

# HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

## WORK SESSION

Held on January 10, 2023

The Board of Harpersfield Township held a work session with Spire owner and personnel to discuss the location of a much needed traffic signal.

Jonathan and Bill (Spire) stated that they have submitted two applications/studies to ODOT to install the traffic signal at Old Orchard Drive and ODOT has strongly denied the application at that location. The reason given is that it will be too close to the I-90 off ramp and will create a traffic bottleneck.

Spire is very well aware that something is needed and are currently doing a study to submit another application for the traffic signal to be installed at Spire Drive.

Several residents were in attendance to question Jonathan Ehrenfeld (Spire owner) not only for traffic signal information but the newly announced sports gaming license that had many residents believing that a casino was coming to Harpersfield.

Jonathan explained that he obtained Type A and Type B sports gaming proprietor licenses approved by the State of Ohio. Type A is a statewide license and is called a mobile license that allows anybody to download an app on their phone and allows them to engage in sports gaming through their smart phone. That has nothing to do with the Township as it is something that exists in the cloud and there is no physical presence for the license. Type B license allows Spire to open a physical establishment where people can gather and do in-person sports gaming; final decisions on the establishment will be released in the coming weeks.

Jonathan shared that there are currently 84 students from 22 countries at the Spire complex. The current dorms are now full and 5 more (2 story) dorm buildings are being built to hopefully allow 200 students in the future.

Jonathan also announced the purchase of Motel 6 with plans to do a complete renovation of the facility and will be "The Spire House by Wyndham".

Jonathan did a short question/answer session with the residents before leaving for a meeting. Most residents left with a positive attitude of what is and will be transpiring at Spire.

Edwin Spoor

James Pristov

Raymond Gruber Jr

Sharon Rohrbaugh