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Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
December 04, 2015

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
Date of report (date of earliest event reported): December 2, 2015

WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 2529 Virginia Beach Blvd., Suite 200 Virginia Beach, VA 23452 Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (757) 627-9088	001-35713 (Commission File Number)	45-2681082 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;  
APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

On December 2, 2015, the Registrant's Board of Directors ("Board") appointed John McAuliffe to the Board to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the Board increasing its size from eight to nine members. The Board determined Mr. McAuliffe to be independent under the rules of the Nasdaq Capital Market.

Mr. McAuliffe was previously Director of Investment Banking at Newbridge Securities from 2005 to March 2015, and currently serves as its Lead Investment Banker. Mr. McAuliffe, 61, will stand for re-election at the 2016 annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. McAuliffe was not appointed to any of the Board's committees at this time. It is anticipated that such appointment will happen in the near future; however, it is not currently known on what committees he will serve.

In accordance with the Registrant's non-employee director compensation policy, Mr. McAuliffe will be entitled to receive \$15,000 per annum for serving as a director and is eligible to receive the Registrant's common stock, incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, restricted stock awards or restricted stock units pursuant to the Registrant's 2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Mr. McAuliffe may also be reimbursed for his travel expenses incurred in connection with his attendance at full Board and Committee meetings.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. McAuliffe and any other person pursuant to which Mr. McAuliffe was appointed to serve as a director of the Registrant. Mr. McAuliffe does not have a direct or indirect interest in any transaction that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On December 4, 2015, the Registrant filed a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. McAuliffe as a director to the Board. A copy of this press release is attached as an Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(a) Financial statement of businesses acquired.  
Not applicable.

(b) Pro forma financial information.  
Not applicable.

(c) Shell company transactions.  
Not Applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated December 4, 2015, announcing the appointment of John McAuliffe as a director.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Jon S. Wheeler  
Jon S. Wheeler  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: December 4, 2015

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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