

**WHITLEY COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Wright
John Woodmansee
John Johnson
Mark Mynhier
Joe Wolf
Brad Wolfe
Tom Western
Thor Hodges – *arrived 7:05 p.m.*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Elizabeth Deckard

STAFF

Nathan Bilger
Jennifer Shinabery

ATTORNEY

Dawn Boyd

VISITORS

There were 8 visitors who registered their attendance at the January 16, 2019 regular meeting of the Whitley County Plan Commission. A signed guest list is kept on record.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mr. Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Shinabery read the roll call with all members present and absent listed above.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Wright asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 20, 2018 regular meeting minutes. There being none, Mr. Western made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wolf. The motion passed unanimously, with all attending members voting in favor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Wright opened the floor for nominations of the 2019 Plan Commission Officers. Mr. Woodmansee made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Wright as President; the motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe and passed unanimously. Mr. Hodges made a motion to elect Mr. Woodmansee as Vice-President. Mr. Woodmansee declined the nomination. Mr. Mynhier made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Wolfe as Vice-President; the motion was seconded by Mr. Woodmansee and passed unanimously. Mr. Western made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Johnson as Secretary; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hodges and passed unanimously. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Wright as the Board of Zoning Appeals Representative; the motion was seconded by Mr. Western and passed unanimously. Mr. Hodges made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Woodmansee as the Joint Advisory Board Representative; the motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bilger provided a training on the Principles and Processes of Planning and Zoning, based on the Indiana Citizen's Planner's Guide.

Mr. Bilger then presented a recent proposal to have a “barn wedding” venue in an Agricultural District, explaining that the current code does not address such a use. There was discussion on whether the use would be considered agri-tourism, a corporate retreat, or an oversized home occupation, which would require a Special Exception plus Variance with the Board of Zoning Appeals. The general consensus was to consider the use as a home occupation.

Mr. Bilger concluded by discussing a timeline to review the residential code over the upcoming year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wright declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.