

Members Present

Mr. Olthoff, Mr. Bertrand, Ms. Hertzberger, Mr. Hess, Mr. Marcotte, Mr. Martin, Mr. Scholl, Mr. Tripp, Mr. Washington and Mr. Whitten.

Members Absent

Mr. Stauffenberg and Mr. James.

In Attendance

Mr. Kruse, Ms. Bernard, Mr. Bossert, Mike Van Mill, Mike Watson, Eric Sadler, Delbert Skimmerhorn, Mike Lammy, Dave Tyson, Janice Schneider, Keith Runyon, Tim Schmidt, Brian Billingsley and Ken Nelson.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

Janice Schneider spoke regarding River Bend Phase II.

Keith Runyon spoke regarding the Solid Waste Plan Update.

Mike Watson spoke regarding the Solid Waste Plan, he and his neighbors would like the opportunity to have some input in changing the plan.

Jeb Hertz, spoke against the land swap with the Kankakee Park District.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from May 24, 2005 was made by Mr. Washington seconded by Mr. Marcotte. Motion carried.

Mr. Whitten asked for an update of where they were at and what is going on with the Prairie Farm Subdivision. He said that this issue was to be brought back to this Committee for further discussion and there was nothing on the Agenda.

Mr. Van Mill stated that he was not prepared to bring this issue up for discussion today.

Mr. Olthoff said that since this issue was not on the Agenda, it could be discussed under "New Business".

5. Building

- Notice of Public Hearing on Building Code Update - July 14, 2005

Mr. Van Mill stated that in the packet there is a copy of the notice that was placed in yesterday's legals. The Board of Examiners and Appeals will be

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conducting a Public Hearing on July 14th at 4 p.m., on the update of the Chapter V of the County Code, which is the Building Code. There are two (2) primary issues with the update – going from the 1996 BOCA Codes to the 2003 International Building Codes as well as modifying the building permit fees. There are copies of the code in the County Clerk’s office if any members of the public would like review it.

6. Transportation

None.

7. Subdivision

None.

8. Zoning

None.

9. Solid Waste & Environmental

- IDCEO Grant Agreement for Recycling Bins

Mr. Van Mill stated that there is a letter in the packet dated May 6, 2005 from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity that clarifies that we have been approved the grant for about \$8,200 to purchase recycling binds for the County. We have developed the purchase orders for that and we are also waiting for the contract to be completed by the State’s Attorney Office that will put in place the recycling pick up portion of the contract.

Mr. Martin asked if we have a receptacle of some kind set up now, because he had several sacks of recyclables and wanted to know if there was some place to bring it. Mr. Van Mill stated that is what they will have very soon and he will not know when until next Tuesday.

- Illinois EPA Enforcement Grant Award

Mr. Van Mill said that this is the Annual funding grant through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The letter in packet dated June 14, 2005 from Director of IEPA, Renee Cipriano, is acknowledging the amount of the grant that the county will receive. At this time Mr. Van Mill is recommending a resolution to the County Board accepting the grant and moving forward for the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Marcotte.
Motion carried.

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Ms. Bernard asked, "what is the amount of the grant?" Mr. Van Mill stated at the present time it's \$22,454.95. There has been some legislation that may increase that, but at this time the grant is the same as it was previously.

10. Planning

- Development Presentation- Exit 308

There is no presentation today.

- River Front Bike Trail

Dave Tyson stated that right now, City of Kankakee, the Forest Preserve, the Kankakee County Developments Foundation have all gotten together and submitted for a grant for a bike path from the Community College and tie into Perry Farm and eventually, go to the State Park. At this time they are asking to have the County be the sponsor of the Enhancement Grant. The reason why they are going to apply for the same Phase I program that was already applied for under the Oslad. The reason why they want to do this is that the Oslad money is 50% match money. With the \$400,000 project, you get reimbursed for \$320,000. With the Enhancement Program, you can do that same \$400,000 project, but you get reimbursed back \$320,000. It cost you \$80,000 instead of the \$200,000. The City of Kankakee, who sponsored the Oslad Grant, cannot sponsor both grants. The money has been basically committed by the County, City, Forest Preserve and the Foundation and even some by Kankakee Community College. The funding hasn't changed, but what this will do is actually give us \$120,000 extra money to keep going into Phase II, Phase III and Phase IV of the bike path. What the Committee has recommended right now is that if the County sponsors this grant, what they're going to do is go into a feasibility study for Phase II then next year we can go for another Enhancement Grant for the Phase II funding. It is the same program that has been presented and talked about with the County before, but we're just going after different monies that would actually cost the community less and give us more money to go even further.

Mr. Whitten asked if there was any matching money on this. Mr. Tyson replied, you have to fund the full amount of the money (\$400,000 project) then you get reimbursed \$320,000 back, so it's an 80/20 match.

Mr. Martin asked what is the County's pledge toward the \$80,000 or have we pledged anything yet and where would it come from.

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Ms. Hertzberger said that she thought that there are five different entities that will contribute for the \$80,000, which she would assume that it would split equally. It is the same intergovernmental agreement that we agreed to before.

