance No. 65-26.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Berges to adopt Ordinance No. 65-26, and the vote was: Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-26 – TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 413-68, PASSED JANUARY 15, 1969, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, AS AMENDED, REZONING THIRTEEN (13) PARCELS OF LAND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 95.24 ACRES, 12 OF WHICH ARE LOCATED BETWEEN 33000 AND 33501 JUST IMAGINE DRIVE, AND ONE AT 1443 NAGEL ROAD, FROM C-4/M-1 GENERAL BUSINESS/GENERAL INDUSTRIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT TO C-4 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 74-26 by title only, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 413-68, PASSED

**JANUARY 15, 1969, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, AS AMENDED, REZONING THIRTEEN (13)
PARCELS OF LAND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 95.24 ACRES, 12 OF
WHICH ARE LOCATED BETWEEN 33000 AND 33501 JUST IMAGINE DRIVE, AND
ONE AT 1443 NAGEL ROAD, FROM C-4/M-1 GENERAL BUSINESS/GENERAL
INDUSTRIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT TO C-4 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT**

The Chair declared this to be the first of three readings of Ordinance No. 74-26.

A Public Hearing will be held for Ordinance No. 74-26 on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:25 P.M.

ORDINANCE NO. 75-26 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE FOR THE
ASPHALT RESURFACING OF MILLS ROAD FROM STONEY RIDGE ROAD TO
WESTLAKE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 75-26 by title only, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE
FOR THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF MILLS ROAD FROM
STONEY RIDGE ROAD TO WESTLAKE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mayor Jensen provided Council with a detailed update on the status of cooperation with North Ridgeville. Mayor Jensen explained that he had spoken with the Mayor of North Ridgeville and that the prospect of completing the full joint project this season was "not looking real good." He elaborated that North Ridgeville had a City Council Meeting that evening that might pass the cooperative agreement, but that even if approved, appropriating the necessary funds would require an additional set of readings—a process that North Ridgeville historically resisted compressing via emergency action. Mayor Jensen indicated that Mayor Corcoran of North Ridgeville believed that process could push into September, which would be too late in the construction season to execute the project jointly.

Notwithstanding these complications, Mayor Jensen stated clearly that the direction of the Administration was to proceed with Avon's portion of the project regardless. He noted that he did not expect costs to decrease, referenced ongoing geopolitical factors involving the United States and Iran as potential cost variables, and concluded that if a favorable bid came in, the City should move forward this year. He expressed hope that North Ridgeville would be in a better position to coordinate the following year, noting that their newer Council Members were struggling with understanding the use of emergency legislation.

Mr. Radcliffe sought to clarify the geographic scope of Avon's work, asking whether the City would be resurfacing only the north side of Mills Road or both sides. Mayor Jensen confirmed that the project would cover both sides of Mills Road from Jaycox Road to the Westlake municipal boundary. Mr. Fischer noted he had been similarly uncertain about the scope, stating he had initially pictured the City "resurfacing half of the road all the way." Mr. Fischer and Mr. Radcliffe both affirmed that moving forward was the right course, with Mr. Radcliffe stating bluntly, "That road is in terrible shape."

Ms. Patton agreed with moving forward and asked whether the project involved a straightforward mill and overlay or whether more significant base repairs were needed. Mayor Jensen confirmed there were some base repairs required in addition to the overlay.

Mrs. Demaline raised a concern about what would happen if North Ridgeville ultimately did not complete their portion. Mayor Jensen acknowledged the uncertainty but noted that North Ridgeville held grant funding of approximately \$500,000 for the segment from State Route 83 to Stoney Ridge Road, making it financially illogical for them not to proceed. He identified the segment from State Route 83 to Jaycox Road as the one that would remain problematic if North Ridgeville failed to act but noted there was significant resident pressure on their side as well. He expressed confidence that North Ridgeville would eventually come around, particularly given the grant money at stake.

Mr. Cummins then offered a point of clarification regarding the precise starting point of Avon's portion of the project. He explained that the maintenance responsibilities between the two communities were established in a 1979 agreement that referenced Jaycox Road. Upon reviewing the plans, it was discovered that there are two roads named Jaycox Road—one running into Avon and one running south—both of which existed in 1979. After consulting with the North Ridgeville City Engineer, both parties agreed to split the difference between the two Jaycox Roads. As a result, Avon's project will begin at that midpoint and proceed to the Westlake boundary, slightly extending Avon's scope farther west beyond the Avon Jaycox Road intersection.

