

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
AGRICULTURE AND ZONING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2013 MEETING

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

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

Absent: None

Others

Present: Herman Schmidt representing the Schmidt subdivision, Shelby Hoerner representing the Livingston County Farm Bureau, County Board Chair Marty Fannin and County Planning Commission Office Representative Chuck Schopp.

Committee Chair Young noted the agenda, Bill Flott then 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 June 4, 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.

Subdivision Case Status:

Lydigsen Subdivision; Committee member Bill Flott remarked that he had discussed this matter with the officials at the Village of Dwight with the village officials expressing their viewpoint on this proposed property division, with it being questioned as to how his property would be classified. The committee members discussed the responsibility of the village and the responsibility of the county in reviewing subdivision adjoining corporate limits. The review of this property division by the county planning commission and the county zoning board of appeals was discussed. Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that this committee recommend the denial of this subdivision request with a recommendation that this subdivision be administered by the Village of Dwight. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Schmidt Subdivision; The committee was presented with a new plat of this proposed subdivision that reflects new lot sizes and new lot dimensions, to comply with the previous recommendations of the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission and of this committee. Herman Schmidt was present to remark about the buildings on this property and about the reasons why he would like to sell one building off of his property, and in order to sell the one building a subdivision is required. The sharing of private water and septic systems was mentioned.

Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that this committee recommend to the county board the approval of this proposed subdivision with the waivers as outlined, and with a requirement for easements of any shared utilities. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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 sampling events (including split sampling results conducted by Deigan and Associates), the gas management system monitoring, leachate analysis, NPDES reports, IEPA capacity certifications, and proposed intrawell statistical values for new Parcel D wells. Well values were then discussed.

Pertaining to the Streator Area Landfill, post-closure and leachate analysis were mentioned in the synopsis report. The committee was also informed that representatives from Deigan and Associates and the county planning and zoning office had recently visited this landfill. A more formal report will be made on this visit at a future meeting.

How Hoosier energy is moving forward with their gas to energy project at Livingston Landfill was mentioned.

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

Wind Energy Update:

The status of issues at Minonk Wind were discussed, including TV reception and the evaluation of the road repairs. A proposed designation of a private airport for the Watters grass strip southeast of Dwight was mentioned to the committee.

Wind Energy Companies that have expressed interest in developing projects in Livingston County have had no communication with county representatives about the status of these projects, during the last month or months.

Flood Disaster Declaration Briefing:

The committee was informed that a 15 day extension for applying for individual assistance has been granted for the April flood event. Citizens now have until July 24th to apply for assistance. The process for public assistance funding has also begun.

Comprehensive Plan Review Discussion:

The committee members were informed of a proposed continuing line item in the capital budget for next year, to consider the continued review of the county planning documents. The zoning administrator noted a roll over request of \$50,000. The committee recognized this request from past years.

ETSB Report:

The committee was informed that the planning office was contacted by the National Weather Service, which is seeking a change in their agreement with a private company regarding their weather station on a tower near Odell. The committee members then discussed mapping matters related to 911.

Other Issues to come before the committee:

Noise nuisance issues were discussed, with the committee planning no further action on this issue at this time.

The committee was informed that a tattoo studio zoning text amendment will be formally presented to them in August.

Public Comment:

No public comments were made.

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice in the amount of \$2,113.50 from Deigan & Associates, LLC, for professional services from April 1, 2013 thru June 11, 2013 relating to Landfill monitoring and technical reviews of Republic/Allied Waste's Livingston and Streator Area landfills, for environmental/solid waste landfill consulting services to Livingston County was reviewed by the committee. Bill Flott moved, seconded by Mike Ingles, that this committee recommend that this invoice be approved for payment. This motion was unanimously approved, by voice vote.

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

This meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission