

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 4, 2016**

THE MEETING OF THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION OF GRANT COUNTY was held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM at a regularly scheduled meeting on the first floor of the Grant County Office Complex at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana.

Members present: Bob Bothwell, Myron Brankle, Mike Burton, Stacy Clupper, Rex Maynard, Bob Monroe, Karen Owen, Dick Treon and President, John Bonham.

Members absent: Chuck Draine, Tony Manry, Tyson Nuckols and Jim McWhirt.

Staff present: Executive Director Steve Niblick, and Recording Secretary Debbie Wallace.

John Bonham opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Rex Maynard moved Bob Bothwell seconded to approve the December 2, 2015 minutes. All members present voting yes; vote 9-0; motion carried.

No petitions were filed.

Elections of officers; appointment to Executive Committee and appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals were postponed until the February 1, 2016 meeting. A meeting will be held in February even if no petitions are filed.

Other business:

Bob Bothwell gave an update to the Board members regarding the evaluation of Steve Niblick, APC Executive Director. Discussed were his strengths and weaknesses; areas of concern were reviewed and a six month timeline given to meet those concerns. John Bonham and Bob Bothwell will meet with Steve in 90 days to evaluate progress being made. Per the Fair Labor Act the Executive Director does not earn comp time, must work the set hours each week.

Mike Burton, after consulting with the Commissioners' attorney, stated per state statute the APC shall appoint the Executive Director and set their compensation. The APC has the authority to hire and fire the director; the County Commissioners affirm the positions of APC Executive Director and the county Health Officer.

Dick Treon thought APC used to have the final approval on petitions and not just give a recommendation to the participating jurisdiction. On subdivisions APC does give approval all other petitions (i.e. rezoning etc.) are given a recommendation then forwarded to the participating jurisdiction per state statute.

Steve passed out an organizational chart for the APC office. The job descriptions for staff members will be given out at the February meeting. The requested reports (i.e. financials; permits issued; violations updates etc.) will be in the monthly packets starting with the March meeting. All reports will run approximately one month behind in order to have complete information available for the full month. Bob Bothwell stated the board will be given updates on a monthly basis, regardless if the board meets or not.

Bob Monroe would like the board to be advised of progress of tort claims filed against the Area Plan or any ongoing court cases. With pending litigation there can be no open discussion of any cases in a public meeting.

Myron Brankle questioned if the drainage issue brought up at the last rezoning hearing has been resolved. Dick Treon, John Bonham and Steve Niblick all responded that it would be dealt with prior to any building permits being issued.

There being no other business, Bob Bothwell moved Rex Maynard seconded to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

John Bonham, APC President