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Regular Meeting

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Summary

- A board member let everybody know that since there was no quorum, only recommendations will be made on items before the board for the next meeting on Aug. 28.
- The board heard the city of Akron's plan to demolish the existing earth-covered water reservoir on Brittain Road and to replace it with a new concrete water storage tank.
- It was determined that studies are needed, but the neighborhood wants to keep the pump house and water tower as historical items.

Follow-Up Questions

- What are the names of the members present today?
- Will this request to preserve the water tower and pump station delay the entire process?
- How will this request to preserve historical items impact the process?

Notes

- [Agenda](#)
- There was no quorum, so recommendations were be made for the Aug. 28 meeting
- The minutes from May 29 meeting will be corrected and approved at the August meeting
- **Appeal #05-2024-Z** – Kimberly Veal's request to vary the building setback to retain a fence at [533 Auld Farm Circle](#) in West Akron. Moved to August meeting.
- **Appeal #06-2024-Z** - Eudora Graffaree Robinson's request to vary the Tyro

Avenue building line setback to retain a fence at [487 Darrow Road](#) in Ellet. Moved to the August meeting.

- **Appeal#07-2024-Z** - Appeal by the City of Akron to construct the Brittain Road Reservoir Replacement Project at [399 Brittain Road](#) in Goodyear Heights. The City of Akron Water Supply Bureau is proposing to demolish the existing earth-covered water reservoir and replace it with a new concrete water storage tank.
 - The board recommended further discussion at the August meeting
 - Professionals available for clarification were:
 - A staff member from Ohio Environmental Protection. They are concerned about a safety hazard for keeping the water tower and pump house. A feasibility study is needed.
 - A city staff member said discussion of what to do with the water tower and pump house is ancillary to the replacement of the reservoir, but the cost of maintenance of the items is a concern.
 - City Planner Daniel DeAngelo said demolition and replacement is the concern.
 - A Goodyear Heights resident and neighborhood advocate said they would like to preserve the water tower and pump house as historical items for educational purposes.
 - There was no opposition, but studies must be done in order to discuss further.

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