NEW WHITELAND PLAN COMMISSION MAY 24, 2022

7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

President, Matt Gillock, began the May meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Matt Gillock, Duane McCauslin, Jeff Weaver and John Perrin. We currently have only four members. Zoning Administrator, Tim Guyer and Attorney, Lee Robbins were both in attendance.

MINUTES:

John Perrin motioned to approve the minutes to the previous meeting, which was April 25, 2022. Jeff Weaver seconded the motion. Vote was 4 affirmative.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Report was not available.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUIRED PARKING SPACES FOR A CHURCH

Attorney, Lee Robbins states that the Johnson County Library is selling 530 Tracy Road to a church. Before the church buys the property, they want to be sure they have the required parking spaces. They don't want to find out later that they don't have enough parking spaces and therefore they can't use the building for a church.

Zoning Ordinance 7-1107 addresses the required amount of parking spaces for businesses and churches are not listed. Kevin McGinnis brought this to our attention.

Lee states that the most stringent rule is one space for every two seats. There is another rule that is based on the total feet of the pews. Lee states after looking at everything, he thinks one parking space for every 3 seats in the largest room in the church is the correct amount of seating for a church.

Matt Gillock opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. There were no comments from the audience or members. Matt Gillock closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. John Perrin motioned to send a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to require one parking space per three seats in the largest room of a church. Duane McCauslin seconded the motion. Vote was 4 affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Yates
Recording Secretary