

MINUTES

KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANING COMMISSION LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE

September 13, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

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

Others:

Delbert Skimerhorn

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 4:34 P.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Bergdahl moved that the Minutes of the August 16, 2007 meeting be approved. Mr. Mel Blanchette seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

AGENDA

Chairman Howell stated that the items on the agenda were going to be re-ordered so that items needing action by the committee were presented first.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE REVISIONS

The updated Subdivision Ordinance was reviewed by the Committee at the previous meeting. Chairman Howell Asked if there were any addition comments, there were none. Mr. Skimerhorn stated that the changers would be made and that the next step would be to send it to the State's Attorney's Office for review. The Committee questioned whether the document should be sent to the Regional Planning Commission before or after the State's Attorney's Office reviews it.

Mrs. Cowhig moved that the Committee approve the Subdivision Ordinance with the recommended change and send the document to the State's Attorney's Office for legal review. Mrs. Cowhig also moved to allow the Committee to review the Ordinance again once the legal review was complete. Mr. Craig Blanchette seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

MEETING SCHEDULE AND REORGANIZATION

Chairman Howell explained that due to budget and staff constraints and joint projects, the Planning Staff is recommending that the Land Use and Transportation Subcommittees be merged into one committee. He also stated that meeting times will like be moved to 10 A.M. Mr. Skimerhorn stated that locations will likely alternate between the County Building and METRO Offices.

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that it is envisioned that the Planning Commission will consist of two committees: Land use and Transportation, and Community / Economic Development.

Mrs. Cowhig moved that the Committee accept the staffs recommendation with the stipulation that the Committee has the ability to re-evaluate the situation after one (1) year. Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF 2008 JOINT ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Skimerhorn explained the Proposed Joint Work Program to the Committee. Mr. Bergdahl moved to approve the land use portion of the Joint Work Program as the other half of the Joint Work Program adopted at the Transportation Sub-committee meeting.

Mrs. Cowhig asked if education programs for municipal officials as it pertains to land use could be added to the work program. Chairman Howell stated that the priority may be low but that it should be added.

Mr. Bergdahl added Mrs. Cowhig's request to his motion. Mrs. Cowhig seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Skimerhorn asked if the Committee had reviewed the document and if anyone had any comments on it. Chairman Howell asked if it had been reviewed by local engineers. Mr. Skimerhorn stated that it had not. Chairman Howell then asked if it could be sent to the local engineers for review. Mr. Skimerhorn stated that he would give them the opportunity to review the document and comment on it.

Mr. Bergdahl had a few comments on the proposed regulations. The Committee discussed various aspects of the proposed regulations including lot area, sewer and water availability and in which zoning districts these developments will be allowed

UPDATE ON JOINT LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN ADOPTION

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that he and Mike Lammey gave a presentation to the Village of Bourbonnais' Planning Commission on August 23, 2007 for the purpose of entering into a Joint Land Resource Management Plan agreement with the Village. He also stated that the Village has not yet adopted a resolution.

OTHER

The Committee asked if there would be an annual meeting. Chairman Howell stated that it was his understanding that there would be a meeting but he was unsure if it would be a regular meeting or a dinner.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2007, however, Mr. Skimerhorn stated that due to the reorganization efforts, this date may change.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mel Blanchette moved adjournment and Mr. Bates seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 5:25 P.M.