

MINUTES
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 12, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
123 WASHINGTON STREET
COLUMBUS, INDIANA

Members in Person: Arnold Haskell, Tony London, Tom Finke, John Prohaska, Mike Speaker, David Payne, Josh Burbrink, Greg Patterson, and Dennis Baute (Columbus Plan Commission Liaison)

Members Absent: Cindy Finkel

Staff in Person: Jeff Bergman, Andres Nieto, Jim Shoaf (County Attorney), Danny Hollander (County Highway Engineer)

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the September 10, 2025 meeting.

Motion: Tony London made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Greg Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING COMMISSION ACTION

BMP-2025-011: Keeping Hill Minor Subdivision, 3rd Replat - A request by Jan Scott Lucas to create one new lot (+/- 18.2 acres) with a parent tract remainder (+/- 19 acres) for a total of 10 lots and a parent tract remainder, totaling +/- 74 acres. The property is located at 7070 South 650 West, in Ohio Township.

Ted Darnall, with Milestone Design Group, and Jan Lucas represented the applicant.

Andres Nieto presented for the Planning Department.

Greg Patterson asked if this new proposed lot could potentially be resubdivided to include multiple smaller lots, similar to the cluster of lots in the original Keeping Hill development. Andres Nieto indicated that may be possible, but only after a subsequent Plan Commission approval.

John Prohaska verified that the only access improvement recommendation given by the County Highway Department is to remove trees within the right-of-way and asked the distance in which the trees need to be removed. Danny Hollander stated it is 800 feet along the 650 West frontage of the new lot and parent tract remainder. Danny added that he had meet on-site with the applicants and reached an agreement on the needed tree clearing.

Tom Finke opened the meeting to public comment.

No one asked to speak.

Tom Finke closed the meeting to public comment.

Motion: Arnold Haskell made a motion to approve **BMP-2025-011** subject to the revisions listed in the staff report, including the tree clearing in the 650 West right-of-way as specified by the County Highway Engineer. John Prohaska seconded the motion. The motion passed with a ballot vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS / DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tom Finke stated he would like to identify a nominating committee for next year's Plan Commission officer elections since there may not be a December meeting to appoint that committee. John Prohaska made a motion for Arnold Haskell, David Payne, and Josh Burbrink to be the nominating committee. Tony London seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed.

Jeff Bergman discussed a recent phishing scam involving recent Planning Department applicants using publically available material from the Department's website. He noted that changes would be made to shield applicant contact information.

The Commission discussed the delivery of meeting packets and the availability of that same material on the Planning Department's website. Tony London requested an email be sent out to the Commission members when the material is posted to the website each month.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:52am

Motion: Greg Patterson made a motion to adjourn. Tony London seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed.

These minutes approved at the Plan Commission meeting on December 10, 2025.

Tom R. Finke, President

Arnold Haskell, Secretary