

MINUTES OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 7, 2016, STARTING AT 7:00 PM
IN THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
112 W. MADISON ST. PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

Chairman Mike Haberkorn called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

Those present were: Jerry Gaspardo, Mike Haberkorn, Rudy Piskule, Eddie Hoerner, Verne Taylor, Dean Wahls, Dee Woodburn and Shane Long.

Those absent were: Scott Cranford, Keith Bahler, Scott Sand and Luke Bartlett.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

With no recommendations for additions or amendments to the agenda for this meeting, Verne Taylor moved, seconded by Dee Woodburn, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as presented. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting were mentioned by Chair Haberkorn, the statuses of the cases reviewed at that meeting were explained by the zoning administrator. There being no further comments, Eddie Hoerner moved, seconded by Jerry Gaspardo that these minutes be approved as written. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

BUSINESS:

Case SF-1-16; Pertains to a request by Pete Walter for the approval of a final plat of subdivision. Notice of public hearing was made in reference to this proposed final plat of subdivision, and the property owners surrounding the subject property were notified of the proposed subdivision and of the public hearings. Mr. Walter is proposing to divide a 7.40 acre parcel of land into two lots. The proposed north parcel would be 3 acres in size and the proposed south lot would be 4.4 acres in size. The subject property for this subdivision request is located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 22 of Forrest Township. The zoning administrator presented his report and information about this proposed subdivision. How property in the general area of the subject property has been previously subdivided was also mentioned. The applicant, Pete Walter, is proposing to sell the north lot, which has buildings located upon it, to the current operator of a wood pallet shredding business. The planning commission members inquired about access off of Route 47 for both lots. Mr. Walter replied that both lots already have existing access to Route 47. The planning commission inquired about the use of the area that would be in the proposed south lot. Mr. Walter indicated that this property is farm ground. In answer to an inquiry about an area poultry farm, it was related that a turkey farm is located about a mile from the subject property.

Dee Woodburn then moved, seconded by Shane Long, that the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission recommend the approval of Livingston County Zoning Case SF-1-16 – Pete Walter 1 & 2 subdivision. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Case ZT-1-16; Pertains to a request by the County Board of Livingston County for a proposed text amendment for the purpose of amending the text of the Livingston County Zoning Regulations to add Article VIII wind energy, Section 56-628, extending a moratorium on the Livingston County Zoning Regulations concerning Wind Energy Conversion Systems, for 230 days until November 30, 2016. Notice of public hearing has been made regarding this proposed text amendment. Mr. Schopp presented his report with exhibits and other information relative to this zoning case. This information related to the existing moratorium time period ending in April, wind energy ordinance considerations, the Indian Grove Township setback proposal with an attorney general opinion being sought on this proposal, and a potential advisory referendum. A discussion then took place including a discussion on the timing of the review, a potential need to consider multiple scenarios, the potential timing of taking official action, including hearings, all in regard to the time table that will be created by the proposed moratorium extension.

Rudy Piskule moved, seconded by Shane Long, that the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission recommend the approval of Livingston County Zoning Case ZT-1-16 that pertains to a request by the County Board of Livingston County for a proposed text amendment for the purpose of amending the text of the Livingston County Zoning Regulations to add Article VIII wind energy, Section 56-630, extending a moratorium on the Livingston County Zoning Regulations concerning Wind Energy Conversion Systems relative to extending an existing moratorium on the filing of special use applications that apply to wind energy conversion systems for 230 days. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE:

The planning commission members present were informed that their next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Rudy Piskule moved, seconded by Vern Taylor, that the meeting be adjourned. This motion unanimously approved.

This meeting was then adjourned at 7:40 p.m.