

MINUTES OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 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 6:59 p.m..

Roll call was taken.

Those present were: John Slagel, Dee Woodburn, Rudy Piskule, Jerry Gaspardo, Dean Wahls, and Verne Taylor

Those absent were: Ed Hoerner, Scott Sand, Michael Haberkorn, Shane Long, and Keith Bahler

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The agenda to this meeting was mentioned by Gaspardo. With no recommendations for additions or amendments to the agenda for this December 6, 2021 meeting, Dee Woodburn moved, seconded by Dean Wahls, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as presented. This motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There were no minutes to approve for this meeting.

BUSINESS:

**SU-13-21 – Frazier**

This zoning case pertained to a review of a proposed special use in an AG, Agriculture, District located in unincorporated Pontiac. The applicant in this case was proposing private recreational development to allow for the property to be used as an indoor batting cage facility open to public membership.

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

Laura Frazier, 9675 E. 2000 North Rd., Pontiac, IL, was present at the meeting as a representative of the case.

The question was raised about whether there would be sufficient parking for people in attendance. It was noted that there would be sufficient parking. Ms. Frazier was then asked about how many people can attend the shed at a time. Ms. Frazier stated that up to 4 people could use the shed at a time.

There was then a question about whether there was an age limit for membership. Ms. Frazier clarified that there was not.

The topic of available restrooms then came up and it was discovered that there were currently no restrooms available in the shed. There was then a question about whether they would be required to have restrooms available. The assistant zoning administrator stated that the ordinance does not require them to have restrooms available. Ms. Frazier stated that they would consider offering restrooms if their membership numbers increase at which time they discussed having a porta-potty. Ms. Frazier was aware of the process if they wished to install permanent restrooms in the shed.

There was then a question about whether the shed was open to teams or just individuals. Ms. Frazier clarified that it was only open to individuals and that they have been contacted by coaches of teams wishing to practice there, but have had to turn them down.

A member then asked whether the business was open all year round to which Ms. Frazier answered that it was.

Lastly, a member asked what exactly could be practiced in the shed. Ms. Frazier clarified that all baseball and softball players can practice hitting, fielding, and pitching.

Dee Woodburn made a motion, seconded by Verne Taylor that zoning case SU-13-21 be approved as presented.

The motion was then approved by roll call vote:

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

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

The assistant zoning administrator provided an update on the upcoming wind energy projects by informing members that hearings could begin on both wind projects slated for the East-Northeast part of the county in the upcoming summer.

The zoning administrator then related to commission members that he would like to have the new all-hazards mitigation plan ready for approval soon.

Commission members were then informed that there was a potential for the Pontiac Flying Service to re-submit their application for a new airport in the Saunemin area.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Rudy Piskule moved, seconded by Verne Taylor, that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote of all ayes.

This meeting was then adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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