

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES APRIL 3, 2018 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Livingston County Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

Present: Daryl Holt, Jason Bunting, Patrick Killian, Steven Lovell and Paul Ritter.

Absent: James Carley.

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: County Board Chair Bob Young, Non-committee County Board member John Slagel and County Executive Director Alina Hartley. Interested citizens of the county were also present at this committee meeting.

Committee Chair Daryl Holt commented about the agenda for this April 3, 2018. Jason Bunting then moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Committee Chair Daryl Holt then referred to the minutes of the March 6, 2018 committee meetings. Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

Reedville Subdivision Review:

The zoning administrator reviewed with the committee members copy of an aerial photo that depicts how land is currently divided, in comparison with a copy of a plat of survey as to how the applicants would like to further subdivide the property. The committee members conceptually concurred that this proposed further subdivision of this property can proceed through the hearing process.

Committee Briefing on Solar Energy Special Use Applications:

The committee members were briefed on the status of solar farm special use proposals and how it is now planned to proceed through the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals hearing process in May, with the zoning board of appeals to make a recommendation, and then these solar energy applications will come back before the county board for a decision. Matters that are planned to be reviewed were part of this dialogue, including what would be a wise planting mix to be placed under and around the solar panels and how it will be maintained.

Solid Waste Report – Review of a synopsis of solid waste documents and host fee information:

Printed copies of the planning commission monthly synopsis were presented to and reviewed with the committee members. These reports and discussion on these reports focused on landfill gas monitoring reports and NPDES reports at Livingston Landfill.

The committee was briefed on the progress of the work being done on the Livingston Landfill Gas system, along with a planned completion of the capping of Parcel C.

At the Streator Area Landfill gas well X-309 issue continues to be monitored. Republic Services has taken over the gas system from the previous gas system operator at this landfill. Republic is having the entire gas system at this landfill evaluated. All of the gas at this landfill will now burn through a flare, as the gas production is decreasing at this closed landfill.

Copies of the Deigan & Associates submittal review notes and comments were also presented to the committee. It was also mentioned that Deigan and Associates will be working on collecting split samples as part of the upcoming quarterly water monitoring procedures.

Host Agreement and monthly host agreement fund information was also provided to the county. Communication is continuing on moving forward with extending the current Livingston Landfill Host Agreement. The removal of litter on the I-55/Rt. 66 corridor has progressed over the last few weeks.

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$2,496.00 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from October 31, 2017 to January 5, 2018 relating to landfill monitoring and technical reviews of Republic/Allied Waste's Livingston and Streator Area Landfills, for environmental/solid waste landfill consulting service to Livingston County was submitted and explained to the committee. Jason Bunting moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that this committee approve the payment of this invoice. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

The committee was updated about a new state Consumer Electronics Recycling Act. The planning administrator related that it has been verified on an IEPA web site that the county is opted into this program.

The committee's on-going dialogue continued pertaining to issues being pursued regarding improperly discarded materials then took place and questionable land use.

Public Comments:

Dean Steidinger addressed the committee pertaining to a prospective consideration of amending the county wind energy regulations to include more detail regarding the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement, and financial assurance pertaining to decommissioning. Mr. Steidinger presented copies of two documents to better inform the committee members of this consideration. One document was a copy of a 2017 Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement, of which Mr. Steidinger highlighted and commented on a financial assurance area of this document. The second document was a copy of the county wind energy regulations with a highlighted section with suggest new text to correlate with the highlighted information in the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement document. Mention was made that the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement document has been mentioned as a whole in the county wind energy regulations. Mr. Steidinger's comments and documents can be part of a review of any further amendments to the county wind energy regulations.

Executive Session Pursuant to 5/ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) – Litigation: None

Adjournment:

Then Steven Lovell moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Charles T. Schopp, Administrator  
Livingston County Regional  
Planning Commission