The Chair declared this to be the first of three readings of Ordinance No. 75-26.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-26 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO MASTER DONATION AGREEMENTS WITH CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH ENCOMPASS MARKETING

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 76-26 by title only, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO MASTER DONATION AGREEMENTS WITH CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH ENCOMPASS MARKETING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Etienne to suspend the rules and act on Ordinance No. 76-26, and the vote was: Mr. Moore, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Mr. Moore to adopt Ordinance No. 76-26, and the vote was: Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 77-26 – TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 106-25

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 77-26 by title only, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT
APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 106-25
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Etienne to suspend the rules and act on Ordinance No. 77-26, and the vote was: Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Etienne to adopt Ordinance No. 77-26, and the vote was: Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-11-26 – TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE MILLS ROAD
RESURFACING PROJECT**

The Clerk read Resolution No. R-11-26 by title only, entitled:

**A RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR
THE MILLS ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Mr. Gasior requested the floor to clarify how the Resolution should be handled in light of the ongoing uncertainty with North Ridgeville.

Mr. Gasior explained that Resolution No. R-11-26 was scripted to cover the entire Mills Road resurfacing project—from Stoney Ridge Road all the way to the western municipal boundary—and that both this Resolution and Ordinance No. 75-26 had been placed on the agenda anticipating a possible joint project. Given the dim prospects for North Ridgeville's timely participation, he recommended against taking emergency action on R-11-26 at this time. Instead, he suggested the Chair simply declare it a first reading, preserving the "slimmest of hopes" that North Ridgeville might change course before the August meeting. He noted that if nothing changed by the August agenda, Council would likely see both Ordinance No. 75-26 and Resolution No. R-11-26 listed for motions to postpone indefinitely, effectively ending the joint project framework.

Mr. Radcliffe asked whether it would be more prudent to simply approve both the joint Ordinance and the joint Resolution by emergency now, or to add a third item reflecting the Avon-only scope. This question prompted Mr. Cummins to weigh in with a recommendation to proceed exclusively with the Avon-only Resolution (R-13-26, listed under Item 14) rather than bidding the full project. Mr. Cummins explained that putting out a bid for the entire project—when approximately half of it might not be improved—would create significant contractual complications and introduce questions about contractor fairness and pricing integrity. He characterized bidding half a project as potentially generating problems with the procurement process that would be difficult to resolve. He also stressed the urgency of timing: if Council waited until the August 10, 2026, meeting to award a contract, construction could not realistically begin until just after Labor Day, and any

award date much later than that would push the project out of the current construction season entirely.

Mayor Jensen supported Mr. Cummins' recommendation, noting that even if North Ridgeville experienced a change of heart after bids were received, the City could approach the selected contractor to ask whether they would accept a change-order or hold their unit pricing to accommodate North Ridgeville's portion. Mr. Cummins acknowledged this was possible but cautioned that a contractor might not be willing to provide favorable pricing for such a large scope addition—essentially doubling the contract—and that it could result in the loss of volume pricing. Mayor Jensen concluded that proceeding with Avon's section was still the right call, since at worst the City would be moving forward on an overdue project, and at best, the contractor might agree to reasonable terms to include North Ridgeville's portion.

Mayor Jensen confirmed that North Ridgeville was well aware of Avon's stance on this project.

The Chair declared this to be the first of three readings of Resolution No. R-11-26.

RESOLUTION NO. R-12-26 – TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE TRAXLER FAMILY ARBORETUM PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT IN THE CITY OF AVON

The Clerk read Resolution No. R-12-26 by title only, entitled:

A RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE TRAXLER FAMILY ARBORETUM PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT IN THE CITY OF AVON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Etienne to suspend the rules and act on Resolution No. R-12-26, and the vote was: Ms. Etienne, "yes"; Mr. Moore, "yes"; Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mrs. Demaline, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes".

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Mr. Moore to adopt Resolution No. R-12-26, and the vote was: Mr. Moore, "yes"; Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mrs. Demaline, "yes"; Ms. Etienne, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes".

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. R-13-26 – TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE MILLS ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

The Clerk read Resolution No. R-13-26 by title only, entitled:

A RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE MILLS ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

As discussed under Item 12, Resolution No. R-11-26, this Resolution (R-13-26) covers the Avon-only portion of the Mills Road resurfacing project, running from the midpoint between the two Jaycox Road intersections to the Westlake municipal boundary.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Berges to suspend the rules and act on Resolution No. R-13-26, and the vote was: Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mrs. Demaline, "yes"; Ms. Etienne, "yes"; Mr. Moore, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes".

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Etienne to adopt Resolution No. R-13-26, and the vote was: Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mrs. Demaline, "yes"; Ms. Etienne, "yes"; Mr. Moore, "yes"; Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes".

