

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 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, Mike Ingles, James Carley, Patrick Killian and Pat Ritter.

Absent: Jason Bunting and Steven Lovell.

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: Non-committee County Board members John Slagel, and Linda Ambrose, and County Executive Director Alina Hartley, and Farm Bureau representatives Roger Wahls and Chris Bunting.

Committee Chair Daryl Holt commented about the agenda for this October 2, 2018. The zoning administrator noted that updates on additional subjects would be made. Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, that this agenda be approved as amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Committee Chair Daryl Holt then referred to the minutes of the September 6, 2018 committee meetings. Mike Ingles moved, seconded by James Carley, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

Information Provided Pertaining to Proposed DG Illinois Solar Farm:

The committee members were provided with special use application packets for the proposed DG Illinois Solar farm project. This project includes two projects that adjoin each other. The Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals will begin their public hearings review of this solar energy proposal at their meeting later this week.

Information Provided Pertaining to Proposed Solar Farms Vermilion I and Vermilion II:

The committee members were provided with copies of the Natural Resource Information Report compiled by The Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District. The Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals will continue their public hearings review these solar energy proposals at their meeting later this week.

Small Cell Wireless Facilities Update:

The committee was updated regarding small cell wireless facilities regulations. During the past month the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced a new order to streamline the approval of 5G wireless sites. The information is similar to information remarked about at past meetings. Mention was made as to how Springfield Illinois is working on a wireless ordinance.

Comment was made that these wireless sites cover a little over a 1000 feet of distance, which reflects how they will be developed in more populated areas as compared to rural areas. The county will continue studying the permitting of small cell wireless facilities.

Solid Waste Report – Review of a synopsis of solid waste related documents:

Printed copies monthly synopsis document reviews were presented to and reviewed with the committee members. These reports and discussion on these reports focused on landfill ground water well monitoring results at both the Livingston and Streator Area Landfills, and NPDES reports, gas well reports at the Livingston Landfill.

Monthly host agreement fund information was also provided to the committee.

Devnet Permitting and Zoning Program:

County Executive Director Alina Hartley explained about how discussions had taken place as to how to make the administration of the county building permitting process more efficient. She remarked about how the county became aware of specific Devnet software of which can be utilized streamline the permit process with the county zoning and assessor offices, to compensate for staff reductions with the utilization of technology. The committee members were then made aware of existing funds being available from IT funds to pay for the first two years of this program. Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that this committee recommend that this Devnet permitting software be acquired by the county. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

The committee was informed about Mr. Defenbaugh completed an application for his proposed swine building, which was a controversy at previous committee meetings.

The committee was also informed of a rural private school proposed to be built, in the rural Fairbury and Forrest areas.

Public Comment:

Roger Wahls introduced Chris Bunting as the new Livingston County Farm Bureau manager.

Review and Approval of Bills: None

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

Action Resulting from Executive Session- None

Adjournment:

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

This meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission