

The meeting of the Berne Plan Commission was held on the 12th day of November 2013 at 7:00 pm. in the Conference Room at City Hall, Berne Indiana.

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Flueckiger
Rod Mosser
Don Sipe
Greg Keller

Gregg Sprunger
Brent Lehman
Gwen Maller

MEMBERS ABSENT

Phil Provost
Jerry Burke

STAFF PRESENT

Director, Shannon Smitley
City Attorney Jim Beitler

City Representatives Present
Mayor Bill McKean.

Kurtis Dailey

Guests present: Brett Miller, Miller Land Surveyor and Dave Baumgartner.

After an opening prayer, Gregg Sprunger called the meeting to order and verified a quorum. The hearing was properly advertised and an agenda was posted at the door.

Public Hearing Development Plan 2013-9 filed by Smith Brothers of Berne, Inc. asking for approval for the addition of a truck dock on their building currently under construction.

Brett Miller, representing Smith Brothers of Berne explained that the truck loading dock was part of the original plans and that the storm water drainage in the approved plans took into account the truck dock and was reviewed and approved by Commonwealth, City of Berne Engineers. Brett said that he resubmitted his calculations to Commonwealth for this meeting and they again were approved by Commonwealth as being sufficient.

With no additional discussion and hearing those who wished to be heard and on a motion by J. Flueckiger and a second by G. Keller, Hearing PC 2013-9 for Smith Brothers of Berne, Inc. was unanimously approved as presented. 7-0

Approval of Minutes- It was noted that Greg Keller and Rod Mosser were present at the August 12, 2013 meeting. On a motion by D. Sipe and a second by R. Mosser, the minutes of August 12, 2013 were unanimously approved with the noted corrections. 7-0

On a motion by J. Flueckiger and a second by G. Keller, the minutes of September 9, 2013 were unanimously approved as written. 7-0

New Business Shannon reviewed a draft ordinance that was handed out to the board. The board was asked to read through the Commercial Design Standard Ordinance for Design Control, as this will be an agenda item for a December 9, 2013 Plan Commission meeting. Should the Plan Commission approve the ordinance, it will be moved on to council for their consideration. Plan Commission Attorney Jim Beitler explained that the proposed ordinance is meant to be a collaborative effort between the city and builders and the ordinance would be used as more of a guideline to encourage new buildings to have a more Swiss motif. Jim cited several new building projects in the community who might have been encouraged to build a more Swiss style building had an ordinance like the one proposed been in place. The board was encouraged to contact Shannon, Gregg Sprunger or Jim Beitler with questions, concerns or suggestions prior to the December 9th meeting.

Old Business None

Closing of Meeting

Therefore, upon a motion by J. Flueckiger and a second by D. Sipe and unanimously carried, the agenda was incorporated into the minutes and upon a motion by G. Maller and seconded by G. Keller and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned. 7-0