

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF PLAN COMMISSION**

**September 7, 2021 at 6:30 o'clock P.M.**

Held at the Jefferson County Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson St.,  
Annex Bldg., Madison, IN 47250

MEMBERS PRESENT: WARREN AUXIER, President, DAVID BRAMER, BRITT COPELAND, DAVID FERGUSON, GENE RIEDEL, VIRGINIA FRANKS, RAY DENNING and MIKE PITTMAN

VISITORS PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: JOSH CLINE, Enforcement Officer

*\*\*Lynette Anderson, Secretary, was absent from the meeting. These minutes are being typed by her from the recording of the meeting.*

President Warren Auxier called the meeting to order. A quorum was present with Jenny Beverly absent. David Ferguson made a motion to approve regular meeting minutes from July 7, 2021. Gene Riedel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. There were no communications or any new business.

**Updates on Violations:**

- **Lewis Handlon-** Josh Cline, Enforcement Officer, told the board the property has gotten worse. A camper has burned and no cleanup has taken place. Warren Auxier said at the last meeting, they would ask Mr. Handlon to come in which he did; he met with Mike Pittman, Josh Cline and Warren Auxier in the office. Mr. Handlon made a commitment that he would clean the property up. Pat Magrath wrote a certified letter to Mr. Handlon requesting him to attend the September meeting. Pat Magrath said they have been trying to track the letter because he has not gotten the green card back. Since the green card has not been returned and the latest tracking information shows the letter in Louisville as of August 15<sup>th</sup> (two days after Pat sent the letter), David Ferguson made a motion to table the item until next meeting asking Pat Magrath to send another letter, delivery by sheriff, requesting Mr. Handlon to attend the next meeting. Virginia Franks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Jeffery Gilstrap-** Mike Pittman told the board Josh Cline contacted a person who would start cleaning up the property but probably not until October 1<sup>st</sup>. However, Mike Pittman said he spoke with a gentleman today from Seymour who owns a scrap yard that said he will clean up the Gilstrap property (beginning quicker than October 1<sup>st</sup>); basically this gentleman has an agreement with Mr. Gilstrap to clean up the property. Mike Pittman said there should be significant improvement to the property within the next two weeks. Warren Auxier mentioned no action is needed from the Plan Commission as this case now falls under the Commissioners' executive side for moving ahead. Josh Cline updated the board a little more; he said Mike Pittman sent a letter to Mr. Gilstrap explaining the fines per day, accumulating

to approximately \$14,000 to date. Josh Cline believes that got Mr. Gilstrap's attention and is concerned he may lose his place. So the gentleman from Seymour came to the office this afternoon and said he took a semi load off. Josh Cline wasn't able to visit the property today but will go out tomorrow to see if a semi load really was taken off. The gentleman said he has six guys and a skid loader and believes his crew can get the place cleaned up in three weeks.

**Current Business:**


- **Thoughts on the meeting with Plan Commission Director from Jennings County-** Mike Pittman told the board he had a demo with the iWorQ system today. The system not only does enforcement but also permitting, it's all cloud based and the cost is reasonable. Warren Auxier asked if any money was requested during the budget hearing to be budgeted for next year for cleanup. Mike Pittman said he requested \$25,000. Warren Auxier's take from the members after the meeting with Marie Shepherd is yes, we want the county cleaned up but not ready yet to take such an aggressive enforcement approach as Jennings County.
- **Revising zoning ordinances-** David Bramer prepared a draft of an RFP (Request for Proposal) for subdivision and zoning ordinances. David Bramer's hope is to get the request out by November and at the beginning of next year we can get started. David Bramer asked the board to review the draft. The board wants our current ordinances reviewed-not start from scratch. Warren Auxier told the board if they know of problem areas/changes that need to be made from our current ordinances, to make note of them so it can be addressed. If the board members review the RFP and send David Bramer thoughts/changes within the next couple weeks, he will get the RFP sent out before the next meeting.

**Other business/misc items not on agenda as follows:**

- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 5:30 P.M., at the Jefferson County Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson St., Annex Bldg., Madison, IN.**

President Warren Auxier asked if there is anything else that needs to be mentioned or discussed. There was nothing further. Mike Pittman (*the recording was hard to hear; I think Mike Pittman made the motion*) 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, was absent from the meeting; the minutes were typed by her from the recording of the meeting*)

  
Lynette Anderson, Secretary

APPROVED THIS 5 DAY OF October, 2021.

JEFFERSON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

BY:   
WARREN A. AUXIER, President