

Members Present

Mr. Stauffenberg, Mr. Olthoff, Mr. Tripp, Mr. Bertrand, Ms. Hertzberger, Mr. James, Mr. Martin, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Scholl.

Members Absent

None.

In Attendance

Mike Van Mill, Brian Billingsley, Donna Shehane, Mike Lammey, Tim Schmidt, and Rich Howell.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Olthoff and seconded by Mr. Tripp to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2004 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Scholl to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2004 public hearing meeting. Motion carried.

4. Building

None.

5. Subdivision

None.

6. Zoning

ZBA Case #04-01

The committee reviewed ZBA Case #04-01; request for a variance to sections 6.04 (lot area) and 6.05 (lot width) in the A1-Agriculture District of the Kankakee County Zoning Ordinance, on a parcel generally situated in Section 29 of Rockville Township. The petitioners are Jacquelyn Hammond, Shirley Hammond, and Jacqueline Burgeson, property owners and applicants.

Mr. Billingsley gave an overview of the case. The ZBA recommended that it be approved by a vote of 6 ayes to 0 nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. James to approve the request for variances.

Mr. James asked if they need the variance to change the tower. Mr. Billingsley said they want to add an antenna on the tower.

Mr. Stauffenberg said this is a single pole tower. Mr. Billingsley said correct.

Ms. Hertzberger said since this was created illegally, does it make it legal by the committee voting on it.

Mr. Billingsley said the committee will forward their recommendation to the Board and once approved, it makes the parcel buildable.

Mr. Scholl said if the tower is discontinued, can the land only revert back to agriculture. Mr. Billingsley said there are other uses as well in this district.

Mr. Olthoff said usually in the contracts they have specifications to take it down and remove the concrete to a certain level and then fill it in.

Motion carried.

ZBA Case #04-03

The committee reviewed ZBA Case #04-03; request for rezoning from A1-Agriculture District to A2-Agriculture Estate District and a variance to section 7.03 (lot size), on a parcel generally situated in Section 1 of Manteno Township. The petitioners are Homestar Trust 1080/Brian Meyer, property owner and Nicholas & Melissa Saathoff, applicants.

Mr. Billingsley gave an overview of the case. The ZBA recommended it be approved by a vote of 6 ayes to 0 nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Olthoff to approve the request for rezoning.

Mr. Olthoff asked if this is adjacent to a homestead.

Mr. Billingsley said it is not adjacent, but there is one across the street.

Mr. Howell said the ZBA did not want a rural estate district out that far so they recommended an A2 district.

Motion carried.

7. Other

Kankakee County Fair Contract

Mr. Van Mill said he would like to have a booth at the Kankakee County Fair. They would like to target solid waste and recycling. He took the contract to the State's Attorney office and their advice is that it needs County Board approval so that the Chairman can enter into the contract. He said Health Department has had a booth in the past. His intent would be to put out publications, recycling brochures, waste/recycling newsletter, and include zoning and building permit information.

Mr. James asked if another agency in the county could share the booth.

Mr. Van Mill said he inquired at the department head meeting, but will ask again. He said it would be nice to have a central booth.

A motion was made by Washington and seconded by Mr. Olthoff to authorize the County Board Chairman to enter into the contract with the Kankakee County Fair for a booth. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays.

Solid Waste Legislation Updates

Mr. Van Mill said Donna Shehane has done a lot of research on the bills at the general assembly and will report on the most important items.

Ms. Shehane said there are several proposed legislation that she would like feedback on as follows:

- SB2275: this bill changes the law for rebar to be buried as fill. There is a safety hazard. There is a way to take care of rebar/metal right now and there is no reason to bury metal. This bill is in its third reading.

Mr. Washington asked who are the sponsors. Ms. Shehane said the chief sponsor is George Shadid.

Mr. James said he agrees with her position. He sees this bill as a shortcut for the contractor and a headache for us down the road. There is a market for the steel, why bury it.

A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Tripp to have Ms. Shehane send a letter opposing SB2275. Motion carried.

- SB3169, SB2570, and HB5915: these bills deal with electronic waste. The idea is to charge the retailer \$6-\$10 for each TV/Computer they sell. The money would be deposited into a new fund and used to grant local governments money to hold collection events. Ultimately, the goal is to ban landfill disposal of products in 2009. This is a good source of funds for Kankakee County to hold some electronic collection events. Sponsored by Patrick Welch and Ira Silversteine.

Mr. Scholl said we should encourage recycling of this material because it will increase in the future.

Mr. Scholl asked if it costs an owner \$30 now to recycle a computer. Ms. Shehane said yes.

Mr. Van Mill asked if this is a fee when buying an electronic device. Ms. Shehane said it is a set fee based on the size of the monitor. The retailers are required to submit a quarterly report to the Treasurer's office.

Ms. Hertzberger asked who is responsible for the drive to get electronic equipment in.

Mr. Van Mill said they talked about making an effort to have the household hazardous waste day be coordinated with the schools and have a place for electronic equipment to be dropped off. The bid would require the contractor to take it to an approved location.

