



**CITY OF KNOX PLANNING COMMISSION
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Meeting Minutes: November 5, 2019

Members Present: Bertha Blue, George Byer, Brent VanNorman, John Wilson

Members Not Present: Ron Parker, Jim Strong, Dan Allen, Don Kring

Staff Present: Kenny Pfof, Martin Bedrock

Staff Not Present: N/A

There was not a quorum to conduct a meeting on November 5, 2019. The minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting will be tabled until the December meeting. Discussion was held by the members present.

Two-Mile Jurisdiction: Attorney Bedrock prepared a recommendation for the City Council which would relinquish the City's authority of the Two-Mile Jurisdiction to Starke County. Attorney Bedrock stated that Mayor Estok does not want the Planning Commission to approve the recommendation. Mayor Estok was in attendance, and he informed the members that giving up the Two-Mile Jurisdiction would devastate the city. Vice President Wilson said that he called a state representative to get an explanation of Senate Bill 535 pertaining to the Two-Mile Jurisdiction, and he did not receive a call back. He went on to say that from what he has read, the Planning Commission no longer has any jurisdiction to make decisions pertaining to the Two-Mile Jurisdiction. Mayor Estok informed the Commission that the new legislation does not take away the City's authority if there was a comprehensive plan before 2019. He said that the bill gives the County the ability to take back the Two-Mile Jurisdiction if they want. Mayor Estok stated that any potential growth for the city would be lost if the Two-Mile Jurisdiction is given up to the County. Vice President Wilson stated that there is no code enforcement in the Two-Mile Jurisdiction. Mayor Estok informed the Commission that Attorney John Molitor will explain the Two-

Mile Jurisdiction after the City Council meeting on November 26th. Member VanNorman stated that the Commission's responsibility in the Two-Mile Jurisdiction is planning and zoning, not code enforcement.

Review of Ordinances: There was discussion on updating the sign and subdivision ordinances. Vice President Wilson has researched other communities' ordinances pertaining to water and sewer connections.

Other Business: Vice President Wilson announced his resignation from the Knox Board of Zoning Appeals, effective January 1, 2020.

Kenny Pfof
Director/Secretary