

**GRANT COUNTY AREA PLAN COMMISSION  
GRANT COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX**

**Minutes**

**August 3, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

Mr. Briede called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM with all members present except Mr. Bonham and Ms. McCulley.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Monroe moved and Dr. Bothwell seconded a motion to defer the minutes of the June 10, 2020 meeting. Mr. Brankle, Dr. Bothwell, Mr. Caudill, Mr. Leming, Mr. Maynard, Mr. Monroe, Mr. Mowery, Mr. Nuckols, and Ms. Pollen voted yes. Motion carried.

4. Public Hearings (There were no public hearings)

5. Reports

5.1 Litigation

APC Attorney, Mr. Elliott stated that there were upcoming court hearings scheduled. One involved Jack Enslin, whose property has been through APC and the courts on prior occasions. He said this new hearing was necessitated by Sheriff's concerns that the prior order was too old. He also stated that at a court hearing last month the court ruled in favor of Area Plan in a case against Joe and Sue Isaacs regarding required shielding of their salvage car area and an falling-down barn on their property.

5.2 Executive Director

Mr. Strange provided an overall update on permit status (permits are steady as compared to last year, pool permits are up significantly) and stated he had three issues to address.

- Grain bins – Mr. Strange brought up the issue that historically permits have not been required for grain bins on farms. They are not exempted by the code, can be large structures with foundations and footers, and could be considered the same as accessory buildings. After some discussion, Dr. Bothwell moved and Mr. Monroe seconded a motion that the office should treat grain bins the same as storage buildings and require permits and associated fees. Mr. Brankle, Dr.

Bothwell, Mr. Caudill, Mr. Leming, Mr. Maynard, Mr. Monroe, Mr. Mowery, Mr. Nuckols, and Ms. Pollen voted yes. Motion carried.

- Mobile home park remodel inspections – Mr. Strange said that staff had discovered occasions where mobile homes in existing mobile home parks were being gutted and remodeled. This department has not issued permits inside mobile home parks with the exception of electric permits. Mr. Strange said that there was nothing in the code that would preclude requiring permits for remodeling (as with any other structure) and that there are safety considerations. The question was raised by the board if we knew how much new permit and inspection activity this policy shift would entail and if the staff had capacity to handle it. Mr. Strange was directed to explore the issue with staff and return to the board with results.
- Elimination of practice of requiring petitions to BZA to go before local jurisdictions before going to BZA – Mr. Strange explained the current practice (petitions for final decision to BZA must go to local jurisdiction prior to BZA decision) was not required by state code and was a requirement of local code. He said he was exploring whether this requirement should be eliminated or modified to make the process more streamlined and BZA less subject to bias. He said he had contacted 10 jurisdictions in Indiana and only 1 had a similar requirement (requests Howard County go to the APC prior to BZA. He had not reviewed it with the BZA yet but wanted to bring it to the APC because any change would have to come initially from a recommendation from the APC for a text amendment change to the county code. After discussion, he was instructed to come back to the board with a recommendation after having discussion with the BZA.

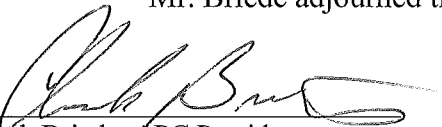
## 6. Correspondence and Other Business

6.1 Area Plan Attorney – Chuck Briede discussed the process that had been followed to determine the next attorney for Area Plan. He said three candidates (Morris Kelsey, Adrienne Rind, and Kyle Persinger) had been interviewed by the Executive Committee (one had since withdrawn). Mr. Briede said the Executive Committee recommended Kyle Persinger as the next Area Plan Attorney. Dr. Bothwell moved to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation and Ms. Pollen seconded the motion. Mr. Brankle, Dr. Bothwell, Mr. Caudill, Mr. Leming, Mr. Maynard, Mr. Monroe, Mr. Mowery, Mr. Nuckols, and Ms. Pollen voted yes. Motion carried.

6.2 Next scheduled meeting – September 14, 2020

7. Public Input  
None noted.

8. Adjournment  
Mr. Briede adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.

  
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Chuck Briede, APC President

