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**MONTGOMERY APPROVES
TWIN LAKES VEHICULAR ACCESS EASEMENT
FOLLOWING AN UNSUCCESSFUL MULTI-PARTY NEGOTIATION**

(Montgomery, Ohio) – On Wednesday, June 20, 2007 the Montgomery City Council approved an easement of 0.028 acres (approximately 1200 square feet) to permit the proper alignment of a proposed vehicular access drive for a 13-unit residential development along Montgomery Road.

Prior to the approval of this easement request, the City of Montgomery and Twin Lakes, developer of the proposed residential properties, had been working with adjacent property owners for a potential land acquisition that would permit a single consolidated vehicular access point for nearly 10 acres of undeveloped property on Montgomery Road. This plan would have required the cooperation of at least one additional property owner to be feasible and reached an impasse earlier this week.

“It was our hope to negotiate an agreement that provides a consolidated vehicle access point for the Twin Lakes Development and the other undeveloped properties on the east side of Montgomery Road,” said Cheryl Hilvert, Montgomery City Manager. “The city put its best effort forward to make it happen, but in the end, the other parties were simply not interested in moving ahead.”

As a result, Twin Lakes requested the City Council take action on the easement legislation to pave the way for the construction of the 13-unit residential development on the original 2.92 acres of property.

This project was opposed by a group of Montgomery citizens who live near the proposed residential development project, citing that the proposed access point was unsafe. This issue had been studied by the Montgomery Planning Commission and included an extensive review of the traffic issues related to the Twin Lakes Development by CDS Associates, the City’s traffic engineers. The review included a study of appropriate location and design access point(s), traffic volumes, and accident data. After examining all information thoroughly, the Montgomery Planning Commission approved the Twin Lakes Development site plan, including the location of the proposed access point on February 19, 2007.

“It is our role to always look for the best possible outcome for the entire Montgomery community,” stated Gerri Harbison, Mayor of Montgomery. “We aggressively investigated the potential consolidated vehicle access point on Montgomery Road. This would have been a win for the city. As it now appears that the various parties will not reach an agreement, we are fortunate to have a safe and functional alternative access point that has already been approved by the planning commission. The access point will accommodate this small residential development which will be an attractive addition to our community.”