

VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD CENTER, OHIO

RESOLUTION 2023-05

**A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
AND APPRECIATION FOR
GREGORY AND MARTHA OAKES**

WHEREAS, the Village is working to secure certain grant funding to obtain certain passive park property that will ensure the natural area of the park is preserved for the enjoyment and benefit of future generations of Village residents (the “**Acquisition**”);

WHEREAS, in connection with the ongoing negotiation of the acquisition of such property and the Village’s efforts to secure adequate grant funding to permit the Acquisition to occur at no cost to the Village, Village residents GREGORY AND MARTHA OAKES expressed a willingness to provide financial assistance necessary for the Acquisition to proceed in a timeline that would permit grant funding to be secured;

WHEREAS, the Acquisition would have been in jeopardy absent their willingness to generously advance certain funds to support the Acquisition;

WHEREAS, an emergency is hereby declared due to the time sensitive nature of acknowledging the generous support offered by Mr. and Mrs. Oakes in an effort to keep the Acquisition on track which is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety and welfare of the Village;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council for the Village of Westfield Center, Ohio that:

1. GREGORY AND MARTHA OAKES are hereby recognized and commended for demonstrating generosity that goes above and beyond what is expected of Village residents.
2. An emergency is hereby declared for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto and this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time provided for by law.

Passed: June 6, 2023

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