

The meeting of the Berne Plan Commission was held on the 17th day of February, 2014 at 6:30 pm. in the Conference Room at City Hall, Berne Indiana.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Burke	Present	Rod Mosser	Present
James Flueckiger	Present	Phi Provost	Present
Greg Keller	Present	Don Sipe	Present
Brent Lehman	Present	Gregg Sprunger	Present
Gwen Maller	*Absent		

STAFF PRESENT

Director, Shannon Smitley
City Attorney Dave Baumgartner

City Representatives Present

Mayor Bill McKean.
Kurt Dailey

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.

Re-Organization of the Board for 2014

Phil Provost made a motion to nominate the same members that served last year as follows:

President	Gregg Sprunger
Vice President	James Flueckiger
Secretary	Jerry Burke

Don made a motion to close the nominations with Greg Keller making the second. Yeas 8 Nays-0

On a motion by Brent Lehman and a second by Don Sipe, the board unanimously approved re-electing the officers as nominated. Yeas 8 Nays-0

Approval of Minutes- On a motion by Jerry Burke and a second by Rod Mosser, the minutes of December 9, 2013 were unanimously approved as written. Yeas 8 Nays-0

Public Hearing Proposal: To amend the City of Berne Zoning Ordinance, by adding a section entitled “The Commercial Architectural Controls Ordinance of the City of Berne, Indiana”

Gregg Sprunger opened the hearing by reviewing the process of amending Ordinance No. 649 since the actions of the December 9, 2013 Plan Commission hearing. At that time, the board gave a favorable recommendation to the council for the passage of Ordinance 649 :”An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The City Of Berne, Indiana, Amending Chapter 152 Of The Berne City Code By Adding Section 152.064 Entitled Commercial

Architectural Controls Ordinance Of The City Of Berne, Indiana”

Since that time the council, with public input, chose to change the ordinance away from a strict mandate design control ordinance to a less restrictive design review ordinance. With the addition of a scoring matrix, the revision acts more like guidelines to encourage a Swiss style of exterior but will not discourage any viable business from locating in Berne if they do not wish to use a Swiss stile motif. The committee terms also were changed to staggered terms to allow for continuity. The section that addressed the opportunity to appeal a decision was also removed because it will no longer apply.

With no further discussion and on a motion by Greg Keller and a second by Rod Mosser, the Plan Commission unanimously approved the revised ordinance as presented. Yeas 8 Nays-0

New Business Shannon reported that the Berne Ready Mix is planning to come before the Plan Commission on March 10, 2014.

Old Business None

Adjournment On a motion by Jerry Burke and a second by Don Sipe the meeting was adjourned. Yeas 8 Nays-0