

Town of Union
PLAN COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING
Minutes of Thursday, August 27, 2020

The Town of Union Plan Commission monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Alvin Francis at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at the Union Town Hall, 15531 W. Green Bay Rd., Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Chairman Francis, Don Krajeck, Dave Pestor, Ed Levin and Ray Legris. Town Board Chairman Kendall Schneider and Supervisors George Franklin and Kim Gruebling, as well as Clerk Regina Riedel and Road Patrolman Josh Wisner were also in attendance.

Review and approval of May 28, 2020 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of May 28, 2020 as written made by Krajeck/Levin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public comment (5 minutes max. per issue)

No comments.

Discussion: ATV Usage On Town Roads

Ray Legris provided an overview of the issue; there are residents of a number of surrounding municipalities who are interested in starting an ATV club and there is interest from some residents in including Union in the club. ATVs are not currently allowed on Town roads.

Krajeck asked who would provide enforcement, and who would provide signage. Legris stated that the Rock County Sheriff would enforce. Krajeck was also curious who would install and maintain the signage.

Legris would like to get the issue to the point where it could be voted on by the public in the Spring. Krajeck and Pestor felt the City of Evansville would need to be on board before it would make any sense to proceed on the Town's end, since access to the City roads would be necessary to get to all parts of Union without illegally crossing State and County roads.

Krajeck was concerned that there would be some roads that would be unable to be used for ATVs as they are major commuter arteries, very narrow and without any lane striping.

Plan Commission agreed to table the discussion until more information is available regarding the City of Evansville's views on the issue. Legris plans to attend a City Council meeting and will let Riedel know when the issue should be included on a future agenda.

Discussion: Driveway Ordinance

Wisner brought up concerns about the current language regarding the length of time permits are good for (12 months with an renewal for six months with no additional fees).

Krajeck recalls discussing escrow payments for driveways during construction but doesn't recall what the decision was. Gruebling believes it will be in the resolution, \$1500 permit fee and \$1000 escrow amount.

The Plan Commission agreed that 12 months was long enough for a permit to be valid; after that time an additional permit fee should be required with a new permit issued.

The Plan Commission unanimously agreed to recommend the change in permit length to the Board. No other changes recommended.

Discussion: Comprehensive Plan Updates

Riedel will update statistics, population, income numbers, etc.

Commission members should read through the Plan and come prepared at next meeting with any items they feel need to be changed. Pestor brought up the commercial district and the location of Big Barn Storage needing to be addressed. Additionally, he felt some residential growth areas should be revisited. Francis would like members to have current copies of Evansville and Brooklyn smart growth plans – Riedel will print and distribute.

Motion to adjourn made by Francis/Pestor. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.