



**MINUTES
REYNOLDSBURG WARD BOUNDARY COMMISSION
May 12, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Clerk Prasher called the meeting to order.

Members: Les Davies, Heather Graham, Keith Benner, and Doug Joseph

Absent: Hilary Conley

Others: Chris Surber and Mollie Prasher

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ward Boundary Commission Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2022

Mr. Davies moved to approve the June 15, 2022 meeting minutes. Second by Ms. Graham. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Commission Chair

Mr. Benner nominated Les Davies to Chair the Commission. As there were no further nominations, motion carried.

Election of Commission Vice Chair

Chair Davies nominated Doug Joseph to serve as Vice Chair. As there were no further nominations, motion carried.

WARD BOUNDARY MAP DISCUSSION

**Explanation of the Purpose and Function of the Ward Boundary Commission
- Attorney Shook**

As Attorney Shook was unable to attend the meeting, Clerk Prasher explained that

with the growth and additional annexations in the eastern portion of the City, staff recommended that the Ward Commission reconvene to review the ward boundary lines. Clerk Prasher explained that the purpose of the Ward Boundary Commission was to redivision the City into four wards of substantially equal population. All wards shall be compact and contiguous and shall be bounded, as far as practical, by county lines, streets, alleys, avenues, public grounds, canals, watercourses, municipal boundary lines, or center lines of platted streets or railroads.

Presentation by GIS Administrator Chris Surber

GIS Administrator Chris Surber explained that there were very minimal changes to the data previously established by EMH&T. The population had only increased by a total of 66 due to annexations. He advised that the overall deviation between the largest and smallest ward populations was 7.15%, which was within commonly accepted redistricting standards (generally under 10%). While adjustments could be made to bring the deviation to 2.24%. While that revised deviation was lower than the existing boundary lines, the existing ward configuration reflected prior planning considerations, including anticipated residential growth in Wards 2 and 3. Maintaining the current ward boundaries would avoid any changes and potential disruption. This approach may also better accommodate expected growth patterns, potentially reducing the need for additional adjustments in the near future. Mr. Surber added that, based on his analysis, the existing ward configuration was considered compliant and may be retained without modification.

Member Joseph explained that he was responsible for suggesting the existing ward boundary lines during the 2017 Ward Boundary Commission meeting. He commented that the proposed slight change would be good, but in two to four years, the boundary lines would likely need to be changed back. He supported leaving the existing lines.

Chair Davies moved to maintain the maps in the current configuration until after the next census. Second by Member Graham. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Future Schedule

As there would be no further meetings of the Commission, there was no need to schedule any further meetings.

ADJOURNMENT



As there was no further business, Chair Davies adjourned the meeting.

Mollie Prasher