

**MINUTES**  
**BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2013 AT 8:30 A.M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 123 WASHINGTON STREET**  
**COLUMBUS, INDIANA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Zack Ellison (President) Lisa Moore, Rick Flohr, Tom Finke (Secretary), Don Meier, Kris Medic, Jason Newton, and Phyllis Apple.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jorge Morales.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jeff Bergman, Melissa Begley, Rae-Leigh Stark, Sondra Bohn, and Cindy Boll (Deputy County Attorney).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the June 12, 2013 Meeting (Approval and Signing).

Motion: Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Finke seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS REQUIRING COMMISSION ACTION**

None

**NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING COMMISSION ACTION**

**General Resolution 2013-01 (Subdivision Control Ordinance Revisions):** A resolution recommending to the Board of County Commissioners approval of an ordinance amending the Bartholomew County Subdivision Control Ordinance in regard to definitions, agricultural subdivisions, and the requirement of an administrative subdivision for cemetery plots.

Mr. Bergman presented the background information of this request.

Mr. Bergman stated that the County Plan Commission had asked for a revision to the Subdivision Control Ordinance provisions for an agriculture subdivision. At the same time, the Planning Department had been working on a subdivision definitions project. He stated that staff has combined these two efforts and are now ready with an ordinance making the appropriate changes. He stated staff has contacted local land surveyors, the County Highway Department, County Surveyor's Department, and the City Engineer Department about the proposed changes. Comments received have been incorporated into the recommended revisions.

Mr. Bergman stated the proposed revisions would accomplish the following: (1) Replace the existing definitions in both the city and county subdivision control ordinance with a combined and more clarified list of definitions. (2) Remove the requirement for an agriculture tract to have a minimum area of 20 acres, and (3) Remove the requirement for cemetery plots to receive administrative subdivision approval.

Mr. Bergman stated the City Plan Commission has the same item on their agenda today, it is for discussion only tonight and then it will be put on for an action item next month.

Mr. Newton asked how this would affect the areas in the two-mile jurisdiction. Mr. Bergman stated those areas are under the City's Subdivision Control Ordinance.

Mr. Ellison opened the meeting to the public.

There was no one to speak for or against this request.

Mr. Ellison closed the meeting to the public.

Motion: Mr. Flohr made a motion to approve (**General Resolution 2013-01 (Subdivision Control Ordinance Revisions)**) as presented and send the changes to the Bartholomew County Commissioners for approval. Ms. Apple seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 8-0.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Ms. Medic stated that Ken Meter with Crossroad Resource Center, will share a program on our Local Farm and Food Economy in Bartholomew County, Tuesday September 10 at 11:30 to 1:00 p.m., Columbus City Hall. She stated this is a very good project to support and encouraged all members to attend.

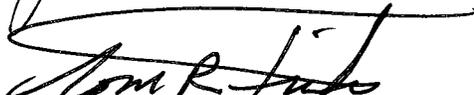
#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Bergman announced that Ms. Stark would be leaving the Planning Department in September, 2013 to attend graduate school in Portland, Oregon. He stated that staff had advertised for a new Associate Planner and would be interviewing applicants in the near future.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 a.m.**



Zack Ellison, President



Tom Finke, Secretary