ROLL CALL

Harry Baumgartner Jr. Jerome Markley

Tyson Brooks Tim Rohr

Chandler Gerber John Schuhmacher Jarrod Hahn Becky Stone-Smith

Melissa Woodworth

Kiera Lance

Michael Lautzenheiser, Jr., Director

The September 7, 2023, meeting of the Area Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jerome Markley. Ten members were present for the roll call. Bill Horan was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jarrod Hahn made a motion to approve the minutes with changes from the August 10, 2023, meeting. Tim Rohr seconded the motion; the motion carried 10-0.

OLD ITEMS:

NEW ITEMS:

A 23-09-16 UNION TWP. NW/4 9-28N-11E Judith Booth requests approval for a 7.05 acre division of a minor subdivision. The property is located at 3930 W 1100 N, Markle, IN 46770 and is zoned A-1.

Dana Booth, son of Judith Booth who was present at the meeting, presented the petition. There was discussion regarding Plat Committee review and that the petition met all the requirements. There was no public comment.

Motion to Approve: Tyson Brooks

Second: Jarrod Hahn

Vote: 10-0

OTHER BUSINESS:

V2022-027 – Jamie Barton – 803 S Main St., Bluffton

Michael Lautzenheiser said that the violation has been resolved.

V2023-002 – Matthew Liby – 3815 E SR 124, Bluffton

Matthew Liby was present at the meeting. There was discussion on items still needing to be removed and that a permit had been issued.

V2023-010 – Eugene & Sterling Thompson – 602 W Mill, Ossian

Michael Lautzenheiser gave an update on violation since the property owners were not present. He said it was still on going and that there was still work to be done. He talked about their wish to add on but that the building is located in a floodplain which might cause some difficulties. The board discussed a timeline.

Motion to continue to October meeting: Melissa Woodworth

Second: Becky Stone-Smith

Vote: 10-0

Issac Zent - Unsafe Buildings Zanesville & County

Issac Zent asked the board about page 31 of the comprehensive plan regarding building safety. There was discussion on what options there might be for Zanesville if they wish to move forward similar to Bluffton and Ossian. Michael Lautzenheiser explained that the Area Plan Commission is paid for by the county? however, building departments are to be paid by each jurisdiction.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Michael Lautzenheiser talked about the upcoming ordinance amendment draft that he is working on to be presented at an upcoming meeting.

REVITALIZATION

Michael Lautzenheiser talked about the different projects taking place in the county. He gave an updates on trail projects, parks, and upcoming fall activities.

HOUSING STUDY UPDATES

Michael Lautzenheiser talked about the consultant who was working on the study and the progress made so far. He said that the primary goal is to be able to review the gap analysis.

ADVISORY:

The October meeting was confirmed.

ADJOURN:

John Schuhmacher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Becky Stone-Smith seconded the motion. The September 7, 2023, Area Plan Commission meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. with a vote of 10-0.

Jerome Markley, President

ATTEST: