Planning, Zoning and Agriculture Committee Minutes October 24, 2006

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mr. Stauffenberg, Mr. Tripp, and Mr. James

In Attendance

Mr. McLaren, Mike Van Mill, Erik Rayman, Mike Lammey, Sarah Billadeau, Donna Shehane, Delbert Skimerhorn, Leigh Marcotte, Suzanne Smith Pruchnicki, and Rick Einfeldt

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Public Comment

Ms. Suzanne Smith Pruchnicki spoke regarding ZBA Case 06-10.

3. Approval of Minutes- October 11, 2006

A motion to table this matter until next month was made by Mr. Hess and seconded by Mr. Martin. Motion carried.

4. Zoning

None

5. Subdivision

Fairway Oaks Subdivision- Preliminary Plat

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that Fairway Oaks is an urban style subdivision located in Section 28 of Manteno Township and is being developed by Randy Murray and Richard Toepper. The site is part of the Illinois Diversatech Campus which is zoned I-2 with a PUD designation. The site contains 16.73 acres of land that will be divided into 51 single family lots. The lots will be served by municipal sewer and water. On September 9, 2006, the County Board granted four variances for the subdivision.

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that there is a street name that is duplicated. The street name will be changed. Also, the County Highway Department had seven minor points which were just left off the plans.

Mr. Scholl asked if the objections made by the Highway Department will be rectified.

Mr. Skimerhorn stated yes.

A motion to approve the Preliminary Plat with the concerns by the Highway Superintendent to be addressed and the street name corrected was made by Mr. Stauffenberg and seconded by Mr. Marcotte. Motion carried. Mr. Scholl and Ms. Hertzberger were opposed.

6. Solid Waste

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Hearing Officer

Mr. Van Mill stated that this is something that the new Solid Waste Ordinance calls for.

Ms. Shehane gave a brief presentation on the matter. She stated that she is here today seeking approval of a hearing officer to oversee a public hearing based on a violation of the Solid Waste Ordinance. The Ordinance calls for the County Board Chairman to recommend an impartial hearing officer. Mr. Kruse recommends Larry Clark, whose resume is before for the committee. This then needs to be approved by the County Board.

A motion to approve Larry Clark as the hearing officer was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Scholl. Motion carried. Mr. Whitten and Mr. Martin were opposed.

7. Planning

• Planning Department Strategic Plan/Organizational Discussion

Mr. Van Mill stated that in the packet there is list of the 2006 priorities that the Planning Department Staff put together in the early spring. What the Department did was put together a strategic plan for the things that the Department wants to do internally to improve the service to the community. He is hoping to use this more formally in the year 2007 to help improve the office in general. He would request that this committee form a small ad hoc committee, three or four members, that could look at this in terms of the role that the Planning Department is taking on with Economic Development, other facets, and get an insight as to whether we are going in the right direction for 2007.

Mr. Olthoff stated that he would like to suggest Mr. Washington, Mr. Whitten, Mr. Kruse or Mr. McLaren, along with himself to serve on that committee.

A motion to appoint Mr. Washington, Mr. Whitten, Mr. Olthoff, Mr. Kruse or Mr. McLaren to the ad hoc committee was made by Mr. Hess and seconded by Mr. Marcotte. Motion carried.

8. Old/New Business

None

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bertrand and seconded by Mr. McLaren at 9:32 a.m. Motion carried.

William Olthoff, Chairman

Stephanie Jackson, Executive Coordinator

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