

**Huntingburg Advisory Plan Commission**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, September 25, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. Local Time**

The Huntingburg Plan Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Huntingburg City Hall. Plan Commission Members present included: Rachel Steckler, Tyson Bredemeier, Sandra Kays, Todd Humbert, Matt Julian, and Primo Nino. Other(s) present included: Planning Director Paul Lake.

Minutes of the June 12, 2023, Plan Commission Meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve them was made by Sandra Kays and seconded by Primo Nino. The June 12, 2023, minutes were approved.


Paul briefed the Plan Commission on the Development Plan which was submitted for BPLightsource's proposed solar field project. The Development Plan is an administrative review which focuses on impacts to local infrastructure and includes comments from utilities and county government. Paul indicated that none of the responding utilities (gas, electric, Huntingburg Water reported any concerns or negative impacts. Likewise, the Huntingburg Fire Department and the County Highway Department had no negative comments. Paul indicated that St. Henry Water did not respond although contacted twice. The Development Plan has been approved by the Planning Director. The Development Plan which has been approved for the project was, and is not, contingent upon the Special Exception having been secured by BPLightsource.

Paul provided additional information about the recent denial by the Huntingburg Board of Zoning Appeals of the Special Exception BPLightsource had sought for the portion of the project located within the Floodplain Overlay District. The Special Exception which was denied only impacts the portion of the project which was in the Floodplain. The portion of the project within the City's Extraterritorial Zoning District AND outside of the Floodplain can still be developed without the Special Exception. Additionally, the bulk of the project outside the City's jurisdiction can move forward pursuant to any requirements imposed by the State and County being satisfied.

Paul indicated that he believed that many of the remonstrators attending the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting thought the denial of the Special Exception essentially stopped the entire project. That is not the case.

There being no further business to come before the Plan Commission, Matt Julian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sandra Kays. All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Submitted by:   
Secretary

Approved by:  Date: 1/29/2024  
President