

Town of Clear Lake - Plan Commission Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2011

Plan Commission President Chris Folland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Folland confirmed that everyone present knew each other and skipped introductions.

Roll was taken and the following Plan Commissioners were present:

- Emma Brown
- Chris Folland
- Bill Geiger
- Mike Long
- George Schenkel
- K. Sue Williams

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Two (2) members of the public were in the audience. The Zoning Administrator, Amy Schweitzer, was also present.

President Folland asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the February 7, 2011 Plan Commission meeting. Hearing none, Folland entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mrs. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2011 Plan Commission meeting as presented. Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried with four (4) votes in favor and zero (0) votes against. Mr. Schenkel and Mr. Lewis abstained from the vote since they were not present at the February meeting.

Folland introduced new business stating that the Executive Committee had been working towards developing a new set of Plan Commission Rules. Folland introduced a proposed set of Rules stating that they were not “law” but based on Indiana Code and the Unified Development Ordinance; and the Rules would act as procedural rules for the Plan Commission. Folland commented that the Plan Commission attorney had reviewed the proposed Rules and stated they were fine.

There was some discussion on having members of the Plan Commission for two (2) political parties, and Folland confirmed that this was a requirement established in Indiana Code. There was also some discussion of the requirement of having an advisory member from the Steuben County Plan Commission. Members of the Plan Commission discussed Larry Gilbert filling that role. President Folland stated that he would follow up on that. There was discussion on keeping track of Plan Commission appointments from the Town Council President, and adjusting one (1) of those terms to a three-year term to accommodate the staggering of Council member terms. It was concluded that Council members who serve on the Plan Commission have concurrent terms: their Plan Commission term is the same as their elected Town Council term.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to accept the Rules of Procedure as presented. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with six (6) votes in favor and zero (0) against.

President Folland reported that Bob Hull, Town Superintendent, is requesting that the portion of Lake Drive accessing cottages 416 through 464 be renamed to Point Park Drive. The Town is going through the process of officially confirming this part of Lake Drive as a public road, and this seems like an

opportune time to change the name. Point Park Drive was chosen because the road provides access to the Point Park Subdivision.

Folland informed the Plan Commission that recently enacted State legislation will require the renaming of several portions of Lake Drive by the year 2013. The Plan Commission discussed changing address numbers, adequately informing residents of the changes, and waiting to change the name of this portion of Lake Drive until other portions of Lake Drive are renamed to comply with the State's requirements. Mr. Schenkel stated that the Plan Commission should hold off on this recommendation until there are new names for all of the other portions of Lake Drive that need renamed. Mr. Lewis disagreed stating that since the Town was working with all of the property owners from 416 to 464, now was the time to introduce the renaming of this portion of Lake Drive.

The Plan Commission agreed that a committee should be set up to discuss the process of renaming portions of Lake Drive, and the Committee should include Hull, as well as John Gonya (Town Marshall) and members from the Fremont Fire Department. The Clear Lake Association should also be given the opportunity to give comments in the process of determining new road names and where those road segments begin and end.

Folland entertained a motion from the Plan Commission to make a recommendation to the Town Council regarding Mr. Hull's request. Mrs. Williams made a motion to recommend Lake Drive from 416 to 464 to be renamed to Point Park Drive. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with four (4) votes in favor, one (1) vote against, and Mrs. Brown abstaining from the vote.

There being no other business, President Folland entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schenkel made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Amy Schweitzer, Secretary