

Fate of Tanglewood Drive discussed at Fiscal Court meeting

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If you have ever driven past El Lago and Taylorsville Country Club, you can attest to the condition of Tanglewood Drive.

Cheryl Klotz, a long-time resident on Tanglewood Drive, addressed the Fiscal Court about the county taking over the road for maintenance and repairs at the meeting on Feb. 16 along with a few of her neighbors.

Dan Machalak, who has lived on Tanglewood for over 30 years, was the first to speak. He said that he was involved with the golf course many years ago and "brought tens of thousands dollars into community."

"One of the best things about up there is the community, and being in a position to give employment to the families, and all that we did with charities, and the youth that has gone through there, watching them grow up," said Machalak.

Machalak also wanted the court to know that he and the Tanglewood residents were not "passive members" of the community, and were not asking for a handout.

Kim Foster, another Tanglewood Drive resident, also asked the court for their support of taking care of the road.

Klotz then took the podium, and presented copies of records from when the road was laid, along with some history of the development.

The development on Tanglewood Drive includes both residents and businesses, including a restaurant, a motel, 60 apartment units, and nine single-family homes. The road is approximate one mile long, and is part of the Spencer County Schools bus route.

The entire development received final approval in November 1984. According to Klotz, this was the first road in the county to ever have a Road Bond, \$50,000, providing the standards that the road would have to have, with the county slated to take it over when completed to those standards.

In a document dated Jan. 7, 1986, Settler's Trace Resort, what it was called at the time, then Planning and Zoning Commissioner Daryl Stevens stated that the top part of the road from 148 to the apartments had been built up to standards, and would be adopted by the county.

At some point after that, the developer went bankrupt, and the property was sold at a Commissioner's Sale in 1989.

In 1991, the fiscal court assigned then County Attorney Robert Coats to take over and collect the bond, and take care of all the paperwork. According to Klotz, this shows that the county had the intention of taking over the road.

In 1993, 855 Tanglewood Drive was completed, with the promise of paving the rest of the road when other houses were built at a later date. Only one other house was added on to the development, but the road was never paved.

Klotz then stated that even though the road that was completed was up to the standards put in place at that time, those standards have changed since then, and the road is now in poor condition, so the county is reluctant to adopt it.

Klotz then gave some examples of other roads in Spencer County that have been in similar circumstances but have been adopted by the county.

Two of those examples were: The Campbranch Subdivision

In 2010, Charles Tichenor argued on behalf of Peoples Bank to the court that "The road bond has been paid, and now the roads in Campbranch should be completed by the county. The County Attorney at that time was Ruth Holland, and she believed the county was obligated to take over the roads once the bond was called, and the road was



Google Maps

Overhead view of the Tanglewood development



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This Google Maps street view photo shows a portion of Tanglewood

adopted on Nov. 17, 2014.

Pilots Way Subdivision The road was bonded, but it was deficient, and three years after it was adopted by the county in 2019, it needed over \$100,000 in repairs.

In Klotz's opinion, if the county had taken over the road when they were supposed to when it was completed, it would not be in as bad of shape that it is now.

In closing, Klotz asked the court to consider taking over the road now, like the previous court should have.

"I'm asking the court to fulfill its obligation to the residents of Tanglewood Drive and take up the maintenance and upkeep of the road. I'm asking that the road be made safe for even a 2-wheel drive vehicle. I'm asking that it be plowed in the winter, and maintained in the summer, and improved in any way that the court feels is comparable, fair, and equitable as to the treatment of the other roads that I have talked about," said Klotz.

Spencer County Judge Executive Scott Travis was the first from the court to address Klotz. "Yeah, that road is terrible, very bad. But there were a few things I noticed," said Travis.

He said that he looked at his maps, and it looked like the City of Taylorsville is responsible for the road since they annexed the restaurant and motel.

Klotz did agree that the City annexed the properties, but not necessarily took over the maintenance of the road.

After about a half hour of discussion, and questions, the court decided not to take any action at that time, so they could do some more research and further discuss the options.

"We need to look at safety issues," said Magistrate Jim Travis.

"Speaking for myself, I'm looking pretty optimistic. We're gonna look at this and I hope we can provide relief of some kind," said Magistrate Mike Stump.

March 2 Fiscal Court meeting

To keep the topic at the forefront, Klotz spoke to the court again at the meeting on March 2, this time during the Communications from Citizens portion. During her allotted three minutes of time, she reminded the court that according to her research, Tanglewood Drive is the only road in the county that has been bonded but not adopted by the county.

