

Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture  
Committee Meeting  
January 10, 2007

**Members Present**

Mr. Stauffenberg, Mr. Bertrand, Ms. Hertzberger, Mr. James, Mr. Scholl, Mr. Hess, Mr. Whitten, Mr. Marcotte, Ms. McBride, Mr. Tripp, and Mr. Washington

**Members Absent**

Mr. Olthoff

**In Attendance**

Mr. McLaren, Mr. Yates, Delbert Skimerhorn, Eric Sadler, Mike Watson, Sarah Billadeau, Mike Lammey, Rich Howell, Dana Meyer, Ken Nelson, Leigh Marcotte, Mike Van Mill, Eric Rayman, Donna Shehane, Jim Greenstreet, and Kathy Powles

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Stauffenberg at 9:00 a.m. Quorum present.

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Public Comment**

Dana Meyer spoke regarding ZBA Case #06-15.

Kathy Powles spoke regarding ZBA Case #06-15.

**4. Approval of Minutes – December 26, 2006**

A motion to approve the minutes of December 26, 2006 was made by Mr. Scholl and seconded by Mr. James. Motion carried.

**5. Zoning**

• **ZBA Case #06-15**

Mr. Van Mill stated that this committee requested that this case come back to the committee for further study.

Mr. Skimerhorn gave a brief overview of ZBA Case #06-15.

A motion to concur with the ZBA on the rezoning of the property was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Mr. Marcotte.

Ms. Hertzberger stated that she would like to see how the City of Kankakee feels about this. Even though there is light industrial in the area, she believes the subject site belongs in an industrial park. She feels that residential is predominately what this area is going to be.

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A motion to table this matter to the next meeting was made by Ms. Hertzberger and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 9 ayes and 3 nays (Mr. Stauffenberg, Mr. Bertrand, and Mr. Whitten).

**6. Solid Waste and Environmental**

None

**7. Planning**

None

**8. Transportation**

- **Safe Routes to Schools Presentation**

Mr. Van Mill stated that this project was initiated a couple of months ago. Sarah Billadeau is working very closely with the schools in the area to put this program together.

Ms. Billadeau stated that 66% of children walked or biked to school 20-30 years ago, now 13% of trips to school are made by children walking or biking. Parents say that distance, heavy traffic, fear of crime or abduction, and inconvenience are among the reasons why they will not allow their children to walk to school. Because of these reasons 20-25% of morning traffic congestion is due to parents dropping their children off to school.

Ms. Billadeau stated that the goals of the program are to encourage children to walk and bike to school, reduce traffic accidents and congestion, improve infrastructure and safety, and improve the health and well-being of children. The program is aimed at K-8 grade children only. The program funds infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements and there is no local match required.

Ms. Billadeau stated that currently she and Mr. Lamme are creating a Safe Routes to School Task Force for our area. The Task Force will include school officials, engineers, and municipal leaders. There will be a kick off meeting in the County Board Room on January 31, 2007, at 4:30, and anyone who would like to attend is more than welcome.

**9. Subdivision**

**10. Old/New Business**

- **Comprehensive Plan Training Workshop- January 25, 2007 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Lunch Provided) Quality Inn**

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- **6000 N Interchange Public Meeting- January 30, 2007 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Mr. Scholl stated that at the last meeting he spoke of the concerns of the Fire Districts. He and Mr. Hess met with the Fire Chiefs last night and got a number of questions and concerns answered they have pertaining to the illegal burn issue. He would like this to be placed on the next agenda.

#### **11. Executive Session**

- **5 ILCS 120/2(2)(11) – Legal Matters/Litigation**

#### **12. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m. was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Mr. Tripp. Motion carried.

James Stauffenberg,  
Vice-Chairman

Stephanie Jackson,  
Executive Coordinator

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