

MINUTES OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 4, 2021, STARTING AT 7:00 PM
IN THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
112 W. MADISON ST. PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m..

Roll call was taken.

Those present were: John Slagel, Dee Woodburn, Rudy Piskule, Jerry Gaspardo, Scott Sand, Michael Haberkorn, Shane Long, and Keith Bahler

Those absent were: Ed Hoerner, Dean Wahls, and Verne Taylor

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The agenda to this meeting was mentioned by the assistant zoning administrator. With no recommendations for additions or amendments to the agenda for this October 4th, 2021 meeting, John Slagel moved, seconded by Jerry Gaspardo, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as presented. This motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the August 30th, 2021 meeting were mentioned by the assistant zoning administrator. With no needed changes noted, Rudy Piskule moved, seconded by Michael Haberkorn, that these minutes be approved as presented. This motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

BUSINESS:

SU-12-21 – Gerdes

This zoning case pertained to a review of a proposed special use in an AG, Agriculture, District located in unincorporated Chatsworth. The applicant in this case was proposing a craft and service occupation to allow for the property to be used as an ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) service and sales location.

The assistant zoning administrator provided an overview of the zoning case to commission members.

Since the applicant was not present at the meeting, the assistant zoning administrator answered questions about the case to the best of his ability.

The assistant zoning administrator explained that in addition to servicing ATV's, the applicant intends to sell a small number of ATV's which he is in the process of acquiring a dealer's license through the state to allow him to do that.

A question was asked about whether the applicant would be allowed to service snow machines as part of his special use permit. The assistant zoning administrator explained that since that could be considered an “all-terrain vehicle”, that it would not necessarily prevent him from doing that.

There was a question about whether or not the special use would transfer to future owners if the property were to be transferred to another owner due to the fact that the subject property is owned by the applicant’s grandfather. It was clarified that there would be conditions on the special use that would require the applicant to notify the county if there is ever a change in ownership or otherwise.

There was then a question about the proposed addition to the existing machine shed and whether or not the entirety of the shed would be used for the business. The assistant zoning administrator noted that he believed that the addition was being constructed onto the shed for the applicant’s business and that the whole shed was not going to be used for the business, but he was not one completely sure.

John Slagel commented that he felt this was a good use in that area and made a motion, seconded by Scott Sand that zoning case SU-12-21 be approved as presented.

The motion was then approved by roll call vote:

Jerry Gasparido:	Yes	Dean Wahls:	Absent – No Vote
Michael Haberkorn:	Yes	Dee Woodburn:	Yes
Shane Long:	Yes	Scott Sand:	Yes
Ed Hoerner:	Absent – No Vote	Rudy Piskule:	Yes
Verne Taylor:	Absent – No Vote	John Slagel:	Yes
Keith Bahler:	Yes		

OTHER BUSINESS:

The assistant zoning administrator provided an update on the planning commission roster by explaining that Scott Cranford was no longer on the planning commission and that Mike Haberkorn and John Slagel’s terms had been renewed to 2025.

An update on upcoming wind and solar energy projects was also presented to members. The assistant zoning administrator stated that legislation had been passed to allow for state funding on green energy which would result in existing projects to become more serious about final development. Members were informed that the EDF Renewables project slated for the Campus/Saunemin area seemed to be getting more serious and that it appeared as though an open house and hearings would possibly be occurring in early 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Haberkorn moved, seconded by Keith Bahler, that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote of all ayes.

This meeting was then adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse J. King, Assistant Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission