

## Beverly Shores Plan Commission Minutes

November 5, 2018

6:30 P.M.

1. The meeting of the Beverly Shores Plan Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Beverly Shores Community House. Members of the Plan Commission present were Brian O’Neil, Gabrielle Biciunas, Donna Norkus, John Daraska, Thomas Weber, and Brian Quealy. Member Greg Lyman and Attorney Connor Nolan were not in attendance.
2. Review of previous meeting minutes. Minutes of the October 1, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Norkus moved to accept, Biciunas seconded. Motion passed.
3. Old Business
  - a. Comprehensive Plan Discussion

The Commission asked for suggestions from the residents in attendance, John Blackburn and Larry Stanton. Their suggestions included: conducting a review of ordinances to ensure they meet the intention of the Comprehensive Plan; review the steep slope ordinance in particular; consider sanitary sewers along Highway 12; consider the impacts of the Double-Track NICTD project on BS commuter parking lot and town properties; consider the idea of making Highway 12 a scenic drive (restricting truck traffic).

Commission discussion of ideas for moving forward with the review of the CP included:

Updating the Statement of Purpose, consider strengthening language regarding why BS wants to keep development low density.

Include GIS maps of town with layers for environmental assets (wetlands, flood plains, T&E species habitats, etc.) that are available through government data and ESRI.

Team up with Dune Acres and Ogden Dunes to utilize their experiences in ordinance development.

Consider teaming with other entities to help remediate shoreline erosion (NPS, Michigan City, USACOE). Investigate political means to obtain funding to combat shoreline erosion (Senator Tallian, Vice President Pence).

Find the “Frankel Report” that was done in 1978.

Contact Ed Kleese to help with the town history section to see it could be updated or enhanced by the work that Ed and others have done in collecting town history over the past few years.

Review the Weaver-Boos report on groundwater protection.

Action Items:

By next meeting, all to review the comprehensive plan to pick 2 or 3 items of special interest each commissioner would like to concentrate on.

Next meeting, assign areas of interest to pairs or groups of commissioners to dig into more deeply.

From previous meeting: ask Town Clerk/Treasurer set up a shared drive for members of the Plan Commission to save and share documents.

4. Commissioner Norkus moved to close the meeting; Quealy seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.