

Burns Harbor Advisory Plan Commission

Minutes of Monday, March 3, 2025

The Advisory Plan Commission of the Town of Burns Harbor, Porter County, Indiana, met in a regular session on Monday, March 3, 2025, at the Burns Harbor Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by Advisory Plan Commission President Jeremy McHargue at 6:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

Roll Call:

Jeremy McHargue	Present
Bernie Poparad	Present
Roseann Bozak.....	Absent
Travis Dunlap	Present
Gordon McCormick	Present
Michelle Watkins	Present
Aaron Adcock.....	Present

Additional Officials Present

Attorney Clay Patton, Building Commissioner Joe Lawson, and Global Engineering Jeanette Hicks

Also Present

Attorney Ed Graham, Tony Putman with Putman Builders, and residents of the Town of Burns Harbor.

Minutes

McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2025. Dunlap seconded the motion. Poparad- Aye, Dunlap- Aye, McCormick- Aye, Adcock- Aye, Bozak- Absent, Watkins- Abstain, McHargue- Aye. Motion passed.

Communication, Bills, Expenditures

Town Code Updates

Nothing to report.

Report of Officers, Committee, Staff

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Review: Bonds, Maintenance Guarantees, Letters of Credit

Nothing to report.

Putman Builders- Secondary Plat Approval for Phases 6,7, and 8 in the Village of Burns Harbor

Graham stated, my name is Edward Graham, and I am here on behalf of Tony Putman with Putman Builders. We are here tonight to discuss the development in phases 6, 7, and 8 in the Village of Burns Harbor. I understand the engineering has been submitted, and it is currently under review by Global Engineering. We are hoping that the Plan Commission could consider approval of the secondary plat for phases 6, 7, and 8, subject to review by the town engineer and approval of the performance and maintenance bonds. We have recently reached the approval stage for phase 5 of this subdivision development, with performance funds and payment funds having been approved. Mr. Putman is anxious to get started and build houses in that area.

Hicks stated Shem Khalil and I were talking and we are going to suggest that you make it a conditional approval that would allow the Plan Commission President, Jeremy, the power to sign once our review comes back. McHargue questioned Hicks if the review would be completed before the April 7th meeting. Hicks stated yes. Dunlap stated there was a discussion when approving phase 5 regarding as-builts for lighting. Has that been looked into more? Putman stated that the street lighting has been addressed by local engineering, and Nipsco will be installing those street lights. McHargue stated the big concern for us was that the rest of the Village was put on the Town of Burns Harbor to maintain these street lights, and the actual lines for them were unlocatable. So, now the Town of Burns Harbor is stuck in the spot where we have to figure this out because the original plans, we have the lines are not run in that area. We are trying to make sure that we do not run into that same scenario. We would want some sort of layout for where these street light electrical lines are being run. Putman stated I will ask Nipsco to see if they can come up with something. A discussion was had about the lighting issue. McCormick made a motion to conditionally approve phases 6, 7, and 8 in the Village of Burns Harbor, conditional upon Global Engineering's review and having a schematic of the lighting. Poparad seconded the motion. Poparad-Aye, Adcock-Aye, McCormick-Aye, Dunlap-Aye, Watkins-Aye, Bozak- Absent, McHargue-Aye. Motion passed.

Attorney Patton stated Attorney Graham said there was a letter that was submitted, I just want to clarify what this was. Attorney Graham stated that the letters I was referring to were from Global Engineering regarding Phases 6, 7, and 8. Attorney Patton stated Okay, I just want to make sure we are talking about the same thing. Attorney Graham stated Yes, I believe we are. Hicks stated once we have the time to review everything and if everything is in good standing, it would seem reasonable to give the Plan Commission President, Jeremy, the ability to approve it based on Global Engineering's proper review.

Electric Car Chargers

Building Commissioner Lawson stated that there have been more people coming into the Building Department asking questions about putting electric car chargers into their homes and different places. I did not see anything code-wise, so I wanted to see if it could be looked into getting something adopted and then looking into permitting and inspection fees. A discussion was had regarding electric car chargers.

Good of the Order and Any Other Business

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Poparad made a motion to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Dunlap seconded the motion. Poparad-Aye, Adcock-Aye, McCormick-Aye, Dunlap-Aye, Watkins- Aye, Bozak- Absent, McHargue-Aye. Motion

passed.

Approved April 7, 2025.

Jeremy McHargue, President

Jill Sherrill, Secretary