

- C. The City of Elyria to which the territory is proposed to be annexed has complied with division (D) of section 709.03 of the Revised Code, the requirement to adopt by ordinance or resolution a statement indicating what services will be provided upon annexation and approximate date the services will be provided. The statement that services will be provided "upon annexation" complies with the statutory requirement of stating the approximate date for providing services.
- D. No street or highway will be divided or segmented by the boundary line between Carlisle Township and the City of Elyria as to create a road maintenance problem, or, if a street or highway be so divided or segmented, the City of Elyria has agreed, as a condition of the annexation, that it will assume the maintenance of that street or highway. For the purposes of division, "street" or "highway" has the same meaning as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code.

- II. The Board further finds the territory to be annexed is not unreasonably large.

Said finding is made upon consideration of the following:

- (1) The geographic character, shape, and size of the territory to be annexed in relation to the territory to which it will be annexed, and in relation to the territory remaining after the annexation is completed;
- (2) The ability of the annexing city to provide the necessary municipal services to the added territory; and
- (3) The effect on remaining township territory if annexation is permitted.

The evidence presented demonstrates that annexation of 226.13 acres has not been found to be unreasonably large in numerous court decisions.

Although the configuration of the territory is somewhat irregular, the entire area has developed in a similar pattern; this annexation will not be inconsistent with that pattern or present new burdens upon the city or township. The City of Elyria will be able to provide utility, safety and emergency services to the territory. The response time will not be significantly different from services currently provided within the township.

The removal of the territory from the Township will not cause the tax base of the Township to be so eroded or depleted so as to not permit the Township to continue on and provide goods and services to the township residents. In the immediate future, the Township will be gaining considerable tax revenue.