

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2013 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Livingston County Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

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

Absent: None

Others

Present: County Board Chair Marty Fannin, County Planning Commission Representative Chuck Schopp, Livingston County Administrative Resource Specialist Alina Hartley, Livingston County Finance Resource Specialist June Slagel, Liv Com 911 Manager of Communications Randy Wittenberg, ETSB Chairman Dwight Police Chief Tim Henson and Shelby Hoerner representing the Livingston County Farm Bureau.

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

Minutes of the July 2, 2013 committee meeting were referred to the committee. Bill Flott moved, seconded by Mike Ingles, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes. The committee members remarked that they are satisfied with how the committee minutes are being presented.

Review of Zoning Case ZT-1-13 – Tattoo Parlors or Studios:

The zoning administrator presented a report to the committee pertaining to Livingston County Zoning Case ZT-1-13 – Tattoo Parlors or Studios. The committee was informed that Tattoo Parlors or Studios were being added as a special use to the C1, C2 and C3 sections of the Livingston County Zoning Regulations. The avenue of reviewing such uses as a special use, which involves public hearings and the potential of the conditions being placed on the approval of special uses, was related to the committee. An additional part of this proposed zoning regulation test amendment was also explained to the committee. This text amendment would add tattoo parlors or studios to the sections of lists “home occupations that shall not be interpreted to include:”

It was noted to the committee that the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission and the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals had reviewed this zoning case, that they recommend the approval of this zoning case.

Language of being licensed by the State of Illinois was discussed. Mike Ingles, then moved, seconded by Bill Peterson that this committee recommend to the entire Livingston County Board the approval of Livingston County Zoning Case ZT-1-13. This motion passed with a voice vote of all ayes.

Solid Waste/Landfill 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 NPDES reports, an annual groundwater flow evaluation report, a landfill gas migration monthly report, a semi-annual report on the landfill gas system flares, and report copies pertaining to groundwater testing. In regard to the Streator Area Landfill a groundwater report was mentioned. Hoosier Energy is proceeding with their upgrade of the Livingston Landfill gas to energy facility. Host agreement information was also presented to the committee.

A discussion then took place on a proposal to have the committee to meet on the same day as a planned Livingston Landfill open house. This open house is to take place on August 23rd. The committee concluded that they will schedule a meeting on August 23rd to begin at 9:30 am and then also schedule a regular meeting for September. Then they may cancel the regular meeting if no new business needs to be reviewed.

Wind Energy Update:

There is no new information on wind energy, just continued discussions on the future of wind energy in this area.

Flood Disaster Declaration Extension Briefing:

The committee was informed that registration for FEMA individual disaster assistance had been extended through August 8th.

Comprehensive Plan Review:

A quick remark was made in regard to how inclusive of the county municipalities can be made part of an updated comprehensive plan.

ETSB:

ETSB chair Tim Henson related that an agreement explaining the relationship of ETSB and Livingston County has been drafted, and that this draft document is now being reviewed. At a near future meeting this draft document will be presented to this committee. An explanation was given that this draft document basically outlines the current relationship between ETSB and Livingston County, with this document formalizing this relationship.

Mr. Henson then commented that the ETSB are working on finalizing their draft budgets for next year, and that they will provide copies of this latest draft budgets to the county for their review, as soon as the draft budgets area available. The committee expressed their appreciation to Mr. Henson for his service to the ETSB.

Briefing on Property Improvement/Zoning Issues:

The committee was informed that the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals will be reviewing a special use for a perforating and laminating business, on Fehr property Northwest of Fairbury. The committee was also informed of a swine confinement building proposed to be built on Schaffer property in Eppards Point Township.

No public comments were made, and no bills were presented for the committee to review.

Then Bill Flott moved, seconded by Mike Ingles, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission