

The Beverly Shores Plan Commission met in a regular meeting at the Beverly Shores Administration Building, 500 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores, Indiana on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present:

Donna Norkus

Sharon Carnes

John Jannsen (virtual)

Joe Kapacinskaskas

Erik Olson

David Phelps

Larry Stanton

TITLE VI SURVEY

Title VI Survey is available on the town website.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion for approval by Commissioner Stanton and seconded by Commissioner Olson.

(Yes) Donna Norkus, Erik Olson, John Jannsen, Joe Kapacinskaskas, Sharon Carnes, David Phelps, Larry Stanton

(No) None

OLD BUSINESS

- Commissioner Stanton reported on the April 23, 2024 meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Beverly Shores Comprehensive Plan, 2024 Priorities. The meeting's purpose was to identify 2024 priorities and determine initial steps, responsibility, and accountability for the 14 recommendations.

Commissioner Olson moved to adopt the 2024 Priorities for the Beverly Shores Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Commissioner Carnes.

Discussion ensued about the recommendations.

#10 The Town should enforce current ordinances to protect, conserve and sustain the natural environment in Beverly Shores and work with the National Park, ERG, and other partners to monitor and manage the deer population and remove and prevent the spread of invasive species. Commissioner Norkus suggested adding the Town Council as a Responsible Party and removing ERG as a Responsible Party and adding the ERG as a Consulting Party.

#6 The Town should continue to make 24-hour police and fire protection a high priority.

Commissioner Norkus suggested changing the language of Initial Steps from “Maintain funding and staff for Police and BSVFD” to “Maintain funding and staff for Police and Fire Department”

#8 The Town should develop a short-term and long-term plan to increase access to Town-owned beaches, including East Lake Shore Park, and continue to maintain Town parks, beaches, and trails. Commissioner Phelps asked if there was a discussion about the position of Lakeshore Monitor noted in the Responsibility box. Commissioner Stanton stated that there was no discussion.

Commissioner Kapacinskaskas called for the vote.

(Yes) Donna Norkus, Erik Olson, John Jannsen, Joe Kapacinskaskas, Sharon Carnes, David Phelps, Larry Stanton

(No) None

Commissioner Kapacinskaskas expressed concern about moving the 2024 recommendations forward. Discussion ensued regarding the frequency of the progress discussions.

Interim progress reports for the Plan Commission action items were proposed for July and January with the Town Council providing progress reports on their action items in June and December. Progress reports time frames are still open for discussion. Commissioner Olson proposed adding the Plan Commission action items #8, #12, #13, and #14 to the upcoming Plan Commission agendas and reviewing their priorities and progress. Commissioner Kapacinskaskas will add these items to subsequent Plan Commission agendas.

- Commissioner Kapacinskaskas followed up on an email from Building and Building Site Committee President Scott Vilek regarding language in the Beverly Shores Municipal Code.

Building and Building Site Committee President Vilek asked that obsolete portions of the Building Code be removed from the ordinance. President Vilek referenced 7 items listed under 152.02-B. It was agreed that these items are confusing but 152.02-B adopts the current state code as applied by the state. This item was tabled until the July meeting to allow time for Plan Commission members to familiarize themselves with the ordinance and to consult with the Plan Commission lawyer about the process for amending the ordinance.

- HB 1108 - Commissioner Stanton talked with Senator Pol's staff regarding this law. This will not affect the Beverly Shores Steep Slope Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

- Status of the TDD – Commissioner Phelps reported that the Town of Pines appointed Ms. Tammy Watkins as their delegate to Transit Development District (TDD) Steering Committee. Members of the Beverly Shores Town Council and Beverly Shores delegate to the TDD will meet with Ms. Watkins and Town of Pines President Bud Prast to formulate questions for the Regional Development Authority (RDA).
- Building Commissioner David Wagner informed the Plan Commission that the Building and Building Site Committee will be assessing fines to Jon's Tree Service for violations of the Tree Removal Ordinance at June 8, 2024 meeting of the Building and Building Site Committee. Building Commissioner Wagner will consult with the Town Lawyer concerning the revocation of the contractor registration by the Plan Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Macklin 204 Quigley Ave. questioned whether Beverly Shores code is more restrictive than state code regarding tree removal. Mr. Macklin also informed the Commission that a sewer line study was performed 2-1/2 years ago and the Plan Commission should consider reviewing that study. Mr. Macklin asked if the tax increment of a property in a TDD accrues to the Town of Beverly Shores.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Stanton and seconded by Commissioner Norkus.
(Yes) Donna Norkus, Sharon Carnes, John Janssen, Erik Olson, Larry Stanton, Joe Kapacinskis, David Phelps
(No) None

With no further business, President Kapacinskas declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

NEXT MEETING

Next Plan Commission meeting is Monday, July 1, 2024.