

MINUTES

KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANING COMMISSION LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE

April 19, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Rich Howell, Dave Bergdahl, Frank Koehler, Chad Miller, Mel Blanchette, Loretto Cowhig, Bud Bates, Bill Bukowski

Others:

Delbert Skimerhorn, Mike Lammey, Sarah Billadeau

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Mr. Koehler moved that the Minutes of the March 22, 2007 meeting be approved. Mr. Bergdahl seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

Chairman Howell moved item 3A to the end of the Agenda after item 3D.

PROGRESS REPORT ON STATUS OF WORK PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Mr. Skimerhorn gave the subcommittee a presentation on the status of work program elements. He stated that the County had sent letters to municipalities asking for the adoption of resolutions supporting the County's Comprehensive Plan. To date only five out of the County's twenty-one municipalities have adopted the resolution. They are: Manteno, Irwin, Chebanse, Sun River Terrace, Momence. Mr. Koehler asked Mr. Skimerhorn to make a formal request to present the County's Plan to the Village's Planning Commission so that they could recommend the adoption of the resolution. Mrs. Cowhig stated that she would find out the City of Kankakee's procedure for adoption of the resolution.

Next, Mr. Skimerhorn discussed the status of the adoption of municipal comprehensive plans into a joint land resource management plan. The committee has already heard presentations from the Villages of Manteno and Herscher and the Village of Bourbonnais will be presenting their comprehensive plan at today's meeting. He also stated that the

City of Kankakee and Momence will be asked to present their plans once they are completed.

Next, Mr. Skimerhorn stated that the study to reduce the oversupply of residential, commercial and industrially zoned lands has not yet been started and that the Department was waiting on a legal opinion from the State's Attorney's Office.

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that the update of the County's Floodplain Ordinance had not been started yet and would likely be postponed until the new flood maps have been completed.

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that the update of the subdivision and zoning regulations to include conservation developments had begun and that a model ordinance was being distributed at this meeting for the subcommittee's review.

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that Item 2, update of the County's subdivision regulations was nearly complete and should be available for distribution and review at the next meeting.

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that the training workshops listed under Item 3 were completed in January. Mr. Howell stated that he had held workshops in the Stormwater Ordinance and that more would be coming soon.

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that the update of the LESA had not been started yet.

DISCUSSION OF MUNICIPALITIES THAT HAVE ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that this had already been discussed in the previous agenda item.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FROM THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Howell informed the subcommittee that they have received a hand out from the County's Comprehensive Plan concerning a sample ordinance for Rural Cluster Development. Mr. Howell encouraged the subcommittee to review the model ordinance and that it would be discussed at our next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Bergdahl and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to support the model ordinance and move forward with the project but that the subcommittee will need more time for review. Unanimous vote.

PRESENTATION ON MUNICIPAL LAND USE PLANS FOR ADOPTION AS JOINT LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS – VILLAGE OF BOURBONNAIS

Mr. Koehler, subcommittee member and Village Administrator for the Village of Bourbonnais proceeded to give an overview of the Village of Bourbonnais' Comprehensive Plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Bergdahl and seconded by Mr. Blanchette to recommend to the Planning and Zoning and Agriculture Committee of the County Board that the Village of Bourbonnais's Comprehensive Plan be adopted as part of a Joint Land resource Management Plan. Unanimous vote.

The motion was originally made to send the recommendation to the Regional Planning Commission, however, Mr. Skimerhorn stated Mr. Van Mill's desire to forward the recommendation directly to the PZA to expedite the approval. Mr. Howell asked that a letter be sent out to members that are not part of this committee informing them of the subcommittee's action. Mr. Bergdahl suggested that the Regional Planning Commission ratify the subcommittee's action of sending it directly to PZA at the next Regional Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Bergdahl made this part of his motion.

Note: Mr. Koehler will be taking Mr. Howell to play golf in Bolingbrook.

OTHER

There was no additional business.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Howell stated that the next meeting would be on June 21, 2007 at 4:30 P.M., and that the meeting would be held in the second floor meeting room of the County Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Koehler moved adjournment and Mr. Bates seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 5:22 P.M.