

VALPARAISO PLAN COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2010

The regular meeting of the Valparaiso Plan Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in the Valparaiso City Hall Council Chambers. Bruce Berner presided.

Members present were: Jim Mooney, Diane Worstell, Mike Micka, Al Shield, Bruce Berner, Jan Dick, Vic Ritter and Tim Burkman. Also present were Craig Phillips and Attorney Scott Bozik.

MINUTES:

Jim Mooney made a motion to approve the September 14, 2010 minutes as submitted. Seconded by Diane Worstell. A voice vote was taken and the motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

RP10-004 – Replat Lot 21 in Windsor Park Subdivision Phase 5 – Robert and Nancy Lorenzetti. Request to replat lot 21 in Windsor Park Subdivision Phase 5 for the purpose of vacation of a platted 100-foot drainage easement. Robert and Nancy Lorenzetti were present. Craig Phillips advised that since original filing the Lorenzetti's were advised that a public hearing would be required and the procedures for advertising, etc. were satisfied. Since the last meeting the other property owners in the original petition have decided not to participate, therefore, we are only looking at Lot 21 now.

Bruce Berner asked if any of the public would like to speak in favor of or in opposition of this petition. Bruce Berner also asked that the public address their questions to the Plan Commission while at the same time the petitioner will take notes and respond at one time. No one spoke, therefore, the public hearing was closed and questions/comments were heard from the Members.

Tim Burkman noted that the Lorenzetti's went before the Porter County Drainage Board and the County had vacated the northern 85 feet of the 100-foot easement. They are going to retain the 15 feet along the south side and the 15 feet along the east side will remain as is.

Motion: Tim Burkman made a motion to approve RP10-004 replat of lot 21 in Windsor Park Subdivision Phase 5 to reflect that 85 feet of the northern existing 100-foot drainage easement will be vacated leaving 15 feet on the southern side and 15 feet on the eastern side as drainage easements. Seconded by Vic Ritter. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried 8-0.

Craig Phillips advised that written finding will be drafted by him and council, signed by President Bruce Berner, and recorded with the County. A copy of the findings will be mailed to the petitioner upon completion.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

STAFF ITEMS:

EnVision Valparaiso 2030 Comprehensive Plan Re-write Process and US 30 Corridor Study Process: Craig Phillips reported that the citizens' congress public input meeting was held last month. A similar process design churat will be held for the US 30 Corridor is scheduled for Monday, October 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chamber building. A Steering Committee meeting for the Comprehensive Plan will also be held Monday, October 18, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. also in the Chamber building. Then on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 members will be invited back to see the progress and up front design concepts. Not a lot is going to happen with the Comprehensive Plan between now and February. The current focus is going to be more on the US 30 Corridor.

Discussion re: Various amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance: Craig Phillips reported that there are some housekeeping items that will be coming before the Members next month such as some small omissions, changing and tweaking of a few things, recycling and salvage needs to be changed to a limited use, light industrial needs to be changed to a limited use in the heavy industrial zoning, RV, boats, campers, etc. parking standards need to be reviewed, and sandwich boards being permitted in other areas besides the downtown district needs to be considered. For the most part the amendments are mostly innocuous. Craig Phillips will try to get the notes to the Members prior to the meeting with proposed language, etc. and he is happy to take comments from the Members as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss the October 12, 2010 Plan Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.