

**Long Beach
Advisory Plan Commission
Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee
Minutes from March 21, 2016 Regular Meeting**

Members Present: Pete Byvoets, Nick Meyer, Bob LeMay, Mike Gorman, Richard Jercich and Patrick Cannon.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7PM
2. Roll was taken and the attendees' names are noted above.
3. The minutes of the February 15, 2016 regular meeting were approved by a vote of 6-0.
4. Subcommittee reports were made:
 - Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee: Patrick Cannon advised the Commission that the subcommittee had conducted its first public meeting on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the gym of the community center. McKenna & Associates opened the meeting and they introduced the parameters of a comprehensive plan and what residents could expect as part of the process. There were approximately 50 residents present and questions from the public were entertained and answered by McKenna. Each resident was asked to share his or her one big idea that they had for the town as it moves forward. These "one big ideas" were collected from the attendees. The next meeting of the Subcommittee would be held on April 16th at 9AM in the gym of the community center at which time McKenna would conduct a visioning session.
 - Nick Meyer made report of the Town Beautification subcommittee. The last meeting was held on March 3, 2016. Minutes have been posted on the town website. Items discussed were stump removal by NIPSCO and new tree planting around the community center. It was also reported that Haas & Associates had developed draining plants for stops 22 and 23.
 - Report of the Land Preservation Subcommittee. The minutes of this meeting are posted on the town website. Their last meeting was on February 17, 2015.
 - No report of the Immediate Zoning Subcommittee as they have not yet had an initial meeting.
5. The meeting was opened for the purposes of a Public Hearing on "An Ordinance of the Long Beach Town Council amending portions of the text and Appendix A of the Zoning Code of the Town of Long Beach, Indiana."
 - The public meeting was opened by Patrick Cannon who introduced the ordinance by title.
 - Pete Byvoets gave a brief summary of the need for the ordinance.

- The floor was opened for comments by persons in favor of the ordinance. There were no comments.
 - The public comment for those in favor of the ordinance was closed.
 - The public meeting was opened to hear from people opposed to the ordinance:
 - John Mengel, 1508 Lakeshore asked why not wait to change this after the comprehensive plan is complete. The chair advised Mr. Mengel of the need for immediate action due to a lawsuit filed sighting the possible misinterpretation of the language.
 - James Dehner, 2300 Fairway Drive asked why would the town pass this when there are so many homes in the area that exceed the 35% requirement. Mr Dehner was advised that the rule was 35% and any previous allowance to exceed that would have to stand but moving forward the 35 % rule would be enforced.
 - There being no further public comments the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.
 - The public meeting was opened for discussion by members of the APC and there being no discussion there was a motion made and seconded to recommend to the Town Council that "The Ordinance of the Long Beach Town Council Amending Portions of the text and appendix A of the Zoning Code of the town of Long Beach, Indiana" with a favorable opinion by a vote of 6-0.
 - The public hearing on the ordinance was closed.
 - The vote would be certified and passed along to the town clerk.
6. The next matter coming before the commission was an "Ordinance of the Town of Long Beach Amending Chapter 150 and 151 or the Long Beach Town Code."
- Pete Byvoets at this point summarized the history of the 20-month process arriving.
 - The Commission held a general discussion and questions were responded to by Byvoets.
 - There was a motion to adopt and pass the ordinance as amended to the commission. A vote was taken and the "ordinance of the Long Beach Town Council Amending Chapters 150 and 151 of the Long Beach Town Code was passed by the commission by a vote of 6-0.
 - The ordinance would be passed along to the town clerk and attorney in order that they may take the next steps in the process.
7. Cannon opened the discussion of the appointment of a BZA member to the alternate BZA board for purposes of hearing a complaint filed by the Long Beach Community Alliance on the matter of the Stop 29 seawall. There being 4 non-elected members of the APC eligible for appointment, namely, Mike

Gorman, Patrick Cannon, Rich Jercich and Maureen Healy, and the fact that Rich Jercich was already a member of the BZA there remained no members of the APC from the remaining 3 eligible members, Gorman, Cannon and Healy who did not have a conflict of interest in the matter. No appointment was made and Cannon advised the commission that he would call Julie Paulson of Welsh, Harris and Lukkman to discuss if any further action by the APC was to be made given these circumstances.

8. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed on a vote of 6-0.
9. The next regular meeting of the APC would be Monday April 18, 2016 in the Town Center at 7PM.

Submitted by Patrick Cannon.

Signed & dated

Official APC seal

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Patrick Cannon



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