The Magnet reached out to Judge Travis on March 5, and he stated that the court is waiting for more guidance and legal opinion from Spencer County Attorney Corey Thomas.

"I think this road was completed in the transition from doing the old way of adopting roads and the new way. There is more oversight on the safety of the roads now, and we need some more guidance before we make a decision. Cheryl made a good argument, and showed some good evidence. Hopefully will be able to do what we need to do," said Travis.

Permit now required at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife shooting ranges

BY KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES



Kentucky Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources KYFish&Wild

An amendment to a state administrative regulation governing shooting ranges on wildlife management areas and other lands overseen by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources completed the legislative approval process this week, establishing a permit requirement for range users.

The rule, now in effect, requires an annual or one-day shooting range permit to use firearms and archery equipment on any department managed, leased or affiliated shooting ranges. The permit system will help the agency better gauge how many people use the ranges, promote safe practices and support maintenance and improvements.

The measure to amend 301 KAR 3:015 – Shooting ranges on department owned or managed lands was approved by the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission last year.

"By establishing a shooting range permit, we're striving to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all range visitors," said Kevin Kelly, director for the department's Information, Education and Marketing Division. "The permit will also help us understand how many people use these existing ranges, and support upkeep, upgrades and aid in the development of new ranges across the state."

The permit is free for Kentucky residents and non-residents ages 16 and older who hold an annual Kentucky hunting or fishing license. Qualifying license holders must check a separate box in their license profile to obtain the permit, as it is not automatically included.

Not all shooting sports participants hold a hunting or fishing license, though they use department-owned, leased

or managed ranges. For those without an annual hunting or fishing license, the shooting range permit costs \$26.43 for an annual permit for the license year, or \$5.29 for a one-day permit. Youth 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Participants in department-administered or affiliated events held on any department-managed, leased or affiliated shooting ranges are exempt from the permit requirement, as are participants in authorized group or club events at those ranges. Clubs must provide the department with a list of participants.

As defined in administrative regulation (301 KAR 3:001), a shooting range is a public facility on lands owned or managed by the department through ownership, lease, license or cooperative agreement, or a facility owned or managed by an affiliated partner of the department that is designated for the shooting of firearms or archery equipment.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife properties that require users to obtain a shooting range permit include:

- Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA
- tube rifle range
- archery range
- club operated ranges include skeet, trap, multi-purpose
- Higginson-Henry WMA
- tube rifle range
- John A. Kleber WMA
- tube rifle range
- pistol pit
- Kentucky Fish and Wildlife

- Headquarters
- archery range
- Miller Welch-Central KY WMA
- tube rifle range
- archery range
- club operated trap and skeet range

- Taylorsville Lake WMA
- tube rifle range
- archery range
- Veterans Memorial WMA (opening mid-March)
- pistol range
- rifle range
- West Kentucky WMA
- archery range
- club operated skeet range

Proposed regulation amendments, pending legislative approval, would exempt Otter Creek Special Activities Permit and Pass holders, as well as Peabody WMA User Permit holders, from the shooting range permit requirement for using ranges on those properties since a fee is already charged to access the ranges.

Shooters can learn more about shooting ranges on the Shooting Ranges webpage or find a public or private range nearest them using the interactive Kentucky Shooting Ranges map.

The new shooting range permit for the current license year is available, along with all hunting and fishing licenses, permits and tags, on the License Sales app or the My Profile app (for existing customers) on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website (fw.ky.gov).

For questions, the public may visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Licenses webpage, search "Licenses" on the agency website (fw.ky.gov), or contact the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at 800-858-1549 or info.center@ky.gov, weekdays 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Eastern), except holidays.

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We have made great strides on improving roads, Emergency Services, and Employee benefits over the last 3 years. We work well together as a court and this works better for the community. We don't always agree on everything, but we are generally able to make compromises to reach a final solution that is acceptable to all.

If already in office, any accomplishments you would like to mention?

Working to help design and complete the new animal shelter and pavilion.

Working with the City to sign Inter-local agreements on care and paving of several roads that were divided.

Being fiscally responsible while making improvements to County services without raising taxes.

I am responsive to citizens calls and complaints and I have been successful in achieving a result that helps deal with their issues. I am on call 24/7. If you can't reach me, leave a message and I will get back to you.

