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ANNEMARIE POLAN
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LA PORTE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES January 23, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony Hendricks Gene Matzat
 John Carr Rita Beaty Kelly
 Harold Parker Earl Cunningham

OTHERS PRESENT: Annemarie Polan, Recording Secretary, Douglas Biege, Attorney,
Darlene Forker, Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Annemarie Polan, Building Commissioner asked Dar for roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Annemarie Polan asked for approval of the minutes from the June 27th, 2017 meeting.

Harold Parker made a Motion to approve.

Rita Beaty Kelly seconded.

All approved. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Annemarie Polan asked for approval of the agenda.

Harold Parker made a motion to approve.

Rita Beaty Kelly seconded.

All approved. Motion carries.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Annemarie Polan asked if there are any nominations for President.

Rita Beaty Kelly nominated Tony Hendricks.

Earl Cunningham seconded.

Annemarie Polan asked if there are any further nominations.

Harold Parker moved that they be closed.

Gene Matzat seconded.

All approved. Motion carries.

Anthony Hendricks, President asked if there are any nominations for Plan Commission Secretary, Vice President and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Harold Parker asked if Glen Minich is Vice President.

Anthony Hendricks said that he did talk to Mr. Minich and he is the Board of Zoning Appeals liaison and he said he would do that again. Last year Rita Beaty Kelly was Vice President; Annemarie is our Secretary for the Plan Commission and Doug Biege would be our attorney.

Gene Matzat said he would nominate those mentioned for our slate of officers.

Anthony Hendricks said that there is a nomination to retain the same as last year.

Earl Cunningham seconded.

Anthony Hendricks if there are any other nominations.

All approved. Motion carries.

Those retained are Annemarie Polan, Building Commissioner, Rita Beaty Kelly, Vice President and Douglas Biege, Attorney.

Anthony Hendricks thanked Annemarie and Dar for all the work they do.

Anthony Hendricks asked if there is any old business.

Anthony Hendricks asked if there is any new business.

Attorney Biege said that there is a movement of the coalition in several counties to alter and/or develop U.S. Highway 30 corridor. La Porte County has been asked to participate. Attorney Biege said that he's suggesting at some point the Plan Commission weigh in on its opinion on the area and how to proceed. Attorney Biege said he thinks another night might be more appropriate.

Harold Parker said he has attended two (2) of those meetings.

Anthony Hendricks said we have the issue of the consortium talking about some plan in the county that we at some point need to weigh in on with our County Planner.

Attorney Biege said that they have approached the County Planner, County Commissioners and they did not approach anybody on the Plan Commission, or himself, as Plan Commission attorney. Attorney Biege said that they talked about zoning and master plan, however our master plan is due for an update this year, or so because we're at about the ten (10) year mark.

Attorney Biege said that we just revised the zoning code a couple of times last year, as well as the zoning maps. Attorney Biege said he's not sure what improvements they think they could make, but they have not approached him, or as far as he's concerned, any member of the Plan Commission yet. Attorney Biege said he doesn't think that issue is quite right for discussion.

Anthony Hendricks said we do have some things to look at potentially for our master plan.

Attorney Biege said he doesn't think there is anything major, but it's time to look at it to see if there are any updates necessary. Attorney Biege said Mitch Bishop has brought that up to him a couple of times and he thought he would bring that to your attention.

Anthony Hendricks said he doesn't want to put Annemarie on the hot seat, but was last year a good year for building permits.

Annemarie Polan, Building Commissioner, said it was a fantastic year. Annemarie told the board members that she sent a report to all of you and she thinks it was up four-hundred and ninety eight (498) --- four hundred and sixty eight (468) permits.

Rita Beaty Kelly said that's quite a bit.

Annemarie Polan, Building Commissioner said it was a busy year.

Anthony Hendricks said La Porte County is doing very well.

Anthony Hendricks if there is any other new business.

Gene Matzat asked if the fees need to be reviewed.

Annemarie Polan, Building Commissioner said she thinks we're okay on the fees.

Earl Cunningham said having served on the council for eight (8) years and having read numerous minutes from the meetings, he wants to commend Annemarie and Dar. Earl said he can't remember a year that he's gone through with no changes to the minutes, and they're meticulous. Earl told Annemarie and Dar they do a great job and he appreciates it.

Anthony Hendricks said on that note, you do such a good job and he likes that our county is different from other counties they deal with; we always start from yes; we don't start from no in this county. Anthony said when he goes to other counties, it always seems to be a struggle and when you come up to our county you work with customers so well, it's amazing. Anthony said you're always trying to help us get things done in this county and La Porte County is open for business.

Annemarie Polan said that's absolutely what we want.

Anthony Hendricks asked for a motion to adjourn.

Harold Parker said so moved.

Rita Beaty Kelly seconded.

All approved. Motion carries.

There being no further business before the Plan Commission this evening, meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


ANTHONY HENDRICKS, President


ANNEMARIE POLAN, Rec. Secretary