Mr. Tripp asked if this is something that should be referred to Finance.

Ms. Hertzberger stated that the deadline for the grant is August 1st. This Committee is to decide if we want to be the sponsor of the grant and then maybe it should go to Finance, if we have time for that.

Mr. Martin asked if we had to pass this today?

Ms. Hertzberger said, "yes we do".

Mr. Van Mill stated that we have already passed a resolution in support that we would partner with whoever is out there to those to get this project done. In general we would support the phase of the project and we would support it somehow financially.

Mr. Martin does agree with the concept, he is just trying to figure out who is paying for what.

Mr. Van Mill stated that this Enhancement Application just came to us and we have to act quickly on and unfortunately, that's the case. The application came to our attention in late May.

Mr. Martin asked how much of the trail will be within the City of Kankakee.

Mr. Tyson stated that the City of Kankakee has already agreed to participate with the Oslad grant, they agreed to pay \$50,000.00 of the \$200,000 match and refund \$100,000 of the remaining \$200,000 that has to be refunded because you have to fund the whole \$400,000, so they made \$150,000 commitment to the project already.

A motion to apply for the grant supporting the \$80,000 was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Ms. Hertzberger. Motion carried.

- B&SRR Youth Center & Academy- Quality Improvement Grant Initiative
Eric Sadler stated that on May 16th we received an application from Irene Seals. She is President of Boots n Saddle which is located in Pembroke Township. They were requesting \$10,000 for a variety of equipment that

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is in your packet. On May 26th we sent Ms. Seals a letter requesting additional information in review of the program.

Ms. Seals spoke to the committee regarding the Boots n Saddle. She requested the grant because they are need of equipment for the farm activities and horse activities.

Mr. Washington asked if over a time the kids participate in rodeos and horse shows.

Ms. Seals stated that the kids have won trophies and ribbons and travel all over the State for shows.

Ms. Seals has received a grant from SARE for \$16,000.00.

Ms. Seals stated that they have about 12 kids, but the aim of the organization is to have 20. They would take more but that is their goal.

Mr. Van Mill said that the project is \$36,000. \$16,000 is coming from a grant; \$10,000 would come from us and \$10,000 would come from the sources for the non-for-profit.

Ms. Hertzberger asked how long they have been doing this. Ms. Seals stated that the Youth Center and Academy is fairly new – about a year, but Boots n Saddles (the ranch part of it) has been going for several years.

Mr. Scholl asked if produce is sold. Ms. Seals stated that it is sold at the farmers market.

Mr. Olthoff stated that this will be taken up at a later meeting.

Ms. Bernard asked if the money from waste management has been exhausted. Mr. Van Mill stated that if we look at the \$45,000 we've gotten (and this was 3 years ago) we would have about \$11,500.

11. Other

12. Executive Session – 5 ILCS 140/7 – Pending Litigation Executive Session- 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)- Review of Executive Session Minutes

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A motion to go into executive session was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Ms. Hertzberger. Motion carried by a roll call vote 11 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion to come out of executive session was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Marcotte. Motion carried.

A motion to release Grant Park Partners was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried.

A motion to keep the executive minutes tapes closed and release the written minutes was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Marcotte. Motion carried.

13. Old/New Business

Mr. Tyson stated that the Prairie Farm issue will be on the next scheduled agenda. They have attained approval from the Health Department for septic and wells (unanimous decision). They have talked to the township road commissioner in that area and they have complied with his wishes.

Ms. Bernard asked why the developer was not here today. Mr. Van Mill stated that he was gone on Friday and Monday and it was carried over from the previous agenda and they have not communicated that.

Mr. Scholl stated that concern has been expressed with respect to the River Bend Subdivision. He walked the adjacent property and there is a drain off situation. What is the County's policy in dealing with runoff on adjacent property holders? Mr. Olthoff stated that retention ponds have to be put in and there's a stream that it would drain into. Mr. Van Mill stated that the amount of water that comes off the property before the development has to be the same after the development.

Ms. Hertzberger asked when we get a plat and they show retention ponds, do we just relay onto the engineer that is working for the developer? Mr. Van Mill stated that we don't have engineers on staff.

Mr. Tyson stated that the plans were submitted to the County for review the County's engineer did look at. The subdivision ordinance does not require two developers to sign off, but he is sure that the new subdivision ordinance will have that.

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Ms. Schneider commented and said that on Phase I there was a problem with the retention ponds the way it was set up. There was a lot of water put on their farm and so far, they lost about 3 acres of land because of the water runoff.

Ms. Hertzberger gave an update of the impact fee subcommittee. They would like to have a special meeting before the County Board meeting on July 8th.

Mr. Nelson stated that if the committee sees fit to proceed with a special committee meeting.

A motion to have a special committee of PZA on July 8, 2005 at 9 a.m. to discuss the impact fee ordinance was made by Ms. Hertzberger and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Olthoff for his input into this. His input was appreciated.

14. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Marcotte and seconded by Mr. Hess at 10:06 a.m. Motion carried.

William Olthoff, Chairman

Stephanie Gresham
Executive Coordinator
and Chris Richardson, Administrative Assistant

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