

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION
LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 17, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Dave Bergdahl, Loretto Cowhig, Dennis Peters, Chad Miller and Mel Blanchette

Others:

Mike Van Mill and Mike Lammey, Kankakee County

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Bergdahl called the meeting to order at 4:39 P.M.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Cowhig moved that the current slate of officers (Chairman Howell and Vice-Chairman Bergdahl) be re-elected. Mr. Blanchette seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Ms. Cowhig moved that the Minutes of the September 15, 2005 meeting be approved. Mr. Blanchette seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Mr. Van Mill announced that Mr. Billingsley has left Kankakee County to take a position in Caldwell, Idaho, and that his position will be filled as soon as possible. He stated that the review of the States Attorneys' Office on the Stormwater Management issue has been received and is being reviewed. He stated that this Subcommittee will conduct Public Hearings on the document, probably in January.

SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

Mr. Van Mill stated that there was no update.

LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Mr. Van Mill reported that the Kankakee County Board unanimously and without comment passed the Comprehensive Plan at their November 8, 2005 meeting. He stated that the major purpose of the meeting today was to review the poster plan of the document, as this will be the major public document in distribution. Comments on the poster plan from the Subcommittee included:

- The CN spur to Diversatech shows a southward movement into Diversatech, which is not reality.
- There is concern that all lakes are shown as wetland areas. It would be more accurate to show the key for water to include lakes, ponds, and wetlands.
- The key for greenways on the maps should reference the Greenways and Trails plan.
- The township lines are not referenced in the key.
- In the text of the document, under the Natural Resources section, there are quotes around the word system, and the Subcommittee felt that the quotes could be done away with.
- On the cover of the document, there is a wonderful picture of a red barn. Unfortunately, the road from which that picture was taken no longer exists, and you may wish to replace that picture with another that denotes agricultural pursuits.
- On the Transportation Map, the blue and red lines need to be thinner, so that the blue dots stand out, and so that the line representing Illinois Route 50 can be seen.
- A comment was made about the font on the smaller areas (such as Wichert) being different, so that it stands out more.
- The first ETJ reference in the text should not only give the meaning of the words, but should also define the term.

The Subcommittee stated that a program of education on the concepts in the Comprehensive Plan should be initiated, not only to the public, but to the County Board. Mr. Van Mill stated that the staff would be conducting internal meetings to discuss this issue.

It was further stated by the Subcommittee that future references to the Comprehensive Plan should refer to “Our Plan”, so that there was some sense of ownership.

TRI-VILLAGE PLANNING EFFORT

Mr. Van Mill stated that a joint planning effort between the three villages of Bourbonnais, Manteno and Bradley is underway, with Bourbonnais, Kankakee County, and Manteno contributing part of the local share for the planning effort. He stated that a grant from Com Ed had been obtained, and that details were underway to attempt to have the Com Ed funding become available in December. He stated that this program would have an extensive use of Intergovernmental Agreements, a recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan.

NEXT MEETING

Vice-Chairman Bergdahl stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 4:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Bergdahl adjourned the meeting at 5:30 P.M.