

Resolution 8-2026

Board of Township Trustees
Brown Township
Franklin County, Ohio
June 25, 2026

The Board of Township Trustees of Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio, met in special session on this 25th day of June 2026, at the Brown Township Administrative Building, 2491 Walker Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026, with the following members present:

Pam Sayre, Trustee
Joe Martin, Trustee
Pete Marsh, Trustee
Becky Kent, Fiscal Officer

Trustee Martin moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Harisumiran of Ohio, Inc recently filed Rezoning Case ZON 26 06. With this application, Harisumiran of Ohio asks to rezone the property located at 3740 Walker Road from Rural (R) District to Exceptional Use (EU) District for a youth development center with outdoor sports recreational facilities. However, various festivals, mentoring, and religious gatherings also will occur on site; and

WHEREAS, the application shows more than 50% open space will be preserved at the rear of the site, separate from the active recreational fields and private utilities (well and septic). A stormwater facility and numerous structures also are proposed to provide indoor activities to guests of the facility; and

WHEREAS, public/institutional land uses sited in the application are misleading because they are located further south of Walker Road *outside* Brown Township, i.e., Hilliard-Bradley High School. Likewise, the Big Darby Accord's Town Center Mixed Use and Suburban Districts are institutional land uses *outside* Brown Township; and

WHEREAS, no opposition exists towards the applicant's religious use of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is concerned the requested rezoning will introduce a broad range of uses, ranging from youth development campus, community center, event space, and outdoor sports facilities, into an area planned and zoned for rural residential and agricultural uses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes the rezoning, if granted, will contradict the Brown Township Comprehensive Plan, which recommends the site for Low Density Rural Residential

use and emphasizes preservation of rural character, agricultural land, open space, natural resources, and resident priorities; and

WHEREAS, staff presenting this case to the Rural Zoning Commission acknowledges the proposed institutional use does not match the land use plan recommendation, and that Rural zoning may allow religious institution but not the proposed recreational and community center uses; and

WHEREAS, the application has many shortcomings. The surrounding land use pattern remains rural, agricultural, and residential. The traffic and access record is incomplete. A traffic study still is required. Conservation easement protection, buffering, screening, operating limits, parking verification, signage, loading, and long-term maintenance details remain unresolved; and

WHEREAS, the Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel and the Franklin County Drainage Engineer also raised concern regarding the feasibility of the stormwater management plan and the proposed outlet to the local ditch system.

BE IT RESOLVED by the *Board of Trustees* of Brown Township, Franklin County Ohio:

SECTION 1: For the reasons set forth above, the Board of Trustees believes the public benefit of the proposed rezoning does not justify the considerable change of land use character of this Rural District.

SECTION 2: For the reasons set forth above, the Board of Trustees urges the Rural Zoning Commission to recommend the application be denied, or in the alternative, tabled so more discussion can happen and the key details about these important issues can be addressed.

SECTION 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including, without limitation, R.C. 121.2

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

Adopted: 6/25/2026

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BROWN TOWNSHIP,
FRANKLIN COUNTY

ATTEST:

Signature on File

Becky Kent, Fiscal Officer

Signature on File

Pam Sayre, Trustee

Signature on File

Pete Marsh, Trustee

Signature on File

Joe Martin, Trustee