

MINUTES OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD ON MAY 1, 2017, 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: Mike Haberkorn, Jerry Gaspardo, Rudy Piskule, Verne Taylor, Dean Wahls, Dee Woodburn, Scott Sand and John Slagel

Those absent were: Eddie Hoerner, Keith Bahler, Shane Long, Luke Bartlett and Scott Cranford.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting were mentioned by Chair Haberkorn. With no recommendation for amendments to these minutes, Chair Haberkorn declared that these minutes be approved as presented.

BUSINESS:

Case SU-1-17; Pertains to a request by Jamie Connelly for a special use that would allow for a dog grooming business as a planned unit development special use, with this animal grooming business to be conducted within a dwelling unit use as a residence, similar to requirement for a home occupation, in an R2, Low Density Multiple Family, District. The subject property in this zoning case is a 2.90 acre parcel of land, located at 1609 Hawthorne Rd., in unincorporated South Streator, in Reading Township. The zoning administrator presented his report relative to this zoning case, along with additional relevant information. This additional relevant information included Livingston County Zoning regulations pertaining to Planned Unit Developments, and some draft conditions that may be part of the recommendation of the approval of this special use. These special use draft conditions were; 1 - That the applicant's special use be limited to the request as outlined in the applicant's application and the explanation the applicant gave at the hearing for this request for a special use approval, with a limitation to the animal grooming by appointment, one animal at a time. 2 - That the ownership of special use be limited to the applicant, unless otherwise approve by the zoning board of appeals. 3 - That the signage for this special use be limited to a 3' x 3' sign to be placed near the entrance, as approved by the Livingston County Zoning Administrator. 4 - That the employees for the proposed office part of this special use be limited to the applicant and her immediate family. 5 - The hours of operation are (9 am to 5 pm) – Tuesday through Saturday. 6 - That the status of this zoning case be reviewed in one year. Dialogue regarding this dog grooming request then took place. The planning commission members expressed their displeasure that the applicant was not present at this meeting to discuss this proposal with them.

The history of past proposals to use this property as a doggy day care area were discussed, including the reasons as to why the doggy day care proposals were denied. It was noted that no opposition to the proposed dog grooming business was present at this meeting, in relation to opposition to previous doggy day care proposal. Discussion intent and specifics on the draft conditions then took place.

At the conclusion of this dialogue regarding this zoning case, Rudy Piskule moved, seconded by Dean Wahls, that the planning commission recommended the approval of Livingston County Zoning Case SU-1-17, for a special use that would allow for a dog grooming business as a planned unit development special use, with this animal grooming business to be conducted within a dwelling unit use as a residence, similar to requirement for a home occupation, in an R2, Low Density Multiple Family, District, with the draft conditions presented by the zoning administrator. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Review of the Status of Livingston County Wind Energy Regulations;

The zoning administrator presented application documentation relating to Livingston County Zoning Case ZT-3-17, an application for a zoning text amendment to Chapter 56, Zoning, Code of Ordinances Livingston County Illinois. This information was made available to the planning commission members as orientation material which is planned to be reviewed at the next planning commission meeting. This material consisted of the application page from the County Board of Livingston County Illinois. An executive summary of the wind regulations text amendment two, of which the zoning administrator explained. Copies of the Livingston County zoning regulations pages, on which the proposed text amendments are being proposed. The zoning administrator then commented on these proposed text amendments, as part of the review of this zoning regulations pages.

With this meeting not being a public hearing pertaining to Livingston County Zoning Case ZT-3-17 no comments were accepted regarding this zoning case. It is planned to have this zoning case be part of the public hearing to be held at June Livingston County Regional Planning Commission meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**INFORMATIONAL UPDATE:**

The planning commission members present were informed that their next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>. at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dee Woodburn moved, seconded by Verne Taylor, that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was unanimously approved.

This meeting was then adjourned at 7:45 p.m.