

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 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, Jason Bunting, James Carley, Patrick Killian, Steven Lovell and Paul Ritter.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: County Board Chair Bob Young, Non-committee County Board members Bob Weller, John Slagel, and Linda Ambrose. County Executive Director Alina Hartley, Ric Ahern of Community Energy Solar LLC representing the proposed Vermilion I & II Solar Farms and Farm Bureau representative Dennis Haab

Committee Chair Daryl Holt commented about the agenda for this November 6, 2018. Steven Lovell moved, seconded by Jason Bunting, that this agenda be approved. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Committee Chair Daryl Holt then referred to the minutes of the October 2, 2018 committee meeting. Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

Status of the Proposed DG Illinois Solar Farm:

The committee members were provided with copies of the power point presentation slides for the proposed DG Illinois Solar farm project, that were presented at the October Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. This project includes two projects that adjoin each other. The Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals will continue their public hearings review of this solar energy proposal at their meeting on November 13th.

Committee Chair Holt then reasoned that it would be sensible for this committee to meet again on November 14th, after the November 13th Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. This would allow for this committee to review the pending solar farm applications, since they have a time sensitive filing date with the state. After a discussion, it was agreed that this committee would plan to meet on November 14th, at 4:30 pm.

Status of the Proposed Borrego Solar Farm(s):

In regards to the proposed Borrego Solar Farms proposals, the committee members were presented with copies of the power point slides from the presentation made to the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission at their November 5, 2018 meeting.

One power point presentation pertains to the Borrego Solar East 3200 North Livingston Solar 1, LLC application. The second power point presentation pertains to the Streator Beckman Solar 1, LLC application. This information provides the committee members with the basic material about these two proposed solar farm sites. These solar farm applications may also be reviewed at their planned November 14th. meeting, pending that the zoning board of appeals completes their review and makes their recommendation on these applications.

Review and Recommendation Pertaining to Proposed Solar Farms Vermilion I and Vermilion II:

The committee members were provided with copies of a map of the proposed solar farm(s) site(s), to verify the solar area under consideration. It was noted that the committee members had previously received application binders and other information regarding these zoning cases. The committee members were then presented with copies of the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission recommendations, and copies of the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals Findings of Fact and Recommendation regarding Livingston County Zoning Cases SU-9-19 and SU-10-18. The Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals Findings of Fact and Recommendation, had attached to it recommended conditions to be placed on the approval of these special use applications. Ric Ahern representing the applicant Community Energy Solar remarked about the State of Illinois lottery process relating to the state approval of solar energy sites. Fencing height and type considerations were also discussed. Jason Bunting moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, that this Agriculture, Zoning and Emergency Services Committee recommend the approval of both Livingston County Zoning Case SU-9-18 Vermilion Solar I and Livingston County Zoning Case SU-10-18 Vermilion Sola II, with the conditions as recommended by the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Review of Livingston County Zoning Case SF-6-18 – Bounds Proposed Two Lot Subdivision:

The committee members were presented with copies of the report for the proposed Bounds two lot subdivision, with a requested lot width variance. The zoning administrator reviewed this report that would allow for a two lot subdivision that would allow for farm buildings to be separated from the house site. A request for one lot to have a variance for a width of 60 feet was also explained. Patrick Killian moved, seconded by Steven Lovell, that the Agriculture, Zoning and Emergency Services Committee recommend the approval of Livingston County Zoning Case SF-6-18 Bounds Subdivsion for approval. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

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 gas well monitoring results at both the Livingston and Streator Area Landfills. NPDES report and parcel C final cover reports were mentioned regarding the Livingston Landfill, Water monitoring, and IEPA and Deigan and Associates site inspections were mentioned regarding the Streator Area Landfill. Committee Chair Daryl Holt noted that some additional netting may be added to the Livingston Landfill to add another layer to capture potential blowing trash, as part of a short conversation about future developments at Livingston Landfill.

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

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

Committee Chair Daryl Holt mentioned that the port a potty issue is still an issue in Campus. He related that he has some frustration over the slow progress in resolving this matter, and other improper property use issues.

Mr. Holt then related that the LSC Communications, former Donnelly's, facilities in Dwight and Pontiac had been sold again. They are now being sold to Quad Graphics. Mr. Holt pondered what this sale may have on the future of these facilities.

Confirmed the next meeting for this committee is planned to be at 4:30 on Wednesday November 14th.

Public Comment

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$ 3,663.75 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from August 24, 2018 to October 17, 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.

Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that this committee approve the payment of this invoice. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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 Patrick Killian, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission