

The Thorntown Plan Commission met in a regular meeting on July 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Thorntown Town Hall. Due to technical issues, the meeting could not be livestreamed.

Members in attendance were as follows:

- President Don Gray – Citizen Member
- Erick Smith – Citizen Member.
- Vice President Gene Doctor – Citizen Member.
- Dalton Humphreys – Town Employee.
- Nancy Durkin – Citizen Member.

Others in attendance: Marcellus Johnson, Planning Administrator.

President Gray calls the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

OPENING CEREMONIES

President Gray leads the Plan Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

President Gray declares a quorum.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Smith, second by VP Doctor, to adopt the minutes from the meeting on June 9, 2025

AYES: Erick Smith, Don Gray, Gene Doctor, Dalton Humphreys, Nancy Durkin. NAYS: Zero. ABSTAIN: Zero. Motion carries 5, 0, 0.

AGENDA CONSIDERATIONS

There are none.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There are none.

NEW BUSINESS

There are none.

OLD BUSINESS

There are none.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #1 Building Permit Application Update

Mr. Smith asks if the building permit has been updated to add a selection box for new construction. Mr. Johnson says that he has updated the forms and published the updated forms on the Town's website.

Item #2 Sliding Glass Door Question

Mr. Smith asks how Staff have decided on Arbor Homes' question of whether sliding glass doors count as a window for the purposes of window requirements.

Mr. Johnson says that he consulted with Debbie Luzier, who is currently working with him on rewriting the zoning ordinance, and they agreed that doors cannot count as windows no matter how much of their surface area is glass. This is consistent with contemporary code-writing practices and prevents the use of sliding glass doors and other high-glazing doors (like French doors) as loopholes for window requirements.

Mr. Smith asks if there is any need to update the ordinance to reflect this determination, and Mr. Johnson says that they will include this clarification in the ordinance rewrite.

Mr. Johnson provides further updates on the rewrite, sharing that Mrs. Luzier has completed a draft of Chapter 1, and is currently moving right along with an eye towards the end of the year deadline for a complete draft.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Humphreys seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Donald Gray

President

Marcellus Johnson

Secretary