NEW WHITELAND PLANNING COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 28, 2017

7:00 pm

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman, Scott Alspach, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Scott Alspach, Jeff Weaver, Marshall Walker, John Perrin, Wendell Johnson, Chris Roller and Dennis Montgomery. Also in attendance was Attorney, Lee Robbins and Zoning Administrator, Tim Guyer.

MINUTES:

John Perrin motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Wendell Johnson seconded the motion. Vote was 5 affirmative. The two new members did not vote. The new members are Chris Roller and Dennis Montgomery.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

CHAIRMAN:

John Perrin nominated Scott Alspach for Chairman. Jeff Weaver seconded the motion. John Perrin nominated to close the nominations for Chairman. Marshall Walker seconded the motion. Vote was 7 affirmative.

CO-CHAIRMAN:

John Perrin nominated Jeff Weaver as Co-Chairman. Scott Alspach seconded the motion. Wendell Johnson motioned to close the nominations for Co-Chairman. Marshall Walker seconded the motion. Vote was 7 affirmative.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS:

Since the board had not met since August of 2016, there were reports from September, October, November & December of 2016. And reports from January & February of 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

CASEY’S GENERAL STORE REZONING PETITION:

Lee Robbins states that he spoke with Attorney Joseph Calderon who is representing Casey’s. They are requesting a 30 day continuance. Mr. Calderon was just hired by Casey’s and he needs additional time to look at the petition.

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CASEY’S GENERAL STORE (continued)

The notice that was sent and the legal ad describes the proposed use as a “commercial office building.” The drawing submitted with the petition shows a convenient store, not an office building development. Lee states that interested parties may be under the impression that the rezoning is for a commercial office building and have been mis-lead of the ultimate goal.

Attorney, Joe Calderon states his law office is located at 11 So. Meridian Street in Indianapolis. He was hired by Casey’s General Store on Friday, February 24th. Mr. Calderon is requesting a continuance on the rezoning petition to March 28th, 2017. He will send another notice with clearer intentions.

John Perrin mentioned that the third house on Sweetbriar Avenue has changed ownership. And the new owner needs to be notified. I said that I have that information and will give it to Heather with Casey’s General Store.

There were some comments made from the audience. Lee Robbins states that the rezoning petition is not being considered tonight and please hold comments for the March meeting.

Wendell Johnson motioned to continue the public hearing until March 28th at 7:00 pm and the petitioner is to send additional notice and state in the notice and letters that the rezoning petition is for a convenient store. Dennis Montgomery seconded the motion. Vote was 7 affirmative.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Approved By: Recording Secretary