

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

Minutes of Thursday, February 16, 2006

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, Jim Heisler, Ann Kate, Marc Munaretto, Virginia Peschke, and Barbara Wheeler. Also in attendance: Planning and Development Department staff members; interested public; and press.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Mr. Munaretto made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler, to approve the regular session minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting of February 2, 2006. The minutes were approved as presented with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PRESENTATION

None.

SUBDIVISIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Agricultural Conservation Easement and Farmland Protection Ordinance: A memorandum was received from the State's Attorney's Office. Staff is requesting more time to review the document to allow for clarifications of the proposed ordinance. A copy will be sent to Dave Brandt and Lisa Haderlein.

NEW BUSINESS

Trout Valley Landmark – Stonegate Entrance Nomination: Ms. Wanaski reviewed the requested nomination. The columns and gate will be designated as the 1972 landmark. The property is actually within the Village of Cary but due to the intergovernmental agreement county support is requested. Motion by Mr. Munaretto, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend the nomination be placed on the March 7, 2006 County Board agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Position Reclassification – GIS Supervisor (Grade 11 to Grade 12): Ms. Ehardt explained that the reason for the grade increase was to allow for a merit increase since the employee is at the top of the pay range. There was discussion about the position and adding zoning and floodplain onto GIS. Motion by Mr. Munaretto, seconded by Mr. Heisler to approve the reclassification of the GIS Supervisor from Grade 11 to Grade 12. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Stormwater – The next meeting will be at the end of March; by-laws will be discussed. It was noted the Governor ordered a \$5 million stormwater supply program. There is a plan to create stormwater study groups which would include NIPC and MPC. The next meeting is February 17, 2006 to work out issues and help other counties "catch up".

NIPC – None

MCCD – None

Planning Commission – Karen Patel, McHenry County Economic Development and Larry Saxe, Imagine McHenry County discussed the questionnaire and its usefulness for the 2030 Plan Update. The survey does have some content on the quality of life however there was discussion on how to tweak the plan to make it more visible. Ms. Patel explained that the May 20th forum/meeting is important where the first step of creating baseline map will occur. Mr. Saxe noted that he is open to additional questions and at this point the time table is working. There is a 20 day response time. English and Spanish versions of the survey are available in paper or online. The cost to print 40-45,000 surveys is approximately \$10,000. It was asked if the county could subsidize any of this cost. Mr. Munaretto suggested half of the amount. Ms. Patel noted that Imagine McHenry County is 100% volunteer. Ten to twelve of the libraries will allow computer use. A link to the county website was also suggested. Links will be available on the survey. Outreach to the Hispanic population was discussed. Paper survey is expensive at a cost of \$9,000 to print. Mr. Munaretto suggested asking municipalities to have a greater role in County planning which in turn would bring professional expertise from area planners. Ms. Ehardt suggested making this a working group versus members of the Regional Planning Commission and they would meet on a quarterly or bi-monthly basis. Ms. Gilman noted that Staff will give direction as to the next process with County Board ranking the priority.

MISCELLANEOUS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke, to adjourn at 9.05 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Trout Valley Stonegate Entrance Nomination

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