

Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission
Summary of Minutes of Meeting
July 27, 2004
4th Floor Administration Building
7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Craig Bayston
Dennis Millirons
John Meyer, Jr.
Mel Blanchette
Ralph Paarlberg
Loretto Cowhig
Dave Bergdahl
Rich Howell
Curt Saindon
George Washington, Jr.

Members Absent:

Barry Jaffe
Mike Finnegan
Frank Koehler
Jim Tripp
Lisa Dugan
Mike Spilsbury
Dennis Peters

Others:

Mike Van Mill
Mike Lammey
Michelle Sadler

Quorum Present.

Mr. Saindon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Bergdahl made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2004 meeting. Mr. Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

Subcommittee Updates:

Community Development:

Mr. Van Mill gave an overview of the Community Development Subcommittee's work to date. Community Development's workprogram was amended in May to include the Harardous Mitigation Plan. The resolution by County Board was approved

Solid Waste:

Mr. Saindon informed the committee of the efforts of the subcommittee. Donna of the Planning Department has put together Waste and Recycling Page in newspaper form and would like to get copies out to the schools and libraries for earth week activities in April and to the Villages.

If anyone is interested there will be a tour of A&J Disposals Recycling Center in Homewood on April 20 in the morning. Village of Manteno and County Board Members are also being invited. A&J is currently contracted for recycling in Kankakee County.

The County is in the process of revising the application guidelines and updating the Tipping Fee Grant Program, in the hopes of having some consistency with the program.

A long-range project is the update of The Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). Work on the SWMP will begin this Spring and updates will need to be done by next summer.

The County is looking at having a compost bin sale on June 26. The price of the bins is \$20. This will be taken to Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture Committee for final approval. Location has not been set, but some possible location are the Farmers Market and/or County Fair. Waiting for confirmation on the grant for Household Hazardous Waste Day. The program has been successful in the past 2 years at KCC. Working on ways to get the schools more involved.

Lastly, surveys were sent out to all haulers for their recycling rates. If a good response is not received, we may make it mandatory for haulers to report through an ordinance.

Transportation:

Mr. Koehler thanked the Solid Waste Subcommittee and the Regional Planning Commission for their hard work on the landfill.

Mr. Koehler informed the Committee that the final draft of the 6000 North Road/Warner Bridge Grant Study is completed. There was some discussion.

Mr. Koehler made a motion to accept the final draft of the 6000 North Road/Warner Bridge Grant Study and forward it on to the Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture Committee and Full County Board. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Howell updated the committee on the Stormwater Management Ordinance. The RFP's were due back in February and they all came in very high. It was recommended to the PZA Committee to refuse all proposals. The PZA Committee and County Board accepted that recommendation.

Mr. Koehler asked that Sam Nicholas be invited to a meeting and update the committee on the Commuter Rail System.

Land Use:

A presentation was given by HNTB, the consultant firm contracted for the Land Use Plan. There was also some discussion on the Plan.

Mr. Washington addressed the Commission with thanks and appreciation for their hard work and efforts on the landfill.

New Business:

Just a reminder on the joint meeting of the County Board, Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on March 29, 2004 at the Webber Center on the ONU Campus.

Also, a reminder of the Planning and Zoning Workshop on April 8, 2004 at the Quality Inn.

There will be another workshop in the fall with Stewart Diamond, with individual table with specialized subjects and attendees can move from table to table.

The next meeting of the Commission is May 25, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Saindon asked what the next steps are for the landfill. The Planning Commission is done with their part in the landfill process. There are a number of scenarios that can happen at this point, including appeals, lawsuits, etc.

There was discussion on the County Board's decision on the landfill.

Mr. Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Koehler. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Michelle Sadler, Planning Department