



City of Wabash

Wabash City Plan Commission

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WABASH CITY PLAN COMMISSION

September 4, 2024
City Hall @ 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Bill Barrows, Chad Maple, John Burnsworth, Mary Kramer, Karl Rider
Sharon Yohe, Pat Lynn, Jason Sluss, Secretary Jeff Knee, Attorney Doug
Lehman

Members Absent: Larry Hoover

President John Burnsworth called the meeting to order with a roll call attendance @ 6:32 p.m.

1. Old Business:

A. Minutes from the August 7, 2024, meeting was approved as presented.

2. New Business:

A. Start the process of reviewing Wabash Counties sample ordinance for solar-wind ordinance. With a sample of ours to be reviewed and discussed with some material we have found that the State of Indiana, and other counties are putting together regarding solar & wind fields.

Attorney Doug Lehman spoke about ordinances that were sent in your packet, and how you would like to proceed going forward. We can proceed with a few different options. You can look through each of the packets and then review. We can assign 2 packets for 2 people to read and then come back to review those with the board. another way would be to assign 1 packet to each of you to review. Then come back to discuss the findings.

Lynn Yohe of 11 Elmwood Dr. requested to the board that every board member should review each option, and then come back to discuss the concerns, or the things they like.

Member Mary Kramer stated that Commercial Solar should not be in any of our zoning boundaries without restrictions.

Member Bill Barrows discussed the reason that he felt it should not be in the Historic district, and on prime farm ground.

Michael Hawkins of 4461 S. 150 W. Wabash asked when Jurisdiction areas changed for the City of Wabash giving the city the 2-mile jurisdiction?

Attorney Doug Lehman stated that in the Fifties, the State gave up to 2 miles to cities jurisdiction for growth. The County gave the ok in 1966 to add the Jurisdiction area of the city. In 2010 this was increased to what we have today.

Member Sharon Yohe asked about who would be responsible for the maintenance being addressed?

Silas Zartman the Code Enforcement Officer of the Building Department talked about the state & the 411 SEA and all of the different packets that he had found for the board to review and the summary of the documents that were provided to the board.

Attorney Doug Lehman suggested the Board that the board review Pulaski & Dekalb counties ordinances with one being for Solar and one being against. Then we can come back together with what you like and dislike on each and have some talking points ready.

Suzanne Pebbles of 7297 SR 13 Wabash wondered if when we get the Counties ordinance if we could mimic that ordinance.

Pam Hawkins of 4461 S. 150 W. Wabash stated that she was not against the solar for personal use. But commercial should have restrictive guidelines, with setbacks.

After much discussion, President John Burnsworth stated that we should look over the Pulaski & Dekalb Counties ordinances and come back next month with some talking points to review.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned.