

**WHITELAND PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**May 7, 2020**

**Council members present**

Richard Hill, President	<u>  X  </u>
Gary Howard, Vice President	<u>  X  </u>
Tim Brown, Member	<u>      </u>
Eric Funkhouser, Member	<u>  X  </u>
Andy Marker, Member	<u>  X  </u>
Josh Wade, Member	<u>  X  </u>
Vacant, Member	<u>      </u>

**Other town officials present**

Julia Meece, Deputy Clerk (Secretary)	<u>  X  </u>
Norm Gabehart, Town Manager	<u>      </u>
Janice Nix, Planning Coordinator	<u>      </u>
Stephen Watson, Town Attorney	<u>  X  </u>
Carmen Parker, Community Develop.	<u>  X  </u>

**Call to order:**

R. Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm from the recess started at 7:37 pm on Tuesday, 5/5/2020

**Roll call & Determination of Quorum:**

- Absent – T. Brown
- Quorum requirements reached

**Swearing In:**

- S. Watson asked at 7 pm if anyone in the audience wished to speak tonight. No one present did. No one to swear in.

**Old business:**

- S. Watson recapped Tuesday, 5/5/2020 meeting and recess. The board to continue with next agenda item in New Business of Case 20-AO-06.

**New business:**

- **Case 20-AO-06 – Zoning Ordinance Amendment**
  - S. Watson stated that the town staff review of the zoning ordinance that deals with development plan approval and found that some of the current steps can be streamlined and assigned by the Planning Commission and Town Council so staff can review certain applications instead of it always needing to come to the Planning Commission or Board of Zoning and Appeals for review. Things like building permit applications for residential construction, as well as commercial applications. Streamlines for administration process to have authority and approval of these types of applications. The amendment will still require staff and petition to hold a “neighborhood meeting” so interested parties can still ask questions and make comments to staff, petitioner, and board members if wanted. Planning commission will still handle platting of subdivisions. This amendment is dealing with a different process. Town Boards will still have an opportunity for interest parties to bring to the boards for review for more help or questions, or for an appeal of staff decision. This amendment will also give the ability for applicant to ask for waivers under the current required standards regarding signs and their size and location. Will still have requirements to go thru and meet, even if asking for a waiver and interested parties will still be able to be heard.
  - G. Howard stated that he thinks this is a good change and Town Council has the ultimate decision on major changes anyway.

- o R. Hill opened to Public at 7:13 pm to speak. No one wished to speak. Closed to Public at 7:13 pm.
- o G. Howard made a motion to give a Favorable Recommendation to the Whiteland Town Council for Case 20-AO-06 for an Amendment of Zoning Ordinance to delete Section 156.205 which provides a procedure for the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals to jointly regulate residential development plans on tracts of land 10 acres or more in size and to revise section 156.206 to authorize the Plan Commission Staff to review and approve development plans, including associated waiver requests related to sections of the sign code concerning the number, size, and location of permitted signs. A. Marker seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0**

**Other Business:**

- None

R. Hill made a motion to adjourn. G. Howard seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Passed by the Whiteland Plan Commission on this day 2nd of June, 2020

**Aye**

**Nay**

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Tim Brown

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Eric Funkhouser

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Attest:

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Julia Meece, Deputy Clerk, Secretary