

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF PLAN COMMISSION

October 6, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

Held at the Jefferson County 4-H Community Building, 3767 W SR 256, Madison, IN 47250

MEMBERS PRESENT: WARREN AUXIER, President, VIRGINIA FRANKS, DAVID BRAMER, GENE RIEDEL, DAVID FERGUSON, BRITT COPELAND and JENNY BEVERLY

VISITORS PRESENT: GINGER DAVIDSON

STAFF PRESENT: LYNETTE ANDERSON, Secretary, JIM DIERDORF, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

President Warren Auxier called the meeting to order. He welcomed new member, Jenny Beverly, to the board. Jenny is finishing Dennis Bowyer's term. A quorum was present with Mike Pittman and Ray Denning absent. Virginia Franks made a motion to approve regular and executive session meeting minutes from September 1, 2020. Gene Riedel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. There were no communications or any new business.

Current business as follows:

Appointment & Re-appointment:

- Virginia Franks is the Plan Commission's appointment to the BZA. Virginia's term runs out on the BZA at the end of 2020. Her appointment on the Plan Commission runs out at the end of 2021. President Warren Auxier spoke with the Commissioners and board members on both boards about allowing the terms to expire at the same time, if Virginia was willing to serve one more year on the BZA. The Commissioners and board members agreed. Virginia agreed to serve on the BZA until 2021 as the Plan Commission's appointment. David Ferguson made a motion to have Virginia Franks be the Plan Commission's appointment to the BZA until 2021. Gene Riedel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Gene Riedel's term for the Plan Commission expires at the end of 2020. He is going to let the board know if he will seek re-appointment for 2021.

Updates on Violations:

- Jim Dierdorf visited all the properties that were in violation and not many changes have been made; only two or three have been completed. Before the next meeting, Jim is going to create a list for the board showing the date the letters were sent, how many letters have been sent, whether they were sent regular mail or certified mail, what the violation is, what actions were taken, if any, and the date of those actions taken. Jim will have the list

ready by the November 4th meeting. Jenny Beverly asked if pictures were taken of the properties in violation. Jim Dierdorf does take pictures. David Bramer suggested putting pictures on a Google drive for the board members instead of making copies of all the pictures. David Bramer said he would try to help Jim create a Google drive.

- Jim Dierdorf asked for a plan of action. David Bramer said he has samples of other counties on how they handle zoning violations, fines, repercussions, etc. David Bramer said he will make copies of those samples and give to the board members. Once again, there was conversation on moving the zoning violations over to the Commissioners, so they can properly handle the clean up, the fines, recouping the tax liens once the property taxes get paid, begin the process sooner which will be more effective, etc.

Other business/misc items not on agenda as follows:

- **Comprehensive Plan:** David Bramer will send a hard copy of the first draft of the Comp Plan to the members. They are still looking for a meeting site big enough to hold a public meeting; possible sites are the Brown Gym or the large lecture hall at Ivy Tech.
- **Mylar sheets:** Lynette Anderson mentioned to the board there has been talk about surveys not being printed on mylar sheets anymore. Our ordinances require mylar. Lynette Anderson wanted to bring this to the board's attention for future reference.
- **Airport zoning:** Ginger Davidson told the board there are two public airports in Jefferson County and even though there are state and federal rules that mimic zoning for airports, there really isn't any local rules/zoning regulations. As airport manager, Ginger Davidson contacts the local property owners and explains to them about the rules that need to be followed living close to an airport such as, cannot complaint about airport noise and building tall structures within a five mile boundary. She asked for some guidance and suggestions on this process. David Bramer told her to keep doing what she is doing at this time. Warren Auxier told her that once the Comprehensive Plan is complete, they will be looking at revising the zoning ordinances; this is something that needs to be added/revised.
- **Next meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 5:30 P.M., at the Jefferson County 4-H Community Building, 3767 W SR 256, Madison, IN 47250.**

President Warren Auxier asked if there is anything else that needs to be mentioned or discussed. There was nothing further. David Ferguson moved for a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Bramer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by: Lynette Anderson
Lynette Anderson, Secretary

APPROVED THIS 5 DAY OF January, 2020.

JEFFERSON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

BY: Warren A. Auxier
WARREN A. AUXIER, President