

**CITY OF KNOX PLANNING COMMISSION  
101 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
KNOX, INDIANA 46534  
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Members Present: Jeff V. Berg; Don Kring; Sherry Cowen; Jim Jenkins; Jeff Houston;  
Jim Brown; Ronald Parker; Dave Metz

Members Absent: John Wilson

Staff Present: Lonnie Boley

Staff Absent: Justin Schramm

The May 8, 2024 Planning Commission meeting was called to order by President, Don Kring, at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call preformed.

Amendment to the Agenda:

Jeff Houston made a motion to add Brightspeed as item 4-A to the agenda. Sherry Cowen seconded the motion. Motion passed with eight (8) ayes and no (0) nays.

Approval of Minutes:

Sherry Cowen made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2024 meeting as presented. Jim Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed with eight (8) ayes and no (0) nays.

Brightspeed Plans:

Lonnie Boley presented an updated map of the planned coverage of Brightspeed (formerly Sprint/Century Link). He wants to put a hold on Brightspeed until they get signatures to approve future boring. Mediacom still needs to remove flags. They have no permit to work in the City. There are pedestals at every other house for hook ups.

NIPSCO is checking all 3,000 poles for stability for the areas of the project above ground.

Dave Metz noted that the lines running on NIPSCO lines interferes with Ham radios. A general discussion took place.

#### Tech Committee Report:

Jeff Berg said the Committee needs to get together again. Jim Brown noted that they need a computer to type up the proposed wording for rules of procedure. Lonnie Boley presented them with a computer. He noted it is already converted to word.

Sherry Cowen made a motion to give the computer to Tech Committee Chairman, Jeff Berg, to use for their meetings. Ron Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed with eight (8) ayes and no (0) nays.

#### Review of Ordinance 1148 – Weeds and Rank Vegetation:

Lonnie Boley wants to change Ordinance 1148 to have an automatic “utility lien” to repay the City for mowing properties. If you have a warning it would stay in effect. A discussion took place concerning what the actual cost of administrating and mowing of the property is. Lonnie Boley said section 11-7 should also be changed to “enforcement authority” from the “Clerk Treasurers’ office” for any appeal.

Jim Brown suggested omitting the “Clerk-Treasurer” and replacing it with “enforcement authority”. Any changes would still need to be passed by the council and conform to state statutes.

Jeff Houston made a motion to table Review of Ordinance 1148. Jim Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed with eight (8) ayes and no (0) nays.

#### Review of Ordinances:

Don Kring asked about the review of the subdivision ordinance. Lonnie Boley said Bob Aloï of Territorial Services is still reviewing it for proposed changes.

Jim Brown stated that the dumpster by the Historical Society needs to be removed. Lonnie Boley said that he spoke to the Mayor about it and wondered if they are storing artifacts in it.

Lonnie Boley told the Commission that according to Ordinance 1098, he can use his prerogative on letting someone stay in a camper on the property of a burned-out home on Pacific Ave. He can also use his prerogative on the use of the dumpster at the Historical Society also.

Citizens Comments:

None.

Other Business:

None.

Adjournment:

Jim Brown made a motion which was seconded by Jeff Berg to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. Motion passed with eight (8) ayes and no (0) nays.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Jeffery Houston  
Secretary