

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
AGRICULTURE & ZONING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2013 MEETING

This meeting began at 6:50 p.m. in the committee meeting room on the second floor of the Livingston County Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

Present: Bob Young, Bill Flott, Ronald Kestner, Bill Peterson, Earl Rients and Paul Ritter.

Absent: Mike Ingles

Others

Present: County Planning Commission Representative Chuck Schopp, and Livingston County Farm Bureau representative Craig Swartz.

Committee chair Bob Young remarked about adding quarry fees as a new item e. under Business to the agenda. Bill Flott moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that the agenda be approved as amended. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Committee chair Bob Young then noted the minutes of December 11, 2012 AG & Zoning committee meeting. Paul Ritter then moved, seconded by Bill Peterson, that these minutes stand approved as presented. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Solid Waste Issues:

A monthly synopsis of landfill information and correspondence was presented to the committee members. The synopsis report pertaining to the Livingston Landfill focused on gas system reports along with Clean Air Act Permit program and NPDES reports. Ground water monitoring reports were also discussed with the committee members. The IEPA has issued a permit for new cell D7. It was mentioned that new gas wells and the activation of the gas to energy facility will major projects at Livingston Landfill in 2013. In regard to the Streator Area Landfill a groundwater monitoring review report was mentioned. Host fee reports pertaining to the Livingston and Streator Area landfills were presented to the committee members.

Wind Energy Conversion System Considerations:

The committee was informed that Gamesa had been working on resolving complaints on TV reception in the area of the Minonk Wind project. The committee was also informed that the federal wind energy production tax credit was extended to cover wind projects that start construction in 2013. To date the county has not been contacted about any renewed interest in pursuing wind energy projects in Livingston County.

Discussion on the potential Update of Land Use Documents:

The zoning administrator related to the committee members that the Livingston County Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances have been in place since 1974. These ordinances are available on the county web site under the County Code and Ordinances. The zoning administrator reviewed aspects for considering the updating of these documents. Small section examples of the existing zoning ordinance in comparison to a recently approved updated zoning ordinance from another county were discussed with the committee members.

It was the consensus of the committee to review some updating adjustments to the subdivision ordinance, while reviewing amendments to the zoning ordinance only as need be.

Approval of Auto Stipend:

The committee discussed the Internal Revenue Services regulations on taxable noncash employee benefits regarding vehicles, as it pertains to the county ESDA Coordinator. The committee discussed the limitations of the internal revenue service regulations in regard to qualified non personal use of vehicles. In having a differing opinion, than the Internal Revenue Service, pertaining to this matter, the committee unanimously approved by voice vote a motion by Bill Flott, seconded by Paul Ritter, to have the State’s Attorney’s office review this matter to confirm the findings of the bookkeeping office regarding taxable noncash benefits regarding the use of vehicles.

Rock Quarry Fees:

Since quarry fees have been previously discussed by previous AG & Zoning Committees the zoning administrator is to research past notes on this matter. This matter will be placed on the agenda for the next AG & Zoning Committee meeting for further discussion by the committee members.

Review and Approval of Bills: None

Public Comment: None

There being no further business to come before the committee, Ronald Kestner moved seconded by Paul Ritter, that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission