

Beverly Shores Plan Commission Minutes

August 6, 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 Administration Building. Members of the Plan Commission present were Brian O'Neil, Gabrielle Biciunas, Greg Lyman, Donna Norkus, John Daraska, Thomas Weber, and Brian Quealy. Attorney Connor Nolan was not in attendance.
2. Review of previous meeting minutes. Minutes of the July 2, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Biciunas moved to accept, Norkus seconded. Motion passed.
3. Public Hearing for the Revised Sign Ordinance 2018-06
 - a. Commissioner Weber moved to open the public hearing, Commissioner Lyman seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. Revised draft ordinance was discussed and modifications recommended. A sentence referring to size limits on temporary signs in Section 3 (B) was determined to have been inserted in error and so was deleted. The words "or Code Enforcement Officer" were inserted after the words "Building Commissioner" in six places in Section 6(D).
 - c. Public Comment
 - i. Peg Oberle of 106 Lakefront asked to have a general explanation of the reason for the change in the sign ordinance. Commissioner Lyman explained that the US Supreme Court handed down a decision ruling that governmental bodies may not restrict the content of signs or be in violation of First Amendment free speech rights. The sign ordinance revisions also reflect changes in Indiana law. The Town Attorneys revised the ordinance to accomplish that and the Plan Commission took the opportunity to review and modify some other portions of the ordinance. Ms. Oberle asked if the size limitations on signs in the commercial district had been changed and the Commission said that the maximum size of a single sign had been changed from 50 square feet to 36 square feet. Ms. Oberle thanked the Commission.
 - d. Commissioner Norkus moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Weber seconded. Motion passed.
 - e. Commissioner Weber moved that the Sign Ordinance 2018-06, as amended, be forwarded to the Town Council with a favorable

recommendation for approval. Commissioner Lyman seconded. Motion passed.

4. New Business

- a. No new business for this meeting
 - b. Commissioner Lyman recommended that the Plan Commission begin to review the Town Comprehensive Plan that is required to be reviewed and updated, as necessary, every five years. The last review was in 2012. Resident Oberle suggested that during previous Comprehensive Plan reviews, surveys were sent out to town residents for their input and she asked that the Commission consider that again this time.
5. It was determined to cancel the September meeting as it is scheduled to occur on September 3 which is the Labor Day holiday. The next meeting of the Plan Commission will be on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 6:30 at the town Admin Building.
6. Commissioner Lyman moved to close the meeting. Commissioner Quealy seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.