

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building
667 Ware Road – Conference Room A
Woodstock, IL 60098

Minutes of Thursday, March 17, 2005

Ann Gilman, Chairman

Jim Heisler	Ann Kate
Peter Merkel	Marc Munaretto
Virginia Peschke	Barbara Wheeler

Chairman Gilman called the Planning and Development Committee meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following members were present: Ann Gilman, Ann Kate, Jim Heisler, Virginia Peschke, Barbara Wheeler and Pete Merkel. Marc Munaretto was absent. Also in attendance: SuzAnne Ehardt, Director Planning and Development Department and P & D staff members; and press.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wheeler, to approve the regular session minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting of February 17, 2005. The minutes were approved as presented with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PRESENTATION

None.

SUBDIVISIONS

Haldun Grove – Plat of Amendment: Ms. Ehardt reported that the proposed amendment is to eliminate the drywells within the retention basins along with the 200 foot restriction lines. The Plat of Amendment meets all engineering and health requirements. The Greenwood Township Highway Commissioner and the Village of Bull Valley have signed said Plat of Amendment. Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler, to approve the Plat of Amendment for Haldun Grove Subdivision and authorize the Committee Chairman and the Code Enforcement Officer to sign said Plat. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Riley Creek – Final Plat: This item was pulled from the agenda.

Prairie's Edge – Tentative Plat: Ms. Ehardt provided a summary of the Tentative Plat of Prairie's Edge Subdivision located in Greenwood Township. The project proposes to construct 12 lots on approximately 29 acres. There will be one entrance and exit. An emergency access road will be provided with a connection through King's Court Subdivision. Bull Valley, Greenwood and Wonder Lake have reviewed and signed the Tentative Plat. Mr. Merkel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wheeler, to approve the Tentative Plat for Prairie's Edge Subdivision and authorize the Committee Chairman to sign said Plat to allow the Final Plat process to begin.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

McHenry County Solid Waste Licensing Hearing Commission: Ms. Hervert Niemann from the Planning and Development Department provided an update to the Solid Waste Licensing Hearing Commission. She reported that this Commission was formed in 1994, but has never held a meeting. The Commission consisted of three members: a waste hauler, a resident and a multi-family property manager or owner. All appointments were for a three year term. This Commission was formed as a hearing body to allow a waste hauler a process to appeal a suspension or denial of their license. Members discussed if the Commission should continue and agreed that a hearing body should be available if a hearing be requested since the ordinance requires that a hearing be held

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within 45 days after receipt of a request for a hearing. After further discussion, the Committee agreed to serve as this hearing body. The Committee will consider a revised Ordinance at a future meeting.

Resolution of Support: Marengo Union Area Watershed Planning Project: Mr. Merkel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution supporting the Marengo Union Area Watershed Planning Project. Chairman Gilman commented that this project is a very "forward-thinking" initiative and is a natural tie-in to the County's growth plans. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Resolution of Support: Appointed vs. Elected Trustees McHenry County Conservation District: Ms. Kate reported that she spoke with State Representative Tryon this morning and he reported that HB 1043 will be going to the Senate. He noted that the bill has been changed and indicated that it would not be passed. He recommended that any questions be addressed to State Senator Althoff. After a discussion, the Committee agreed to take no action on the proposed Resolution.

NIPC Fellowship Program: A letter requesting financial support of the Phillip D. Peters Regional Planning Fellowship Program was provided to the Committee. Chairman Gilman stated she would make a donation on behalf of the County and noted that members could make a personal contribution if they chose to do so.

NIPC Water Quality Review #05-WQ-005: The Committee reviewed a summary of proposed modification to NPDES Permit Number IL 0026433. Chairman Gilman stated that this is a very minor issue which we support.

Court Ordered Shed Removal: The Committee reviewed a proposed Resolution for a court ordered clean-up of a property and a structure demolition at the same location. Mr. Merkel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing a court ordered property clean-up. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REPORTS

Stormwater – Ms. Ehardt reported she is working with Central Purchasing to initiate an RFP to contract out the engineer position which will provide more time to find a person to fill this vacancy.

NIPC – A meeting is scheduled next week

MCCD – A meeting is being held this evening

Planning Commission – Sub-committees are working on the text and maps

MISCELLANEOUS

Chairman Gilman reported that the trip to tour the Aurora development has been rescheduled to April 21st. The Home Builders Association may be able to provide transportation. All County Board members will be invited to this trip.

Mr. Heisler left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Chairman Gilman reported she recently attended a meeting regarding transfer rights and easements held at the Farm Bureau. She provided a copy of the Kane County Ordinance adopting an agricultural conservation easement and farmland protection program and asked that members review this information for discussion at the first meeting in May. McHenry County would need to adopt an ordinance to implement a similar program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merkel, to adjourn at 9:28 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

- Approve a Resolution of Support: Marengo Union Area Watershed Planning Project
- Approve a Resolution authorizing a court ordered property clean-up

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