

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2020 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: Jason Bunting, Paul Ritter, Gerald Earing, Patrick Killian, Steve Lovell, Tim Shafer and John Slagel.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: County Board chair Kathy Arbogast, Non committee County Board Members Linda Ambrose and John Vitzthum. Assistant planning and zoning administrator Jesse King, County Network Computer Systems Administrator Jon Sear, and zoning case representative Michael Renner.

Committee Chair Jason Bunting commented about the agenda for this November 5, 2020 meeting. Steven Lovell then moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, that this agenda be approved as amended. This motion was approved by a roll call vote; Bunting-Yes, Ritter-Yes, Earing-Yes, Killian-Yes, Lovell-Yes, Shafer-Yes, Slagel-Yes.

Committee Chair Jason Bunting then referred to the minutes of the October 6, 2020 committee meeting. Tim Shafer moved, seconded by Gerald Earing, that these meetings minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a roll call vote; Bunting-Yes, Ritter-Yes, Earing-Yes, Killian-Yes, Lovell-Yes, Shafer-Yes, Slagel-Yes.

Business:

Review of the Proposed Renner Zoning District Map Amendment:

This is a proposal pertaining to the review of a zoning district map amendment which is referred to as Livingston County Zoning Case ZM-3-20. The zoning administrator reviewed this zoning case noting that the subject dwelling was located in an C1, Local Business, District probably when zoning went into effect in Livingston County. This dwelling is now for sale and the financing institution would like to have the property zoned as part of a residential district. This dwelling was constructed on the property several years prior to zoning becoming effective in Livingston County. An R2 residential district is across the alley adjacent to and west of the subject property, so it is practical to amend the zoning to the adjoining R2 residential district. The Livingston County Regional Planning Commission has reviewed and recommends that this zoning case be approved as it is being presented. The Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals completed their review of Livingston County Zoning Case ZM-3-20, at a public hearing at their October 8, 2020 meeting. Michael Renner the applicant in this zoning case was present at that zoning board of appeals meeting, being the only person to present testimony at that meeting. Mr. Renner remarked about the history of the subject property. At the conclusion of that public hearing for this zoning case the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals made a recommendation to the Livingston County Board that this zoning case be approved. Mr. Renner was present at this committee meeting. At this committee meeting in a discussion with the committee members Mr. Renner confirmed the location of the parking area for the adjoining commercial use, and he commented about the structures on the subject property.

It was also confirmed that the subject house and the adjoining business are located on separate sewer systems. The current building placement on the subject property was discussed. Then Gerald Earing moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, that this committee recommend to the Livingston County Board that Livingston County Zoning Case ZM-3-20 be approved allowing for the zoning classification on the subject property be changed from a C1, Local Business, District classification to a R2, Low Density Multiple Family Residence, District classification which would allow for the subdivision to be finalized as proposed. This motion was approved by a roll call vote; Bunting-Yes, Ritter-Yes, Earing-Yes, Killian-Yes, Lovell-Yes, Shafer-Yes, Slagel-Yes.

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 for Livingston Landfill focused on reports regarding the landfill gas system, NPDES reports relating to the Livingston Landfill and Deigan and Associates reports on inspections of the Livingston and Streator Area landfills. Monthly host fee information was provided to the committee. The waste amounts being brought to the landfill this year, are projected to be the close to the same in 2021.

Review of Deigan and Associates 2021 Proposal and Work Agreement:

A copy of a Proposal and Work Agreement from Deigan & Associates, LLC, for continued environmental/solid waste landfill consulting services to Livingston County for 2021 was presented to the committee. This proposal is the same as the current agreement. Comments were made that about how Deigan and Associates do not have any conflicts of interest with waste management companies. Then Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, that this committee recommend to the Livingston County Board the approval of this Proposal and Work Agreement from Deigan & Associates, LLC, for continued environmental/solid waste landfill consulting services to Livingston County for 2021. This motion was approved by roll call vote; Bunting-Yes, Ritter-Yes, Earing-Yes, Killian-Yes, Lovell-Yes, Shafer-Yes, Slagel-Yes.

Recycling Update:

Because of the more recent COVID19 restrictions and the rise of the COVID19 rates in Livingston county a second electronic recycling event will not take place this year. Two electronic events are still be planned to take place in Livingston County in 2021. The battery recycling company use in the past now wants the batteries separated into types and precautions made on the battery ends, of which some will need to be taped as an accidental fire precaution. Jesse King discussed his research on tire recycling with the committee. He commented on Bridgestone Tire in Normal having two programs in the past. Bridgestone has not confirmed if these one day drop off and water way cleaning events are still available. Mr. King commented that the IEPA no longer has tire recycling events, and he mentioned a tire recycling business in the Joliet area.

Wind Energy Update:

The zoning administrator commented that apparently the progress of the planning for wind farm projects for Livingston County seem to have slowed because of the COVID19 pandemic.

Solar Energy Update:

The status of the special uses for the solar energy projects approved by Livingston County will be reviewed at the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, which follows this meeting this evening.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

The update on the status of the County All Hazard Mitigation Plan project was discussed with the committee. The committee members were informed that the update of the county hazard mitigation plan has been approved by IEMA and FEMA. The county board will now need take action on the county approval of this final document to make the document effective. Discussion took place as to how to make this 413 page document available for review, prior to the County Board taking final action on this document.

Public Comment:

Appreciation was expressed to Patrick Killian for his service on this committee.

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$4,113.50 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from August 27, 2020 to October 23, 2020 relating to landfill monitoring and technical reviews of Republic/Allied Waste's Livingston and Streator Area Landfills, for environmental/solid waste landfill consulting service was presented to the committee. Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Steven Lovell, that this committee approve the processing of this invoice. This motion was then approved by roll call vote. Bunting-Yes; Ritter-Yes; Earing-Yes; Kilian-Yes; Lovell-Yes; Shafer-Yes; Slagel-Yes.

Adjournment:

Patrick Killian moved, seconded by Tim Shafer, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved by a roll call vote; Bunting-Yes, Ritter-Yes, Earing-Yes, Killian-Yes, Lovell-Yes, Shafer-Yes, Slagel-Yes.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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Charles T. Schopp, Administrator  
Livingston County Regional  
Planning Commission