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Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 01, 2018

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
Date of report (date of earliest event reported): August 1, 2018 (August 1, 2018)

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

Maryland                                      001-35713      45-2681082  
(State or Other Jurisdiction    (Commission    (IRS Employer  
of Incorporation)                      File Number)    Identification No.)  
2529 Virginia Beach Blvd., Suite 200  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (757) 627-9088

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

On August 1, 2018, Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that it has issued an open letter to its stockholders, urging them to Stop, Look and Listen before taking any action in response to Joseph Stilwell, Stilwell Value Partners VII, L.P., Stilwell Value LLC and certain of their affiliates solicitation of proxies for the Company's 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Important Additional Information

The Company, its directors and certain of its executive officers are participants in the solicitation of proxies from the Company's stockholders in connection with the Company's 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Company intends to file a proxy statement and WHITE proxy card with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") in connection with any such solicitation of proxies from the Company's stockholders. **STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO READ SUCH PROXY STATEMENT, ACCOMPANYING WHITE PROXY CARD AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE AS THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

Exhibit 99.2 attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K ("Exhibit 99.2") contains information regarding the direct and indirect interest, by securities holdings or otherwise, of the Company's directors and executive officers that are participants in the solicitation, in the Company's securities. If the holdings of the Company's securities change from the amounts provided in Exhibit 99.2, such changes will be set forth in SEC filings on Forms 3, 4, and 5, which can be found through the Company's website at [www.whlr.us](http://www.whlr.us) in the section "SEC Filings" under the "Investor Relations" section or through the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Information can also be found in the Company's other SEC filings, including the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017. Updated information regarding the identity of potential participants, and their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be set forth in the definitive proxy statement and other materials to be filed with the SEC in connection with the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Stockholders will be able to obtain the definitive proxy statement, any amendments or supplements to the proxy statement and other documents filed by the Company with the SEC at no charge at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Copies will also be available at no charge at the Company's website at [www.whlr.us](http://www.whlr.us) in the section "SEC Filings" under the "Investor Relations" section.

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.

Press release  
dated August  
1, 2018  
99.1 announcing  
letter to  
shareholders.

Security  
Holdings of  
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EXHIBIT INDEX

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SIGNATURE

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/ David Kelly  
David Kelly  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Dated: August 1, 2018