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Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. Form 8-K April 10, 2017

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): April 10, 2017 (April 5, 2017)

WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 001-35713 45-2681082 (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission (IRS Employer 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)
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- "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))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On April 5, 2017, the Registrant issued a press release announcing its expected common stock dividend payout schedule, subject to board approval, for the next four record dates. Starting in July 2017, common stock dividends are expected to be distributed on a quarterly basis with the effectiveness of the one for eight reverse stock split resulting in a rate of \$0.42 per share on a quarterly basis. Previously, dividends were paid on a monthly basis at a rate of \$0.0175.

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 April

5, 2017,

announcing

99.1 its expected

common

stock

dividend

payout

schedule.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities 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: April 10, 2017

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Number Description of Exhibit
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