Mr. Olthoff said it should be incumbent on the manufacturer; rather than another bureaucracy handling it. Those who produce it should provide a way to handle it.

Ms. Shehane said the plan is to help develop markets for this material.

Ms. Hertzberger asked if the State is currently responsible for it.

Mr. Van Mill said they apply to the State for funding to hold events and they will have money available.

A motion was made by Ms. Hertzberger and seconded by Mr. Martin to have Ms. Shehane send a letter supporting SB3169, SB2570, and HB5915. Motion carried.

Model Stormwater Management & Erosion Control Ordinance

Mr. Van Mill said there is a provision that all communities are required to take action to ensure that erosion, sediments, and stormwater are controlled. Phase II was established last year and it brought Kankakee in line with the provisions. The program helps to make sure that our waters are clean, that there is no sediment or erosion. Last March, we sent a notice of intent to the IEPA outlining a strategy to satisfy the State/Federal requirements. One critical element was that we would pursue the development of an Ordinance for Kankakee County. As soon as they sent it in, they started the process to figure out how to develop the ordinance. He set aside some money in the Tipping Fee Fund for some technical expertise to help develop the ordinance. He earmarked roughly \$50,000 to do that. When the budget was passed, the office started an RFP to find a consulting/engineering firm to help them along those lines. They submitted the RFP on January 15 and gave interested parties until February 27 to submit their proposals. The bids that came in are as follows:

- Stanley Consultants - \$78,000
- Hanson Consultants - \$115,000
- M. Gingerich, Gereaux & Associates - \$124,000
- Ciorba Group - \$124,141
- Baxter and Woodman - \$159,931
- Smith Engineering Consultants - \$186,705
- URS/TPAP - \$327,080
- Engineering Resource Associates - \$563,454

Mr. Van Mill said in the RFP, it stated that the County could reject any and all bids. He recommends that we do so because they are beyond the funding amount we have available. He said they will look at other options to pursue.

A motion was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Washington to reject all bids submitted.

Mr. Washington said there is a large range and asked if there is something in the request to narrow the scope.

Mr. Van Mill said he looked to see if they had a good RFP and he thinks it was. He said some of the proposals read more into it or thought they had services necessary for the project.

Mr. Olthoff asked if we can pull things out of the proposals as elements so if we do another one, we could be more specific.

Mr. Van Mill said Task 1 was ordinance development, education and outreach, county/municipal adoption to sell the program, and technical manual development. Task 2 was training of communities and governmental officials, implementing recommendations, floodplain/wetlands protection, and NPDS training. The way the bids came back, we could not compare it apples to apples.

Mr. Martin asked if there is a chance they could get a copy of the RFP that was sent out.

Ms. Hertzberger asked how KARMA is doing with this same thing.

Mr. Van Mill said they have been in contact with Rich Schultz and local engineers. He hopes this will help them achieve their goals as well.

Motion carried.

Status and Update of METRA Feasibility Study

Mr. Lammey said they are trying to change the focus from METRA to commuter rail. There is a task force in place and both Will County and Bradley have contributed financially. Sam Nicholas is chairman. The next task force meeting is in Aroma Park at 2:00 pm in their Village Hall on March 16.

Mr. Stauffenberg asked how long this process will take. Mr. Lammey said he expects to have the consultant study in January/February 2005.

Mr. Stauffenberg said how long it will take to get the commuter rail here. Mr. Lammey said ten years.

Mr. Schmidt said he thinks it will be eight years, which is in timing with the T21 funding at the federal level.

Mr. Lammey said it is an opportunity to get in line at the federal level.

8. Old Business

Planning Workshop - Joint Meeting of KCB, KCRPC, & ZBA

Mr. Van Mill said the joint meeting is Monday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Hertzberger requested that River Crossing Subdivision be placed on the next agenda in light of the new information supplied by Consumer's Illinois Water and the City of Kankakee about the possible annexation of the land.

Mr. James said if the people involved are not here, we have no grounds. Whoever is developing the subdivision should initiate the meeting.

Ms. Hertzberger said we should notify them to be present.

Mr. Van Mill said they will send a notice to them. They will be coming in with a proposal so they will have an interest in being here if it will be discussed.

Ms. Hertzberger said she has talked to members of the Kankakee City Planning and they voted without all the information and would have discussed it further. She also talked to Don Green.

Mr. Martin said there is new information brought up on the water since the last time we discussed this issue. He thinks this opens up new information. He said we should ask the Kankakee Planning Commission members to be present as well.

Mr. Scholl said we gave them a variance. He asked if this will be established at another stage in the process.

Mr. Van Mill said he does not want unilateral authority on individual vs. community wells and it should be up to this process. He talked to Dave Tyson and he indicated that they are willing to look at the community well proposal. He thinks it is important to find out where that is heading.

Mr. Stauffenberg said he will have it put back on the agenda.

9. New Business

None.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Olthoff to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Motion carried.

Jim Stauffenberg, Chairman

Juanita M. Baker
Administrator