ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 6-28-18

1. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members in attendance: Pete Byvoets, Mike Gorman, Bob LeMay, Nick Meyer, Bill Powers, Doug Wickstrom

Absent members: Rich Jercich

- 3. Consideration of Minutes None
- 4. Committee Reports None
- 5. Old Business None
- 6. Public Hearings
 - 1. Beach Protection Overlay District Ordinance

Bill Powers motioned to re-open the continuation of the public hearing, seconded by Pete Byvoets. All in favor, the motion carried.

Bob LeMay called for any persons who wish to speak in favor of the Ordinance.

The following individuals commented:

David Hoppe of 1604 Oaks Court

Patricia Sharkey on behalf of LBCA

John Loft of 2957 Lake Shore Drive. John sent an e-mail to

APC Board members with more detailed comments.

Carla Fargo of 2201 Chastleton.

Bob LeMay called for any persons who wish to speak in opposition of the Ordinance.

The following individuals commented:

Bob Boyce of 2926 Lake Shore Drive

Bill Sullivan of 2524 Lake Shore Drive

John Mengal of 1508 Lake Shore Drive

Ed Gosselin of 2939 Lake Shore Drive. Ed sent an e-mail to

APC Board members with more detailed comments.

Nancy Davis of 1816 Lake Shore Drive

John Shabica responded to questions from individuals.

The grandfather clause within the Ordinance was discussed. Beach nourishment was discussed.

Ed Gosselin offered to assist in grant writing.

Patricia Sharkey commented on offshore protection. Pat recommended any project be done in concert with the Army Corps of Engineers. Pat commented on seawalls, revetments, and other structures.

Bob Boyce of 2926 Lake Shore Drive commented. Bob referred to photos from the 1950's.

Stephanie Bryant of 2944 Lake Shore Drive commented. Stephanie inquired about islands off the shore.

Charles Shabica discussed the evolution of the lakeshore, including sand going into deeper water, lakebed erosion, bigger waves causing beaches to get narrower going forward. Charles discussing sand nourishment noted that it would require bringing sand in all the time. An other solution would be to build islands offshore.

Mark Oldis of 2944 Lake Shore Drive inquired about a presentation from Shabica.

John Shabica has presentation to address comments brought up at last meeting.

Mark requested the word seawall specifically be included in the grandfather clause section of the Ordinance, as well as not exceeding 5 feet of an existing primary structure footprint.

Bob LeMay responded. Chris Willoughby noted that the primary use structure is the home. This language and those concepts were included in the Ordinance is based on a meeting with Shabica and Associates.

Bob Boyce commented on the language concerning development that is within the Ordinance and requested the language be taken out. Bob mentioned rentals within the Town and the Town enforcing ordinances. Bob inquired about Corps of Engineers seawalls.

Gordon Fitsimmons of 2949 Lake Shore Drive commented.

Charles Shabica stated sand nourishment is a temporary solution. If the Town can get Corps of Engineers to do a study it will not cost much of anything. Charles stated islands are the better option. The Town is going to have to have some sort of structures in order to keep sand on our beaches.

Stephanie Bryant of 2944 Lake Shore Drive asked for clarification about the grandfathering clause. The intention is a homeowner can build seawall in the existing footprint at yhe existing height.

Bob LeMay noted that if the seawall is north of the Ordinary High Water Mark, the Town does not have authority over that.

Bob LeMay declared the public comment portion of the meeting closed.

As no projector was set up at this meeting, John Shabica will e-mail a presentation to be posted on the Town website.

APC Board discussion was opened.

Nick Meyer referred to a letter form Shabica back in March. Nick mentioned discussion tonight suggesting that certain forms of shoreline protections are considered worse than others. Some are best in terms of protecting property but are the worst option for speeding up erosion on the beach.

John Shabica stated revetment is less reflective than seawall. Seawall is designed to protect land, not protect or enhance shoreline.

Charles Shabica spoke about seawalls.

The Board discussed goals of the Ordinance. The septic moratorium mandated by the Laporte County Health Department was briefly discussed.

The 30 day Rental Ordinance was briefly discussed. Pete Byvoets stated to call him or the police if someone has a problem. Rentals of 30 days or less are not allowed in Long Beach.

Bob Lemay stated at this point he does not think the APC is

ready to make a recommendation to the Town Council.

Bill powers stated the best way for people to submit comments is to send an e-mail to Bob LeMay. APC will make sure all comments go up on Town Website.

Pete Byvoets motioned to continue the public hearing, with public input deadline and redline draft put on Town Website in order for public to have time to review before our next public hearing.

The dates were discussed. Pete Byvoets withdrew his motion.

Nick Meyer motioned to accept public comment until 5 p.m. July 9,2018, posting an updated version of Ordinance to the Town website by July 12, 2018, ten days prior to the public hearing. The public hearing will be July 26, 2018 at the Community Center Gym at 7 p.m. Bob LeMay seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

- 7. New Business None
- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Closing Matters next regular APC meeting 7/16/18 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall
- 10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Pete Byvoets, seconded by Nick Meyer. The meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:

APC Chairman Robert LeMay

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