

The Beverly Shores Plan Commission met in a regular meeting at the Beverly Shores Administration Building, 500 South Broadway, Beverly Shores, Indiana on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:30 PM

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### ROLL CALL

Present:

Donna Norkus

John Janssen

Joe Kapacinskis

Erik Olson

Larry Stanton (attending virtually)

David Phelps (attending virtually)

#### TITLE VI SURVEY

The Title VI survey was made available in the meeting room.

#### APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

Upon motion the February 5 Plan Commission meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Plan Commission Reporting Mechanism – the template proposed for tracking and prioritizing the recommendations of the commission was not considered by the Town Counsel at its February 20 meeting due to technical difficulties sharing the document. Commission members discussed the organization of the work of the commission, including:

- Recommendation that each issue have an assigned “champion”;
- Presentation to the Town Counsel annually to inform and collect comments;
- Review of tracking document every three to four months or twice a year to review progress;
- The need for direction from the Town Counsel to guide the Plan Commission work;
- The possibility to schedule advertised work group meetings; and
- The importance of prioritizing the 14 existing goals.

The Commission considered whether it would be appropriate to cancel meetings where there was limited attendance or no agenda items and weighed whether regular meetings should be held as an opportunity for community members to participate.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Commission discussed the following new business:

- Reviewing the town’s wetland ordinance in light of recent changes to Indiana State wetlands laws to ensure protection of town wetlands;
- Whether the commission should take an interest in Indiana House Bill 1108 regarding prohibition of steep slope limits on development; and
- Consideration of a sidewalk ordinance in the business district to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety and the issues associated with such an ordinance.

The commission heard from Beverly Shores resident John Mackin regarding septic issues, the possibility of allowing mixed uses along Highway 12, and the existence of an estimate of costs for installation of sanitary sewer connection with Michigan City developed by former building commissioner Charlie Ray for the RDA.

Finally the members discussed the importance of maintaining the Town's drainage systems.

NEXT MEETING:

Will be April 1, 2024

Upon motion and unanimous roll call vote the meeting was adjourned.