

WARSAW PLAN COMMISSION

February 10, 2014

Present: Tom Allen, Rick Keeven, Jeff Grose, Michael Klondaris, David Baumgartner, Mike Valentine (City Attorney), Jeremy Skinner (City Planner), Tim Dombrosky (Assistant City Planner), Kim Arnold (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Jim Gast

Call to Order

Allen called the meeting to order.

Attorney Mike Valentine swore in Dave Baumgartner and Tom Allen.

Election of Officers and Approval of 2013 Schedule

Keeven made a motion to retain all present officers and close the nominations. Tom Allen is the President and Jeff Grose is the Vice President. Klondaris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Keeven made a motion to approve the 2014 Schedule. Baumgartner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The December 09, 2013 meeting minutes were reviewed and presented for approval. Keeven made a motion to approve the December 09, 2013 meeting minutes as presented; Klondaris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Oral and Written Reports

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Comprehensive Plan Discussion – City Planner Skinner introduced Brad Johnson of Ground Rules. Mr. Johnson handed out an initial rough draft of the Comprehensive Plan to Commission Members. He explained that the Ball State Charette was the starting place for the development of the Comprehensive Plan. The next step in the process of creating a new Comprehensive Plan is to add to, remove, and refine the initial rough draft. Commission Members and staff will be working on the rough draft to present at an special Plan Commission work session on February

26, 2014 at 4:30 pm, at which point, further refinement will be done. The rough draft will be presented to the public for feedback when a consensus of its readiness is reached by Commission Members. Mr. Johnson presented each section of the draft to the Members, answering questions and defining the content.

Residential Domestic Chickens Discussion- City Planner Skinner turned the meeting over to Assistant City Planner, Tim Dombrosky. Dombrosky explained the proposal for domestic chickens would be fact gathering by the Commission and to mitigate the external effects of chicken keeping. The Commission needs to look at all of the foreseen problems and come up with answers for the proposal of allowing domestic chickens within the City Limits. James Bausch, resident, presented his request for domestic chickens. Pat Loeb, recently re-located to Warsaw, had chickens inside the city limits at his previous residence. He expressed his opinion and read a written statement from Ellen Schwendeman in support of keeping chickens. Wanda Cullison, a dietician employed in the City but not a resident, voiced her support of the access to healthy food. Mr. Bausch stated he has been in contact with the local Extension Office, Animal Welfare League, Animal Control Officer Mike Cox, and Teresa Sailor, Storm-water Coordinator for the City of Warsaw. Assistant Planner Dombrosky provided information to Commission Members in their packets which he briefly discussed. Commission Members discussed the issue with Assistant Planner Dombrosky, City Attorney Valentine, and City Planner Skinner. No formal action was taken and the issue will be discussed again in March. A rough draft will be created, discussed, and revised and once approved, will go to the Common Council for approval.

Keeven made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Baumgartner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

- The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 10, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

Tom Allen, President

Kim Arnold, Recording Secretary