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

MAYOR JENSEN addressed two topics. First, he provided an update on the City's sidewalk enforcement effort, specifically regarding a property on Colorado Avenue that had been under notice for nearly three years. He reported that the homeowner had recently come forward stating they had a contractor and intended to begin work in October. Mayor Jensen indicated this was not acceptable, and in consultation with Ms. Clements, the City declined to grant any further extension. He noted that a neighboring property owner on Colorado Avenue who had also sought an extension was similarly denied, and that individual accepted the decision without objection. Mayor Jensen stated the City would be sending a letter the following day and intended to proceed with the contractor already under contract to continue work along the sidewalk route. He indicated he would be in contact with Mr. Gasior regarding the form of that letter. Mayor Jensen expressed frustration that despite repeated accommodation over the years, the property in question had used the prospect of demolition and redevelopment as an ongoing excuse, and he was confident that the remaining sidewalk work would be completed.

Second, Mayor Jensen presented a conceptual layout for the Traxler Family Arboretum (attached as Exhibit A), provided by the Landscape Architects MKSK, which had been reviewed by the Tree Commission. He described it as the starting point for development of the property, noting it would accommodate the pedestrian bridge (the subject of Resolution No. R-12-26), potential walking trails, and a planned educational center and observation deck. He noted the plan had been developed in coordination with numerous stakeholders and that, with Council's concurrence, the Administration intended to accept this as the framework for Phases 1 and 2 of the project.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MS. BERGES, AT LARGE, made three reports. First, she informed Council that Megan Engelmann, a member of the Tree Commission, resigned due to relocating out of Avon to another community in the Cleveland area, and that she would be missed.

Second, she noted with satisfaction that sidewalks had been installed along the south side of Schwartz Road between Jaycox Road and Nagel Road, as well as on the west side of Jaycox Road, describing this as "very positive."

Third, Ms. Berges reported on an outreach effort at the City's recent Movie Night event, where Mayor Jensen had arranged for an officer to speak to children about e-bike and e-scooter regulations and safety. Ms. Berges noted she had not attended but thought it was an excellent way

to engage youth outside of the school year. She concluded by asking whether there were plans to update the City's existing "Avon Bicycle Safety Basics" guide to include updated regulations on helmets, e-bikes, and e-scooters, describing the current document as comprehensive but potentially in need of revision. Mr. Streater answered that he would check with the Police Chief regarding that as he knew there was a separate flyer being circulated specifically related to e-bikes and e-scooters. Ms. Berges felt the guide was very comprehensive, and would like to see it updated.

Mayor Jensen responded to Ms. Berges' question, confirming that Officer David Lane—the City's School Resource Officer—had conducted the presentation, characterizing him as someone with credibility on the subject. He noted that Officer Lane was thorough and the directive given was clear: residents would be expected to follow the regulations. Mayor Jensen further disclosed that officers had been dealing with e-bike-related incidents, including at least one pursuit in which officers could not keep pace and had to involve a vehicle, and that riders had been seen cutting through yards in the Highland Park Subdivision. He noted that some of the bikes being ridden were "auto bikes," which are illegal to operate without a license in the City of Avon. He encouraged residents who witness reckless behavior to document and film it, noting that Mr. Gasior had confirmed that filming individuals acting recklessly in public is legally permissible and that such footage could assist officers in identifying individuals. Mayor Jensen expressed concern that some parents may not be fully aware of the legal classifications of the equipment they are purchasing for their children. He also confirmed that Avon Police Officers themselves use e-bikes capable of reaching approximately 35 miles per hour, making it notable when a rider manages to outpace them.

MRS. DEMALINE, WARD 1, had no comments.

MS. ETIENNE, WARD 2, reported that she had attended Movie Night and found it enjoyable, and commended Officer Lane's presentation to the children. She noted, however, that as recently as that same day she had observed children carrying their helmets on their handlebars rather than wearing them—apparently prepared to don them only if spotted by an officer. She also expressed appreciation for the tour of the future Council Chambers at the newly relocated City Hall and the Jameson House and remarked that the Community Garden was looking impressive.

MR. MOORE, WARD 3, raised a concern about signs being placed in the public right-of-way and on utility poles in violation of City Ordinance. He noted that approximately a month prior, he had photographed signs affixed to utility poles and that the signs remained in place. He also observed that some real estate agents were not removing their open house signs until Tuesday or Wednesday following weekend events. Mr. Moore referenced City Code Section 1290.12, which expressly prohibits placing signs on utility poles, and questioned the point of having such an Ordinance if it was not being enforced. He characterized the offending parties as repeat offenders and suggested that creating a list of such offenders and imposing fines—as some neighboring suburbs do—would be a straightforward and effective deterrent. He suggested a meeting of the Legal Committee of Council might be needed to tighten enforcement of the Ordinance, remarking that leaving a sign on a utility pole for a month "just looks tacky".

