

Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture  
Committee Meeting  
March 26, 2008

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Mr. Olthoff, and Mr. Scholl

**In Attendance**

Mr. Kruse, Mr. McLaren, Mike Van Mill, Delbert Skimerhorn, Mike Lammey, Rich Howell, Michelle Sadler, Mike Martin, Jim Greenstreet, and Patricia A. Wagner

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Stauffenberg, at 9:03 a.m. Quorum present.

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes- March 12, 2008**

A motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2008 was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Marcotte. Motion carried.

**4. Transportation**

• **Crash Report Training**

Mr. Greenstreet stated the Planning Department has been reviewing traffic crash reports in cooperation with the Kankakee County Highway Department from 2001 to the present. In comparing the reports on file to IDOT provided statistics, they have discovered a disparity in reportable crash numbers. In reviewing these problems with IDOT Division of Traffic Safety, it was learned that IDOT had not put on classes in Kankakee County on the changes in the crash report form in years. Upon talking with police administrations throughout the County, it was agreed that the class was needed and nearly every department would send an officer to such a class, to be co-hosted by the Planning Department and the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department, with the classes at the Sheriff's Department. The discussion was focused to the main problem areas found in the report forms and IDOT tailored a 1½ hour class for our area police officers and records personnel. Eight classes were scheduled March 6th through March 12<sup>th</sup>.

• **Kankakee County Safe Routes to School Grant Awards**

Mr. Greenstreet stated in early 2007, the Kankakee County Planning Department, in cooperation with several school districts, municipalities and the County Highway Department, prepared a county-wide School Travel Plan as a basis for applications for Safe Routes to School Grant Applications. By June of 2007, there were 19 applications filed from Kankakee County. Statewide there were 112 partially or fully approved applications, 5 from Kankakee County; of the \$8,331,721.00 awarded statewide, \$376,650.00 was awarded to Kankakee County.

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## 5. Planning

- **Historic Preservation Commission Membership Appointment- Patricia A. Wagner**

A motion to appoint Patricia Wagner to the Historic Preservation Commission was made by Mr. Hess and seconded by Mr. Whitten. Motion carried.

## 6. Subdivision

- **Rhapsody Cove at Rock Creek, Phase I Subdivision- Final Plat**

Mr. Skimerhorn stated the developers of Rhapsody Cove are asking for Final Plat on Phase I of their subdivision. Phase I consists of 23 lots on 47.93 acres in Rockville Township. The independent engineer has reviewed the final plat and given the County a letter stating they are in compliance with the ordinance. The Planning Department is asking for approval based on the condition that they pay the remainder of their fees and give the County a letter of credit in the amount of \$360,000.00.

A motion to approve the final plat with the conditions was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Tripp. Motion carried. Ms. Hertzberger opposed.

## 7. Old/ New Business

Mr. Kruse stated yesterday he attend the Water Supply Study Group meeting. Kankakee County will be hosting the group on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are 33 members of the Water Supply Study Group who are from 11 different counties. When the Group comes to Kankakee County it may be in the final phases of the plan that is coming forward out of the Study Group. He will continue to keep the Committee updated on that. One of things that will be happening on July 22<sup>nd</sup> is that the Group will be looking at Rhapsody Cove's development as a means of how to do some water management and those types of issues this Group is interested in. The County Board will be invited along with members of the public. He just wanted to give the Committee a heads up. The meeting will probably start at 10:00 and will hopefully conclud around noon, lunch will served to the Water Supply Study Group Committee Members, and then take a trip to Rhapsody Cove.

Mr. Van Mill stated the Committee will be getting a formal invitation to attend an informational luncheon at Brickstone on May 6. About 3 or 4 years ago the County started to investigate the possibility of putting a micro-loan program together. At that time the Planning Department started to develop a partnership with Axeon of Chicago to help administer that program. There had been some turnover at Axeon which put this program on the back burner. Axeon of Chicago, along with their new management, DCO, and himself thought it would be a good time to move forward with this. With that, Axeon of Chicago will be here on May 6<sup>th</sup> to provide an overview of what their services are and how they will help the community. He will be inviting all the banks to this luncheon, which is the primary audience.

## 8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. was made by Mr. Marcotte and seconded by Mr. Tripp. Motion carried.

James Stauffenberg, Vice-Chairman

Stephanie Jackson, Executive Coordinator

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