

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION
LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE
MARCH 15, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Rich Howell, Dave Bergdahl, Dennis Peters, Mel Blanchette, Loretto Cowhig, Chad Miller and Jim Tripp

Others:

Mike Van Mill, Mike Lammey, and Brian Billingsley, Kankakee County; Phil Hanegraaf and Joe Clemens, HNTB; and Laura McElroy, Herald

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 4:31 P.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Bergdahl moved that the Minutes of the January 20, 2005 meeting be approved. Mr. Peters seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. Billingsley stated that the final draft is completed, except for some of the Appendices and worksheets. The next meeting is April 11, 2005, at which time it is anticipated that the document will be approved and sent to legal counsel for review. After that is completed, the document will come to the Land Use Subcommittee for the public hearing phase of the study. Chairman Howell stated that the intent is for the County to adopt the document, and then for other municipalities in the County to adopt the model ordinance.

LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Mr. Hanegraaf stated that a great deal of activity had occurred since the last meeting, including meetings with each of the municipalities in Kankakee County. He stated that the project was on schedule for a September 2005 completion. Mr. Hanegraaf stated that there had been a great deal of activity in the subarea planning, especially in the Tri-Village area.

Mr. Van Mill announced that the Public Meeting for the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for April 13, 2005, at the Quality Inn, from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. Mr. Hanegraaf stated that HNTB will be doing repeated presentations on the Plan activity to date, and Mr. Van Mill stated that other exhibitors will be available in the adjacent room. Mr. Bergdahl stated that the format worked

well at the Hazard Mitigation Open House.

Mr. Clemens stated that action needs to be taken on a preferred land use scenario. He stated that the preference of the Subcommittee at the last Subcommittee meeting was for the “Town and Country” scenario. Ms. Cowhig moved that the Land Use Subcommittee endorse the “Town and Country” scenario, and Mr. Blanchette seconded the motion. The vote was five in favor and one opposed.

Mr. Clemens reviewed the most recent memo from HNTB on the scenario development. Clarification was requested on some of the language of development within the ETJ area, as opposed to within the corporate boundaries of municipalities. Members suggested changes in various areas. Mr. Peters expressed concern about the language concerning preservation of agriculture, and the possibility of misinterpretation at some future date. Discussion ensued.

The Tri-Village subarea meeting was discussed, and the points of interest reviewed. The Limestone subarea meeting was discussed, and the points of interest reviewed. The County West community meeting summary was discussed. The Kankakee/Aroma Park/Chebanse meeting was discussed. The Search Conference meeting was discussed. The County East community meeting was discussed.

The Pembroke Township subarea requires some further effort, as Team Illinois has done some work in the area, but it is difficult to document and define that work. Mr. Van Mill stated that Team Illinois had contacted the Northeastern Illinois Regional Planning Commission for planning assistance in the Pembroke Township area, and he was awaiting the results of those efforts to know what the next step for Kankakee County was in the process.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Howell stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, May 19, 2005 at 4:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bergdahl moved adjournment, and Mr. Tripp seconded. Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 6:28 P.M.