

Town of Clear Lake - Plan Commission Special Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2011

Plan Commission President Chris Folland called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. President Folland introduced the members of the Plan Commission.

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

It was determined that a quorum was present. Neal Blythe, Town Attorney and Amy Schweitzer, Zoning Administrator, were also present.

President Folland told the Plan Commission that there were fifteen (15) pages of minor changes to Amendment #6 to the Unified Development Ordinance that was presented at the August 8th public hearing. The Executive Committee met on August 22 to discuss the input (primarily from Mr. Jerry McArdle) from the public hearing, and the minor changes have grown out of those comments.

Folland asked the Commission for questions on the minor changes. Plan Commissioner Mike Long asked why a soil scientist has to be registered by the State of Indiana – and why not include Michigan and Ohio? Folland stated that Indiana has a list of registered soil scientists and the Town wants to make sure that not just anyone can call themselves a “soil scientist.” Mr. Lewis asked about outdoor fireplaces in the lake yard. President Folland stated if an outdoor fireplace was within the building envelope, it was permitted.

Hearing no other discussion, Mr. Lewis made a motion to accept the fifteen (15) pages of minor changes to the Unified Development Ordinance Amendment #6 that grew out of the August 8th public hearing. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with seven (7) votes in favor and zero (0) votes against.

President Folland entertained a motion to certify Amendment #6 to the Unified Development Ordinance. Mrs. Brown made a motion to certify Amendment #6 to the Unified Development Ordinance and forward the amendment to the Clear Lake Town Council with a favorable recommendation. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with seven (7) votes in favor and zero (0) votes against.

Mr. Blythe informed the Plan Commission that the Town Council either accepts the recommendation and passes an ordinance in a single reading or rejects the recommendation thus sending it back to the Plan Commission for further review. In response to a question, Mr. Blythe stated that the amendment could become effective the night the Town Council passes the ordinance adopting it.

In other business, President Folland asked for comments and questions on the minutes from the August meetings. Emma Brown suggested a couple of changes on each set of minutes. The Commission agreed with the changes. Mr. Long made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2011 Plan Commission meeting as amended. Mr. Schenkel seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Mrs. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2011 special meeting of the Plan Commission as amended. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

President Folland asked for other items of business. Hearing none, he let the Plan Commission know that the regularly-scheduled November meeting would be cancelled if no items of business were filed. Folland entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schenkel made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Amy Schweitzer, Secretary