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## LA PORTE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES AUGUST 28, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:      TONY HENDRICKS              GENE JONAS  
                                 RITA BEATY KELLY          HAROLD PARKER  
                                 JIM PRESSEL                  MATT BERNACCHI  
                                 GENE MATZAT                BARBARA HUSTON  
                                 GLEN MINICH

OTHERS PRESENT: Annemarie Polan, Recording Secretary, Doug Biege, attorney, Darlene Pavay, Secretary.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Barbara Huston asked if there were any amendments to the Agenda this evening.

Matt Bernacchi made a motion to approve the Agenda. Jim Pressel seconded. All approved. Motion carried 9-0.

Barbara Huston asked for a motion for the meeting minutes of June 26, 2012.

Harold Parker made a motion to approve. Gene Jonas seconded. All approved. Motion carried. 9-0.

### Permit Fees:

Barbara Huston asked Annemarie about the permit fees.

Annemarie Polan, Building Commissioner said that she just needs to go over the electrical and gas expenses for mobile home parks that wasn't included in the fees to make sure that everything is uniform with what we passed back in April.

Annemarie said that we don't do inspections in mobile home parks on construction, but we do send them out on the gas and electric inspections. Annemarie said that we made it \$50.00 across the board for everything else and this wasn't on the agenda at that time.

Barbara Huston said that we need a motion to fix the fee from \$15.00 to \$50.00 dollars. Is that correct?

Annemarie said that is correct.

Matt Bernacchi made a motion to increase the inspections for mobile homes parks from the \$15.00 dollars to \$50.00 dollars.

Barbara Huston said that we have a motion on the floor to pass the mobile home park fee from \$15.00 dollars to \$50.00 dollars. Barbara asked if we had a second.

Gene Jonas seconded. All approved. Motion carried 9-0.

Barbara Huston asked if there was any other new business.

Attorney Biege said that since we've had more than one increase and more than one meeting, he thought it would be appropriate to draft a resolution to be executed by the Plan Commission which reflects the total of increases we've done and he thinks it will be more efficient and more clear for the County Council when it goes before them.

Attorney Biege handed the board what is essentially a resolution which should reflect all the increases that the Plan Commission has made at each individual meeting.

Barbara Huston asked attorney Biege if he thinks that we should read this resolution for everyone's benefit clear through, because it does spell out the fees related to everything.

Attorney Biege said that it is subject to your pleasure. Attorney Biege said that every increase that we had has already been reflected in the minutes.

Barbara Huston said that we need this by title only.

Attorney Biege said that's correct.

Barbara Huston said we need a Motion to bring this resolution before the Plan Commission by title only.

Jim Pressel said so moved.

Barbara Huston said that we have a resolution amending Chapter 151.27 Building Permit Fees Schedule of the La Porte County Building Code.

Barbara Huston asked if she had a Motion to approve.

Rita Beatty Kelly made a Motion to Approve. Jim Pressel seconded.

All approved. Motion carried 9-0.

Barbara Huston said that this will be known as Resolution Number 2012-1.

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Attorney Biege said to give the group an up-date, the Sexual Orientated Business Committee he believes has concluded its work. Attorney Biege said that they are going to review one final draft. Attorney Biege said that there is two components that the committee did. Attorney Biege said the first component has to do with the conduct ordinance and licensing. Attorney Biege said that part will not go before the Plan Commission and will go to the County Commissioners. Attorney Biege said that they will try to get that in front of the County Commissioners next month.

Attorney Biege said that second component will be an amendment to Section 1409 (a) of the current joint zoning ordinance. Attorney Biege said that his goal is to advertise that and get it on the agenda to be reviewed by the Plan Commission next month as a suggested change to the zoning code. Attorney Biege said that purpose is to essentially make that section constitutional as it relates to sexual orientated businesses first amendment in recent law by the US Supreme Court. Attorney Biege said that his goal is to get a draft to all members by e-mail prior to the meeting and we are also going to advertise for a public meeting.

Barbara Huston asked attorney Biege if he had anything else.

Attorney Biege said as an up-date on the meeting once again on the 13<sup>th</sup> with the attorneys for the City of La Porte and the City of Michigan City they are making progress.

Barbara Huston asked if any members had any comments tonight.

Gene Matzat said that some of the Plan Commissions were involved in this year's annual tour and bar-be-cue. Mr. Matzat said that Harold Parker assisted with his representation of the La Porte County Farm Bureau and Tony Hendricks was there at one of the educational stops talking about farming and the Kankakee River. Mr. Matzat said that this was hosted at Harold's daughters place in La Crosse.

Gene Matzat said that he also has for information an invitation Monday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 they will be hosting Purdue Land Use up-date. Mr. Matzat said that it's going to be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and it will be an overview on climate impact for community planning that will focus on what some communities are doing to incorporate climate change, such as flooding, snow storms and those types of things. Gene said that will be at their office.

Barbara Huston said she would entertain a Motion to adjourn.

Matt Bernacchi made a Motion to adjourn. Rita Beaty Kelly seconded. All approved 9-0.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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BARBARA HUSTON, President

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ANNEMARIE POLAN, Rec. Secretary