# MINUTES BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 14, 2012 AT 8:30 A.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 123 WASHINGTON STREET COLUMBUS, INDIANA

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Reed (Vice-President), Paul Franke, Jorge Morales, Lisa Moore, Don Meier, Phyllis Apple, Mike Ferree and Dave Hayward (City Plan Commission Liaison).

**MEMBERS ABSENT**: Zack Ellison (President) and Tom Finke (Secretary)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jeff Bergman, Sherrie Grable, Melissa Begley, Trudi Smith, Thom Weintraut and Cindy Boll (Deputy County Attorney).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of the February 8, 2012 Meeting (Approval and Signing)

Motion: Mrs. Apple made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Morales seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

## **OLD BUSINESS REQUIRING COMMISSION ACTION**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING COMMISSION ACTION**

A proposal to rename the portion of County Road 350 East between 25<sup>th</sup> Street and County Road 250 North. The proposed new name for County Road 350 is Bonnell Road.

Mr. Weintraut presented the background information on this request.

Mr. Tom Bonnell provided the history on this road and the reason why he is requesting it be changed to Bonnell Road.

Mr. Franke stated this had been discussed among the Bartholomew County Commissioners and they were in agreement that it would be appropriate to change the name. He stated that if this property was annexed into the city it would be given a name instead of a grid number.

Mr. Reed opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Jerry Day, the lead Pastor for The Ridge, stated his church will be moving to this area in the near future. He said the map provided to the Commission members' shows their property is not

completely accurate, the church owns an additional fifteen acres to the north of the church site itself. The recent road improvements were made and paid for by the church. He stated if the name of the road was changed it may be more difficult for people to locate the church using GPS due to possible misspelling of the name.

Mr. Bergman stated he felt annexation might be quite a ways off. He said if it were to be annexed the City doesn't have any standing policy stating the name should be changed.

Mr. Reed asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak.

Mr. Mike Morrow, facilities pastor at The Ridge chose to speak. He stated that the church had spent around \$350,000.00 in the road improvements. He said The Ridge had gone through a name change from the Berean Bible Church, largely in part, so people could easily identify the church. He felt there may be some problems with the name change to Bonnell Road because people new to the community would have problems pronouncing or spelling it.

Mr. Morales asked if the County Commissioners considered this request by The Ridge.

Mr. Franke stated there was no request by The Ridge at their meeting.

Mr. Day said this was the first he had heard of it. He stated they received nothing in the mail to this effect until the notice for this Plan Commission meeting.

Mr. Franke stated the Commissioners felt since The Ridge had not moved in and probably didn't have anything printed up pertaining to the address, now was a good time if it was going to be changed.

Mr. Reed asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak. There was not and he closed the meeting to the public.

Mrs. Moore asked if the Bonnell's originally built this road, and if in fact, this road would not have existed had it not been for them. It was agreed on that this is correct.

Mr. Ferree asked if this was given an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning Staff.

Mr. Weintraut responded it was not the Planning Staff but the Street Renaming Committee that issued an unfavorable recommendation. Their reasons were concerns about public safety officials finding the road, and the gradual undoing of the grid system.

Motion by Mr. Franke to approve the Street Renaming to Bonnell Road. Motion seconded by Don Meier. Ballots were cast and there were 5 yea votes and 2 nay votes.

The nay votes were Mrs. Apple and Mr. Morales.

# **DISCUSSION**

ADJOURNMENT: 9:17 a.m.

Zack Ellison

Tom Finke