

MINUTES OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD ON AUGUST 31, 2015, STARTING AT 7:00 PM  
IN THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE  
112 W. MADISON ST. PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

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

Those present were: Mike Haberkorn, Rudy Piskule, Eddie Hoerner, Verne Taylor, Keith Bahler, Dee Woodburn, Luke Bartlett, Shane Long and Richard Runyon.

Those absent were: Jerry Gaspardo, Scott Cranford, Dean Wahls and Scott Sand.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Chairman Haberkorn mentioned the agenda for this meeting. With no recommendations for additions or amendments to the agenda for this meeting, Keith Bahler moved, seconded by Dee Woodburn, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as presented. This motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the August 3, 2015 meeting were mentioned by Chairman Haberkorn. Then Verne Taylor moved, seconded by Eddie Hoerner, that these minutes be approved as written. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

BUSINESS:

Case ZT-3-15; 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 56-629, 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 for six months.

Considering that the Agriculture, Zoning and Emergency Services Committee of the Livingston County Board is continuing their process of reviewing the entire wind energy regulations section of the Livingston County Zoning Regulations, the Livingston County Board would like to extend this moratorium. This wind energy regulations review along with the formal hearings and approval of any amendments to these wind energy regulations in all probability will not be completed by the time the current moratorium on WECS applications is set to expire. This Agriculture, Zoning and Emergency Services Committee of the Livingston County Board and the Livingston County Board are reviewing a resolution from Indian Grove Township about WECS setbacks for their township, and they are considering a non-binding referendum as a let the voters decide proposal. Therefore, you are being asked to review the extension of this moratorium for a six month period to allow for further review and action on the Livingston County wind energy regulations.

John Slagel, a member of the Indian Grove Township Planning Commission, was present and he commented about the Indian Grove Township WECS setback proposal. Mr. Slagel commented on how this township planning commission concept is similar to one used in Iroquois County, and how Indian Grove Township is awaiting Livingston County Board action on their WECS setback resolution. A discussion then took place regarding how multiple townships could form planning commissions and provide different requests. Mr. Slagel then remarked about how he prefers the township planning commission concept of proposing regulations over placing a non-binding referendum on a ballot.

A discussion then took place regarding as to where setback distances should be measured from, from the foundation of a primary structure, a set distance from that foundation (150 feet?), or from property lines. This discussion included dialogue on turbine company safety setbacks of 1640 feet.

Those present generally agree that there are still several wind energy regulations that will need further discussion.



Verne Taylor moved, seconded by Luke Bartlett, that the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission recommend to the Livingston County Board the approval of Livingston County Zoning Case ZT-3-15 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 56-629, 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 six months. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public informed the planning commission members that if they would like to be further educated about these matters, videos of county meetings can be found on you tube at PC Wind Farm.

#### INFORMATIONAL UPDATE:

The planning commission members were updated on the status of the Pflibsen zoning cases.

The planning commission members present were then informed that their next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 5, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Luke Bartlett moved, seconded by Rudy Piskule, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion unanimously approved.

This meeting was then adjourned at 6:40 p.m.