

The Madison County Plan Commission met on the above date at 9:00 A.M. with Wesley Likens, President, presiding.

Members Present: Wes Likens, Mark Gary, Phil Isom, Pat Manship, and Rick Gardner, Kathleen Sprouse, and Amanda Bousman.

Members Absent: Steffanie Owens, and John Simmermon.

Also Present: Brad Newman, Director, Jeff Graham, Attorney, and Elizabeth Bruns, Board Secretary

Current Business

1. Prayer – Rick Gardner

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Newman introduced, Tim Westerfield, Planner, Denell Roberts, Bldg. Inspector, and the two new Board Members Amanda Bousman and Kathleen Sprouse.

3. Roll call taken with two members being absent: Steffanie Owens, and John Simmermon.

Director Newman asked for nominations for President. Phil Isom nominated Wes Likens, seconded by Mark Gary. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Wes Likens will be the MCPC Board President for 2014.

President Likens asked for nominations for Vice President. Member Isom nominated Member Gary, seconded by Member Gardner. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mark Gary will be the MCPC Board Vice President for 2014.

President Likens asked for nominations for Board Secretary. Member Isom nominated Elizabeth Bruns, seconded by Member Gary. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Elizabeth Bruns will be the Board Secretary for 2014.

President Likens asked for nominations for Board Attorney. Member Gary nominated Jeffrey Graham, seconded by Member Manship. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Jeffrey Graham will be the MCPC Board Attorney for 2014.

President Likens asked for nominations for Director. Member Gardner nominated Brad Newman, seconded by Member Gary. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Brad Newman will be the Planning Department Director for 2014.

Member Manship nominated Member Bousman to represent the Planning Commission on the BZA Board. Member Isom seconded the motion. Amanda Bousman to be the 2014 BZA Member from the Planning Commission Board.

President Likens asked if anyone had any corrections or additions to the December 10, 2013 minutes. Member Gardner moved to approve the minutes as written. Member Manship seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. **December 10th minutes approved.**

Member Gary made a motion to approve the proposed 2014 MCPC Calendar. Member Isom seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. **2014 Calendar Approved.**

Member Manship made a motion to recess, seconded by Member Bousman.

Member Manship made a motion to reconvene, seconded by Member Bousman.

President Likens made a motion to commence the public hearing to amend the ordinance, seconded by Member Gardner. Motion carried.

Attorney Graham explained to the Board that in order to change the Ordinance, this Board must make a recommendation to the County Commissioners and that is what this hearing is for.

Director Newman presented a proposed Ordinance amending the Plat Review Committee process.

There was a Board discussion on the process of the Plat Committee.

Keith Van Wienen of Precise Land Surveying – I feel that by amending your Ordinance to allow for all plats to be approved administratively this will expedite the process for the citizens of Madison County. I've had numerous clients leave and go to Henry County because it only takes a day and a half, and in Marion County takes 2 days to do a split, and here it takes 6 weeks. In my opinion the County will start seeing a little more growth. Say you are a farmer and you buy a farm and want to sell the house, the way Brad wants to do it would only take two weeks versus the four to six weeks it now takes.

Member Isom made a motion to forward this revision to the County Commissioners with a favorable recommendation. Member Gardner seconded the motion. Member Isom also stated that he would like Director Newman to survey how many automatic yes replies that he is receiving to see if the members are looking at these plats or just filing automatic yeses, Director Newman stated he could do this. Roll call vote on the motion was unanimous, amending ordinance forwarded to the County Commissioners.

President Likens adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting.

Member Gary nominated Member Owens to be on the Plat Review Committee, member Manship seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. **Stefanie Owens appointed to the 2014 Plat Review Committee.**

Member Manship made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Isom. Meeting Adjourned.

Adjournment: 10:49:48 a.m.

Wesley Likens, President

Elizabeth Bruns, Board Secretary