MS. PATTON, AT LARGE, echoed Mr. Moore's concerns about signs in the right-of-way, adding that many of the offending businesses appeared to be out-of-town entities, which she found even more problematic. She noted that the City of Olmsted Falls has an Ordinance allowing any City employee to remove a sign found in the right-of-way and suggested Avon might consider a similar group effort approach.

Ms. Patton also commented positively on the appearance of flags along Detroit Road, noting it was "really great to drive down Detroit Road and see all the flags up."

Turning to the Traxler Arboretum conceptual plan, Ms. Patton thanked Mayor Jensen for presenting it and offered a specific suggestion: that a paved pathway be constructed connecting the Educational Center and Observation Deck (labeled as item 4 on the plan) to the Outdoor Classroom (labeled as item 8), as she did not see a clearly defined pedestrian route between those two features on the current plan.

Mayor Jensen acknowledged the observation and agreed that a proper path would be needed, indicating the oversight would be addressed.

MR. RADCLIFFE, WARD 4, offered comments on the Traxler Arboretum conceptual plan. He noted the importance of ensuring that connection points to the adjacent school were properly integrated and that any existing school sidewalks were incorporated into the overall pedestrian network. He also inquired about the old vehicle entrance off of Stoney Ridge Road—formerly used when cars could drive onto the property—noting that it remained a fairly wide, open path and asking whether the City intended to landscape or otherwise block it to prevent vehicles from entering, or whether it would be repurposed as a walking or gravel path connecting to the other interior paths.

Mayor Jensen acknowledged the concern and agreed that some treatment would be necessary to make the former road look less inviting to vehicle traffic, while preserving any maintenance access needs. Mr. Radcliffe noted that he was also thinking about connectivity at the entrance on Centennial Avenue, observing that there are no sidewalks on that street, and asked whether a sidewalk or path leading up the driveway entrance from Centennial Avenue would be considered. Mayor Jensen indicated that a path likely already existed there in some form but that formalizing it would be appropriate.

Mayor Jensen also clarified the nature of the proposed paths shown on the conceptual plan: gray paths would be asphalt, while others would be stone at this initial phase. He noted that the longer-term vision was to make all paths asphalt, but that Phase 1 would focus on the pedestrian bridge as the top priority, followed by the asphalt paths and the Educational Center building (item 4). He confirmed that the paths would be designed at approximately 10 feet in width—wide enough for emergency vehicle access—though not over the bridge itself.

MR. FISCHER, AT LARGE, offered two closing remarks. First, he reminded Council that the next two Mondays would be off and that the next meeting would be held on Monday, August 3, 2026.

Second, he called Council's attention to a social media post regarding the recent Little League Tournament held at Veterans Park, noting that despite the tendency of the community Facebook page "Avon in the Know" toward negative commentary, the post regarding the park's condition had received over 200 positive responses with no negative ones. He attributed the favorable reception to the work of the City's parks staff and asked Mayor Jensen to pass along the compliments. He added that when the parks staff does exceptional work, "they make us all look good."

Mayor Jensen added that Little League officials themselves had given the City a significant commendation, expressing particular gratitude for the installation of lights and batting cages, as well as the overall condition of the fields. He noted a "100 percent turnaround" from prior years when there had been demands for artificial turf, with players and parents now embracing natural grass. He recalled that grandparents visiting from out of the County had commented on how fortunate Avon's residents were to have such a park system.

Mr. Fischer extended thanks to all City Departments, noting that the parks are more visible to the community, and when they do a great job, they make all the City Officials look good.

DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATION:

MR. CUMMINS, CITY ENGINEER, had no comments.

MS. FECHTER, PLANNING/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, had no comments.

MR. GASIOR, LAW DIRECTOR, made no remarks.

MR. PRESLEY, FINANCE DIRECTOR, was absent.

MR. STREATOR, SAFETY DIRECTOR/PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR, had no comments.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

No audience comments were made.

ADJOURN: 8:06 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Mr. Moore to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council, and the vote was: Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mrs. Demaline, "yes"; Ms. Etienne, "yes"; Mr. Moore, "yes"; Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes".

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

PASSED: _____

SIGNED BY: _____
Brian Fischer, President of Council

ATTEST: _____
Barbara J. Brooks, Clerk of Council

TRAXLER | CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN



PLANNED AND POTENTIAL AMENITIES

1. Shared Use Path (Asphalt)
2. Shared Use Path (Gravel)
3. Boardwalk and Overlook
4. Educational Center and Observation Deck
5. Event Lawn
6. Nature Play
7. Outdoor Classroom
8. Parking Lot and Drop-Off

EXISTING, PLANNED AND POTENTIAL ECOTYPES

9. Deciduous Forest
10. Successional Landscape
12. Forested Wetland
12. Evergreen and Semi-Evergreen Groves
13. Maintained Meadow
14. Themed Gardens