

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD  
AGRICULTURE, ZONING and EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2013 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., at the Livingston County Historic Courthouse at 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

Present: Bob Young, Bill Flott, Mike Ingles, Ron Kestner, Bill Peterson and Earl Rients.

Absent: Paul Ritter

Others

Present: Livingston County Board Chairman Marty Fannin, Livingston County Administrative Resource Specialist Alina Hartley, Livingston County Farm Bureau representative Don Immke and County Planning Commission Office representative Chuck Schopp.

Committee Chair Young noted the agenda and Bill Flott moved, seconded by Mike Ingles, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Minutes of the May 7, 2013 committee meeting were referred to the committee. Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Bill Peterson, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Review of Subdivision Cases:

Lydigsen Subdivision; The zoning administrator provided a report pertaining to the proposed 1.5 acre one lot Lydigsen Subdivision in Section 10 of Dwight Township. The committee was informed that the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission had reviewed this zoning case, and that the planning commission recommends the approval of this zoning case, along with the variance and waivers mentioned in the report for this planned subdivision. The committee members discussed the location of this subdivision, in relation to the Village of Dwight and how the Village of Dwight could exercise administrative approval of this proposed division of land. The committee members were informed that the Village of Dwight officials have been made aware of this proposed subdivision. Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Bill Peterson, that this committee delay any recommendation on the Lydigsen Subdivision until after the Village of Dwight by letter or other form of official correspondence addresses their consent of Livingston County administrating this proposed subdivision. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Schmidt Subdivision; The zoning administrator provided a report pertaining to the proposed two lot subdivision of a 5.09 acre parcel of land in Section 32 of Esmen Township, on the west edge of unincorporated Row. The committee was informed that the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission had reviewed this zoning case, and that the planning commission recommends the approval of this zoning case, along with the waivers mentioned in the report for this planned subdivision. However, this recommendation stipulates that the lot size and lot dimensions for Lot 1 conform to the proper zoning district regulations. Bill Flott moved,

seconded by Mike Ingles, that this committee concur with the planning commission's recommendation. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

**Solid Waste Issues:**

A monthly synopsis of landfill information and correspondence was presented to the committee members. The monthly information synopsis relating to Livingston Landfill report focused on well monitoring and results, gas system reports, NPDES reports, and closure/post closure estimate updates. The progress of the Hoosier Energy gas to energy project was discussed with the committee members. Comments were made about how less litter is being seen along the I 55/Route 66 corridor. Committee Chair Young commented about meeting with Republic Services representatives. An August 23<sup>rd</sup>, open house is being planned by Livingston Landfill this year.

Continuing erosion issues were mentioned pertaining to the Streator Area Landfill.

Current host fee information was also made available to the committee members.

**Wind Energy Conversion Systems Update:**

Matters, such as the repair of roads affected by the wind turbines construction, to be completed at the Minonk Wind farm are still being worked out.

We are not aware of the most recent state legislation session approving any new legislation regarding wind energy. A bill, proposed this session, pertaining to deconstruction may be amended and presented again to the general assembly at their Spring 2014 session. Enterprise Zone legislation was also discussed.

**Flood Disaster Declaration Briefing:**

The committee was briefed on FEMA approving Livingston County as a disaster area and therefore approved for individual assistance disaster aid for the Illinois Severe Storms, straight line winds and flooding that occurred from April 16, 2013 to May 5, 2013. A copy of a disaster assistance sheet was provided to the committee members. Livingston County citizens can register for this aid through July 9<sup>th</sup>. A decision on FEMA approving public aid has not been made.

**Comprehensive Plan:**

A copy of the Livingston County Comprehensive Plan was presented to the committee members. This plan will be discussed with the committee members at a future meeting(s).

**Review of Planning Commission office draft budgets:**

Draft 2014 budgets for the Regional Planning & Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Solid Waste and ESDA were presented to the committee. Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Earl Riens, that these budgets can precede for finance committee review as they are drafted.

Discuss Stone Quarry Issues:

Issues regarding how stone quarries are stockpiling their soil material have been brought before a committee member. This issue will be investigated. Committee chair Young mentioned that representatives of Ford county had mentioned quarry fee to him, yet they do not have a plan as to if or how these fees can be assessed. This issue has been discussed by this committee in the past.

ETSB Report and Draft Budget Review:

Committee chair Young invited the committee members to attend an ETSB board meeting, so that they can become more familiar with ETSB since this committee will now be reviewing ETSB issues. ETSB seeking to update their mapping was also discussed.

Then copies of the draft 2014 budgets for the ETSB-Dispatch and ETSB 911 were provided to the committee members. The committee accepted these draft budgets for review.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

A Livingston County zoning regulations text amendment for tattoo business was discussed, with the committee agreeing that this text amendment can be formally proposed as a special use in the C1, C2 and C3 zoning districts.

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Bills:

Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Bill Flott, that this committee approve the payment of Allied Wastes statement in the amount of \$757.84 for disposal costs related to the clean up of debris related to the April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 flood disaster. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Then Bill Flott moved, seconded by Ron Kestner, that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Charles T. Schopp, Administrator  
Livingston County Regional  
Planning Commission