

**MARTINSVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2017**

Chairman Ben Merida called the meeting of the Martinsville Plan Commission to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Martinsville, IN.

ATTENDANCE: Those members present were:

Katie Barnard
Gary Carrell
Kim Fishel
Melanie Foley
Grady Howard
Ben Merida, Chairman
Sam Reuter, Vice-Chairman
Marilyn Siderewicz, Secretary
Tom Williams

Also present: Cassie Mellady, Commission Attorney
Brian Love, Building Inspector
Troy Swan, Engineering

MINUTES:

Several members of the Plan Commission stated that they had not received a copy of the February 28, 2017, minutes.

MOTION: A motion was made by Grady Howard to table approval of the February 28, 2017, minutes until the April meeting so that all members can review the minutes. Tom Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. RULES AND PROCEDURES:

Each member of the Plan Commission received a copy of the Martinsville Planning Commission Rules and Procedures, Per IC 36-7-401.

MOTION: A motion was made by Melanie Foley to approve the Martinsville Planning Commission Rules and Procedures, Per IC 36-7-401, as presented. This motion was seconded by Tom Williams and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. REAPPOINTMENT OF CASSIE MELLADY.

MOTION: A motion was made by Kim Fishel to reappoint Cassie Mellady as Attorney for the Plan Commission. This motion was seconded by Katie Barnard and passed unanimously.

**B. GRAND VALLEY CENTER, EAST SECTION 1 – BRECKENRIDGE
COMMONS OF MARTINSVILLE PLAT AMENDMENT – ROSS HOLLOWAY.**

Postponed until a later date.

C. DISCUSSION OF SIGN ORDINANCE:

Members of the Plan Commission were given copies of the Sign Definitions.

Attorney Cassie Mellady said the Sign Committee had met and discussed the definitions of the sign ordinance. Attorney Mellady questioned the difference in free standing signs and temporary signs. She asked the commission to clear up the differences between the two types of signs and make the definition more concise to present to the City Council. Attorney Mellady said the other definitions seemed to be more clearly defined. Changes in the sign ordinance can be suggested by the Plan Commission but must be approved by the City Council.

Kim Fishel said the sign: temporary definition was intended for flag type signs. She felt this was intended to be a little more lenient with the flag signs that are put out when they are open for business and taken in when they are not.

Cassie Mellady asked if that was the intent for the sign: temporary definition. Kim Fishel said it was the intent. Then they can use it repeatedly, but it is not placed permanently. The other type of signs has a structure.

Cassie Mellady felt the best solution would be to put a time frame on the sign: free-standing (not permanent) definition.

Kim Fishel asked if adding a part to the sign: free-standing (not permanent) definition stating the time for a sign to be out not to exceed a collective 30 days out of a calendar year would clear up the ordinance. Attorney Mellady felt this would work.

REMONSTRATORS:

1. Cecelia Krefft: Ms. Krefft asked Kim Fishel to clarify what she meant because it was a little confusing. She was referring to a doughnut sign from a business on Morgan Street.

Ms. Fishel replied they can have it in and out as long as it is taken in at the end of a business day.

2. Tony Beck, owner of Black Sign Company. Mr. Beck said his company has been confused about the sign ordinance. He said Black Signs has been advised the signs the company maintains will be placed into the advertising structure definition. He asked if his signs are considered on premise advertising structures, and therefore need to pay a fee of \$100 per year. He felt that his black signs are not an advertising structure but are signs that fall under the free-standing signs because they are portable.

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Building Inspector Brian Love stated the advertising structure is for a sign that is off the premises of the business being advertised. If it is on the premises, this is a permanent sign.

Attorney Mellady told the Commission that the comments of Mr. Beck were about the old definitions. That is why the definitions are being changed for more clarity.

MISCELLANEOUS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Tom Williams, seconded by Gary Carrell, and passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Martinsville Plan Commission will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

Ben Merida, Chairman

Marilyn Siderewicz, Secretary

Katie Barnard

Sam Reuter, Vice-Chairman

Melanie Foley

Kim Fishel

Grady Howard

Tom Williams

Gary Carrell