

Town of Griffith
Plan Commission
June 8, 2016

The June 8, 2016 Plan Commission meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Larry Ballah with members Rob Bubala, Rick Ryfa, Tony Hobson and Stan Dobosz. Also present was Town Attorney; Brent Torrenga and Building Commissioner; Steve McDermott. Absent was Plan Commission Engineer; Pete Kohut, members Dave Maglish, and Ken Ruesken.

Minutes from the April 13, 2016 and May 11, 2016 meetings were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1 Goodwill Industries by Michael O'Connor of Holladay Properties; 1601 W. 45th Ave. Preliminary Site Plan approval for a not-for-profit business. Petitioner has requested a continuance to the July 13, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Bubala made a motion to continue Goodwill Industries by Michael O'Connor of Holladay Properties; 1601 W. 45th Ave. to the July 13, 2016 meeting ***seconded by Mr. Dobosz. All favored, motion carried.***

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Informational: Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc. re: railroad bridge superstructure replacement project over Cady Marsh Ditch between N. Broad Street and N. Arbogast Street.

Mr. Mark Paull; Midwest Engineering, Mr. Jim Kadaris; EJ & E into CN and Mr. Ian Moore; intern all appeared before the Commission. Mr. Paull distributed paperwork to all Commission members. Mr. Paull stated the concrete will remain and there will be modifications made to the replace the steel superstructure. They will be continuous ballast sections. The improvements will dampen the train noise within the neighborhood. The life of the concrete work is approximately 100 years. They are hoping to start the prep work soon and work will be completed in late July/early August. The work will be done in two, eight hour blocks, during daylight hours. Other than jackhammering, there will be no other noise. Mr. Bubala asked how long the construction will last. Mr. Paull stated the change out will take 2 days. The prep work will be done ahead of time. There will be 5-6 employees on site. Mr. Ballah asked if permits are needed from the State or County. Mr. Paull stated they have secured permits thru the Army Core, DNR, and Surveyor's Office. The Little Calumet River Basin Commission is also coordinating the project due to the water way opening. Mr. Bubala asked how old the structure is. Mr. Paull stated the structure is approximately 100 years old. Mr. Dobosz asked if the construction will be done one section at a time. Mr. Paull stated it will be done in two spans which will not necessarily be done on back to back days. Mr. Dobosz asked if the work will disrupt train traffic. Mr. Paull stated the trains will not stop. Mr. Bubala asked if road traffic will be effected. Mr. Paull stated traffic will not be effected. All staging will be done within the right-of-way. Mr. Ryfa asked if there's a need to appear before the Plan Commission. Mr. Paull stated there isn't a need for it. Lake County just wanted the Town to be aware of the work. Mr. Ryfa asked if a press release was needed. Mr. Paull stated it is not. Mr. Paull stated the crane will require their own permits for roadways. Mr. Torrenga advised the Commission has not been asked to take any action, and that the presenters are here for informational purposes only. However, the Commission may wish to have the

Town's staff and Building Department monitor the proposed work. Mr. Ryfa stated the Town of Griffith has no jurisdiction in the matter, and has no permits to issue CN for the crane.

BILLS AND EXPENDITURES

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Plan Commission a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Rob Bubala, Secretary

Veronica L. Horka, Recording Secretary