

**MINUTES**  
**WHITLEY COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 16, 2022**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Whitley County Government Center**  
**Lower Level, Meeting Room A/B**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF</b>
Dane Drew	X		Nathan Bilger
Brent Emerick	X		Brent Bockelman
Thor Hodges	X		
Mark Johnson	X		<b>LEGAL COUNSEL</b>
Kim Kurtz-Seslar	X		Elizabeth Deckard
George Schrupf	X		
Joe Wolf	X		<b>NONVOTING ADVISOR</b>
Doug Wright	X		John Woodmansee
<i>Vacant</i>			

**AUDIENCE MEMBERS**

The audience list of in-person and electronic guests is attached below.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mr. Hodges called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bockelman read the roll call with members present and absent listed above.

**CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes for the February 16, 2022, regular meeting were presented for consideration. Mr. Hodges asked if members required time to review the minutes. Hearing nothing, he called for a motion. Mr. Drew made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Emerick seconded. Motion passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

Ms. Deckard administered the oath to audience members wishing to speak.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Timothy and Sheila Pittenger request preliminary plat approval of a 2-lot subdivision proposed to be known as “Yellow Finch Pass.” The property is located on the west side of 450 East, 225 feet south of State Road 205, in section 31 of Smith Township.

Mr. Bilger presented the staff report for 22-W-SUBD-2. He explained the project giving details of the new drive frontage on State Road 205 and reconfiguration of the two lots involved. He

stated that the approval from INDOT for the driveway is a stated condition of the approval. Aerial views were provided with overlays for further clarification. The staff recommended conditions are as follows.

1. An INDOT permit for new the driveway for proposed Lot 1 must be obtained prior to recordation of secondary plat.
2. Revise building line along SR 205 to 100’.
3. Health Department requirements, if any, must be met prior to recordation of secondary plat.
4. Secondary plat approval delegated to the Plan Commission Staff.

Having no questions for staff, Mr. Hodges asked the petitioner to speak.

Sheila Pittenger, 1449 N. 450 East, addressed the Commission. She explained their project and intentions to construct a barn in the future on the area on lot #2. She showed on the map where the proposed construction would be located.

Having no further discussion, Mr. Hodges asked for a motion. Mr. Drew made a motion to approve petition 22-W-SUBD-2 with staff recommended conditions. Motion was seconded by Ms. Kurtz-Seslar. Motion passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Hodges opened discussions on the previous workshop. Hearing none, Mr. Hodges discussed adjourning the meeting and reconvening in the workshop setting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Mr. Hodges adjourned the meeting at 7:17 P.M.

### **GUEST LIST**

1. Tim Pittenger .....1449 N. 450 East, Columbia City
2. Sheila Pittenger .....1449 N. 450 East, Columbia City
3. Rob Schuman .....3345 N. 350 East, Columbia City
4. John Meister .....5995 S. Woodstrail Dr-57, Columbia City
5. Jarryd Myers .....4640 S. 275 West, Columbia City
6. Randy Merry .....1 Wake Road, Chicago, Illinois
7. Joan Null .....8099 S. 200 East, Columbia City
8. Larry Long .....2835 W. 800 South, South Whitley

### **GUEST LIST-ELECTRONIC**

9. Robert Kehmeyer .....8411 S. 600 East, Columbia City
10. Sonya Emerick .....5865 E. State Road 14, Columbia City
11. Judy Kehmeyer .....8375 S. 600 East, Columbia City
12. Alayne Johnson .....6906 E 150 North, Columbia City