

MINUTES OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 1, 2015, 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, Scott Cranford, Rudy Piskule, Eddie Hoerner, Verne Taylor, Keith Bahler, Dee Woodburn, Scott Sand, Shane Long and Richard Runyon.

Those absent were: Dean Wahls and Luke Bartlett.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting were mentioned by Chair Haberkorn. There being no comments, Chair Haberkorn declared the minutes approved as written.

BUSINESS:

Case ZT-1-15; 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. 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 included copies of the proposed text amendment language about extending an existing moratorium on the filing of special use applications that apply to wind energy conversion systems. The planning commission was informed about how exhibits, primarily regarding property value plans, presented as part of the Pleasant Ridge Wind Energy hearings has created a delay in the review of the county wind energy regulations because of potential conflict issues. Therefore this review of wind energy regulations will resume once a decision is made on the proposed Pleasant Ridge Wind Energy project. A copy of a letter from county attorney Jim Griffin was presented to the planning commission members giving his legal opinion as to why this moratorium should be extended only three months and not longer.

Comments were also made on the status of Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement state Legislation, and how this legislation has been approved by the General Assembly and is waiting the Governor's signature. Another document presented to the planning commission members was the working document that the AG, Zoning and Emergency Services committee is using as a working document as they consider amendments to the Livingston County Wind Energy zoning regulations. A discussion then took place including a discussion on the timing of the review, 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-1-15 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 56-628, 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. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: ---

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE:

The planning commission members were informed about the hearing status of the Pleasant Ridge Wind Energy Project Hearing Status.

The planning commission members present were informed that their next meeting is scheduled for Monday July 6, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Verne Taylor moved, seconded by Luke Bartlett, that the meeting be adjourned. This motion unanimously approved.

This meeting was then adjourned at 7:31 p.m.