What is the most pressing issue the governmental body will have to face when taking office in January?

Addressing growth in Spencer County. We are

projected to continue growing for the next decade and we need to insure that our zoning fits the needs of all of our citizens. We will need to look at how we build affordable housing without Hwy 55 looking like Hwy. 44 in Bullitt County.

Bringing new revenue into the county through tourism and business is also important to help sustain growth.

Buddy Stump is running for Magistrate, District 2, Waterford (R)

Government Experience: 20 Years

Business Experience: 25 years

Why did you decide to run for this particular race?

I spent over 20 years in public service and enjoyed helping people. After retiring in 2019, I started an excavation and drainage business. I decided to take the opportunity to serve as Magistrate and continue to serve my community.

What projects would you like to work on if elected?

I will be committed to improving county offered services to the citizens. I will work to update equipment for the road department. I will always be looking for ways to make improvements at Waterford Park. The park should always be a "safe place" in the Waterford community for our friends and neighbors to come and bring their families.

Waterford Park is a great place to teach our children not only about being competitive, but it also teaches them teamwork and responsibility. This will in turn teach our children how to become responsible adults which will enable growth and a positive future for our community.

When talking with voters, what makes you a candidate people should vote for?

I have spent over 20 years in law enforcement with over 11 years of that time here in Spencer County. I served as the elected Sheriff of Spencer County 2011 through 2018. While serving as the Sheriff, I worked hand in hand with Fiscal Court updating the technology, increasing services, and improving the professional image of the Sheriff's Office. I also spent over 19 years employed in private industry. From 2019 to present I have owned and operated Budike Enterprises LLC. I understand the issues the Sheriff's Office, EMS, Road Department and the Animal Shelter deal with on a daily basis. I understand the financial issues that are involved when determining how to fund Emergency Services, the Road Department, the Animal Shelter, and the Recycling Center. I will be bringing fresh ideas to the table based on my prior experience in government, private industry, and as a business owner. Government cannot be

operated like a business because in many cases laws dictate what government officials shall and shall not do. Decisions should be made when spending taxpayer monies using good common business sense. It will take less tax dollars to retain more resources for our citizens with a commonsense approach of thinking. I understand the many issues the county will face as we move forward into the future with continued growth. I feel we need to be investigating in new ways that we can grow business in the county while not losing the rural country atmosphere that we all enjoy calling home. It is very difficult to offer all the necessary services to the citizens based on residential growth alone. Based on my experience, I will bring ideas to the table that will improve county services that are offered to our citizens and reduce liability to the county. I understand ALL citizens deserve the same services no matter what their status in the community. I will treat all citizens alike and ensure there are no special relationships created between local government and an individual citizen or group of citizens. I will work to make sure our roadways are always properly maintained. I will work to protect the rural way of life the residents of Waterford enjoy.

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The Spencer Magnet Community Church Directory

Cost to display your church advertisement in the newspaper:

1 block for 26 consecutive weeks at \$8.50 wk.
Double block for 26 consecutive weeks at \$14.00 wk.

"I was glad when they said, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" Psalm 122:1

<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>All Saints Catholic Church</p> <p>Mass: Sunday 8:00AM and 12:00PM Wednesday and Thursday 9AM</p> <p>410 Main Cross St. 477-6676</p> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>First Baptist Church 115 West Main St., Taylorsville www.taylorsvillefbcc.com Chance McConnell, Pastor Contact or for transportation call: 477-8197</p> <p>Sun: Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Wed: Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Family, Children & Youth 6:30 p.m.</p> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Elk Creek Baptist Church 5734 Elk Creek Rd. 502-477-2730 elkcreekbaptist.com</p> <p>SUNDAY 10 am Bible Study 11 am Morning Worship</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm Prayer & Discipleship</p> <p>Pastor Ronn Brooks ASL Interpreter available upon request</p> </div>
<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>PLUM CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH www.plumcreekbaptist.com Off of Hwy. 44 in Waterford (502) 477-2582</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHEDULE Sunday School 9:50 a.m. Morning Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m. Youth Small Group 6 p.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY FAMILY MINISTRY NIGHT: Dinner 5:45 p.m. • Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Waterford Church of Christ 5607 Mt. Washington Rd., Taylorsville</p> <p>502-477-2316</p> <p>Schedule Of Services Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Messages From the Bible</p> </div>	<p>Call Victoria at 633-4987 to have your church listing added.</p>