

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

August 16, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Whitley County Government Center
Lower Level, Meeting Room A/B

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF
Travis Baker	X		Nathan Bilger
Dane Drew	X		
Brent Emerick	X		
Jack Green	X		LEGAL COUNSEL
Thor Hodges	X		Elizabeth Deckard
Mark Johnson	X		
Rob Schuman	X		NONVOTING ADVISOR
Kim Kurtz-Seslar	X		John Woodmansee (Absent)
Joe Wolf	X		

AUDIENCE MEMBERS

The list of in-person and electronic guests is attached below.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bilger read the roll call with members present and absent listed above.

CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the July 19, 2023 regular meeting were presented for consideration. Mr. Johnson called for any comments or a motion. Mr. Hodges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Green. Motion passed, 7-0-2 by roll call vote, with Ms. Kurtz-Seslar and Mr. Schuman abstaining due to absence.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Mr. Bilger administered the oath to audience members wishing to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

22-W-REZ-6(Petition Tabled, will be re-notified)

NEW BUSINESS

23-W-SUBD-8 Behm Estates (Continued due to insufficient Public Notice)

23-W-SUBD-9 Ryan and Karen Cook Subdivision (Continued per petitioner request)

23-W-SUBD-10, Mannes Homestead, Section 2

Doris Derheimer, representative of the estate of the property owner, is requesting preliminary plat approval for a one lot subdivision to be named “Mannes Homestead, Section 2.” The proposed plat is located on the east side of 600 East, approximately 1,800’ north of State Road 14 in Section 2 of Jefferson Township

Mr. Bilger presented the staff report. He provided aerial views and plat overlay for reference. He said that the required lot standards have all been met. Mr. Bilger discussed the review criteria and presented the following as recommended conditions of approval:

1. Updated covenants are recommended to address the shared improvements.
2. Secondary plat approval delegated to the Plan Commission Staff.

Doris Derheimer, 5621 S. 600 East, addressed the Commission and explained the project. She stated that their intention was to split the 3-acre area with the house off from the farm ground to be able to sell the house.

Mr. Johnson opened the public hearing. Hearing nothing, the public hearing was closed. He then called for further discussion or a motion.

Mr. Hodges made a motion to approve 23-W-SUBD-10, with staff recommended conditions. Ms. Kurtz-Seslar seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 9-0 by roll call vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rules of Procedure

Mr. Bilger discussed the Rules of Procedure and miscellaneous amendments to the zoning code. He stated that he was still working on the update and will be emailing out the information for review.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mr. Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m. with the workshop to follow.

GUEST LIST

1. Daniel Trigg6161 N. Old 102
2. Alison Trigg.....6161 N. Old 102
3. Russell Hampshire6355 N. Old 102
4. Deb Hampshire6355 N. Old 102
5. Mike Rowland.....3606 S. Meridian Road
6. Ginny Rowland3606 S. Meridian Road
7. Doris Derheimer.....5621 S. 600 East
8. H. Peter Mannes.....5617 S. 600 East
9. Joanne Mannes.....5617 S. 600 East
10. Thomas Fisher.....5625 S. 600 East

GUEST LIST-ELECTRONIC

11. Judy Kehmeyer8375 South 600 East

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