

PRESS RELEASE

The City of Oakwood 30 Park Avenue Oakwood, Ohio 45419

Subject: Oakwood City Council Appointment – Leigh S. Turben

Date: February 1, 2021

OAKWOOD, OHIO:

At the February 1, 2021 public meeting, Oakwood City Council accepted the resignation of Council Member Christopher B. Epley, and appointed Leigh S. Turben to fill the vacant seat through the end of 2021. This action was taken in accordance with Article II of the Oakwood City Charter.

Mr. Epley resigned his council position to take a seat on the bench of the Second District Court of Appeals. "On behalf of City Council and the entire Oakwood community, I thank Chris for his nearly seven years as a member of Council", said Mayor Bill Duncan. "Chris served with distinction, always demonstrating the utmost in professionalism and always keeping the best interests of the citizens and businesses of Oakwood in mind as he joined the rest of Council in making decisions for our city."

Leigh Turben was selected from 14 Oakwood residents that applied for the position and will serve until December 31, 2021. Mrs. Turben will have the opportunity to run for Council office in November 2021 for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2022 (the unexpired remainder of Mr. Epley's term), or may run for a full four-year term.

Leigh Turben has lived in Oakwood for 31 years and has served the community in various capacities. She has been serving on the Advisory Council for Wright Memorial Public Library since 2012, and on the Oakwood Citizen Budget Review Committee since 2014. Additionally, Leigh has served on the Oakwood Historical Society Board of Directors since 2013 as Membership Chair, Assistant Treasurer, Vice President and two years as President.

Ms. Turben graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and worked for 33 years in corporate banking, with an area of expertise in Treasury Management. She was a Certified Treasury Professional and held positions including Education Manager, Regional Sales Manager and Product Group Manager.

Leigh is retired and lives in Oakwood with her spouse Dan. "We were impressed by the qualifications of the 14 citizens that applied to serve as a member of City Council", said Mayor Duncan. "While all of the applicants have strong resumes, we believe that Ms. Turben is best qualified to serve our community at this time and we look forward to working with her as we continue to represent the citizens of Oakwood."

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