

**Decatur County Area Plan Commission  
November Minutes 2022**

The regular scheduled meeting for the Decatur County Area Plan Commission was called to order by Brad Schutte at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2022. There were 7 board member present with Tom Hunter Absent. Also attending the meeting was Melissa Scholl, APC Attorney, Krista Duvall – Area Plan Director, Debbie Martin – Administrative Assistant, Andy Scholle – Decatur County Surveyor and Kevin Fleetwood – Greensburg City Council.

Brad Schutte opened the meeting and read the following: *to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Decatur County requests that participants in this meeting complete a voluntary, anonymous survey that is available on the table in the back of the room.*

**\* Approval of October 5, 2022 Minutes**

**\* APC Petition 2022-23 – Bruce & Helen Tiebert** requesting to rezone approx. 2.99 acres out of 5.075 acres from an A-1 zoning classification to an A-2 zoning classification for construction of a single family detached dwelling. This request falls under Decatur County Ordinance Section Number 920(7) & 915. The property is owned by the petitioners and is located at 10097 S CR 60 SW, Westport in **Sand Creek Township**.

**Bruce Tiebert:** my wife and I would like to build a second home, we have family and friends who like to get out into the rural area. We searched within an hour and a half of Indianapolis, we are getting older and have a family farm in Noble township and it is a little bit harder to get to so we wanted to enjoy the benefits a little bit closer to home, our family farm in Noble Township is owned by three different members of my wife’s family and we would like to have a place of our own for our family.  
**Brad;** looks like everything is in order and looks like a good spot for a house.

Ryan Kennelly made a motion to vote on APC 2022-23; Todd Mauer seconded the motion with all members present voting yes.

**\* Rules of Procedure**

**Brad;** as Krista explained, this is NOT an ordinance so we do not need two meetings on this. The only thing is that if anyone has any additions, corrections or changes that they thought needed to be made.  
**Melissa;** what I would like to point out is that by doing it this way, it’s kind of is a working document, over time if we see something that isn’t quite the way we want it or things just change, we can modify them as we go. It’s not an ordinance. **Brad;** and this will be publicly available right? **Melissa;** yes.  
**Brad;** this gives us something to point at when we tell someone that they can’t talk out of turn.  
**Melissa;** a lot of counties have come into putting rules and procedure in place, are not part of the official ordinance, because that takes a lot more effort to make changes. The one thing is here says that we can send letters by first class mail, not certified. We have found that people don’t sign for certified mail, it is a hassle, they are not home when it comes. They get home after the post office closes and you are going to get people looking inside the envelope when it is left versus doing the certified mail, plus the cost of the certified mail and it is just not necessary. Just like you said, if there are things that we see that aren’t working in the meeting or we want to change, we just go in and amend them. **Brad;** these seem to be pretty simple procedures that are outlined. **Melissa;** we looked at several as models, I wanted it to be easy to understand, not too complicated because then it will not be followed anyway if

it is 100 pages long. I wanted to try to put in there what we need and make it easy to utilize. **Sheila;** is this the first documented Rules of Procedures? **Melissa;** yes. **Brad;** it is something that we have talked about and Krista and I have talked about, there is always been this type of standard that we hold to but it has never been really spelled out. **Sheila;** this is good.

Sheila Kirchoff made a motion to adopt the Rules of Procedure; Tom Cherry seconded the motion with all members present in favor.

With no other business before the board Todd Mauer made a motion to adjourn; Paul Stone seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Secretary, Todd Mauer  
Decatur County Area Plan Commission

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President, Brad Schutte  
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