TOWN OF MUNSTER PLAN COMMISSION STAFF REPORT TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016, 7:30 PM

1. **Petition PC 16-014**— West Lakes Subdivision, c/o Don Torrenga—requesting a public hearing for Preliminary Plat of proposed development of West Lakes Subdivision Unit 4.

The site is zoned R-2. The Zoning map shows the property as PL-1. Staff believes that the map was modified in error and found no evidence that the zoning was formally changed to PL-1. Staff was also contacted by the School Attorney. The attorney stated the school never requested or accepted a zoning change.

The site was originally planned to be developed as part of the West Lakes Subdivision as single family housing. The School Town of Munster purchased the site, but determined that it was not needed. The School then sold the property to Blackhall Corporation. Sometime later, a petition for multi-family housing was proposed and found unfavorable by the Commission. The Developer now proposes to return to the original intent of single family homes.

As requested by the Plan Commission, the Petitioner has provided an area that is 0.30 acres on the rear of Lot 215 that could be used as a tot lot, accessible by the easement off of Margo Lane. However, this allotment is not required by the Town code as the large park area to the north of the site has already been allotted from this development for the purpose of public park space. The Town of Munster Park Board shall have the final say in whether they would like to add this property to the rest of the existing park system. At the moment, the Park Superintendent does not believe that this subdivision needs another park as it already has a greater park to resident ratio than anywhere else in Munster.

Staff recommends approval with no requirement for an additional park space. It is our understanding that the developer intends to install all infrastructure prior to seeking final plat approval; therefore, no performance bond is needed at this time. Staff also recommends utilizing LED lights instead of HPS.



