

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2023 MEETING

Committee Chair Gerald Earing called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Present: Paul Ritter, Gerald Earing, Michael Haag, Joel Barickman, Rebekah Fehr, Jack Vietti, and Steven Lovell

Absent:

Also Present: Zoning & Planning Administrator Jesse King, Administrative Assistant Patricia Merlino, and Executive Director Alina Hartley

Earing called for any additions or corrections to the agenda with none requested. Motion by Ritter, second by Barickman to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the March 6, 2023 and March 8, 2023 meetings noting that Michael Haag was present and needed to be added. Motion by Haag, second by Lovell to approve the minutes as amended. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

Business:

Case SU-19-22 – TPE IL L177 Solar

Case SU-20-22 – TPE IL L118 Solar

Earing noted that the applicants for Case SU-19-22 – TPE IL L177 Solar and Case SU-20-22 – TPE IL L118 Solar were not present at the meeting. Motion by Ritter, second by Barickman to postpone Case SU-19-22 – TPE IL L177 Solar and Case SU-20-22 – TPE IL L118 Solar until May 1, 2023. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

Solid Waste Update

King reported that the Livingston Landfill has had exceedances in gas pressure and must correct this issue within 60-120 days. King noted that the landfill plans to install new lateral piping to the wells to mitigate this issue.

King mentioned that there were complaints made that the landfill was operating during excessively windy conditions causing loose trash to be blown around. King stated that he and his assistant traveled along Interstate 55 and Route 66 where they observed trash along the roadway that needed to be addressed. King stated that he contacted the landfill regarding this issue and they sent out workers to clean up the side of the roadways, noting that this is something he will need to continue to monitor and address as needed.

Resolution: Allies in Agriculture

The Committee reviewed the Allies in Agriculture Resolution with no questions to follow. Motion by Lovell, second by Haag to recommend approval of the Allies in Agriculture Resolution. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

Camping Facility Ordinance Definition Update Discussion

King stated that he would like to amend the County's Camping Facility Ordinance, regarding what is considered a campground in the County. King noted the definition currently states that if there are 2 or more camping apparatuses on a single piece of land, that constitutes as a campground in the AG district and would require a special use permit from the County. King stated he would like to amend the ordinance to allow camping on property for up to 5 calendar days in a year without requiring special approval from the County. King mentioned this is similar to the States requirement of 6 or more days in a calendar year to meet the threshold of being considered a campground. King informed the Committee that he will be bringing this to the Regional Planning Commission for discussion.

Public Comment:

The floor was open for public comment.

Review and Approval of Bills

Discussion took place regarding a bill from Deigan & Associates in the amount of \$1,683.25. Motion by Ritter, second by Vietti to approve the bills as submitted. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

Executive Session – Motion by Haag, second by Ritter to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) – Semi-Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes. **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. All voted Aye; none Nay.**

Executive Session began at 6:23 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 6:28 p.m.

Action Resulting from Executive Session – Motion by Ritter, second by Lovell to open the executive session minutes of February 4, 2020 and May 4, 2021 and further authorize the destruction of all verbatim records dated eighteen months and older previously approved for content. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Adjournment:

Motion by Ritter, second by Vietti to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Jesse J. King, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission