

Planning Commission – The Committee asked that the County’s internet site include “appointments” on the first page, so people are able to locate this site with ease.
Imagine McHenry County – Nothing reported.

Committee members discussed how to address concerns raised during Public Participation. Ms. Ehardt stated that the Health Ordinances would cover noxious weeds and the Sheriff would be able to address inoperable vehicles. If the vehicles are commercial vehicles on private property, Planning and Development would get involved. Members noted that the abandoned RV building appears to be a “homeless hang-out” and perhaps the Sheriff can look into this issue.

RETURN TO NEW BUSINESS

Groundwater Resource Resolution: The Committee reviewed a proposed Resolution in support of a countywide Groundwater Resources Management Plan. Members recommended changing the word “authority” to “Advisory Board” and adding wording to include other organizations and local governments. Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merkel, to recommend the County Board approve the Resolution with the discussed revisions. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

ZBA Interviews: Ms. Ehardt reported that Mr. Phillip Robertson was unable to attend today’s meeting to be interviewed as he will be out of the County until September.

The Committee then interviewed Vicki Gartner. Ms. Gartner moved from Hoffman Estates to Prairie Grove three years ago. Her experience includes serving as a hearing officer on the Hoffman Estates ZBA for eleven years. In response to members’ questions, Ms. Gartner stated she would be willing to serve as an Alternate Member on the ZBA .

After interviewing Ms. Gartner, members discussed if they wanted to re-advertise and/or first interview Mr. Robertson in September . Ms. Peschke stated she would like to interview all applicants including Mr. Robertson, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Chapman. Ms. Chmiel stated she would like to interview Mr. Robertson and was not opposed to interviewing all applicants. Ms. Ehardt noted that Mr. Robertson is from Algonquin Township and he could not serve on the ZBA as there is currently a member from that township. Mr. Robertson could be considered for the Planning Commission. Chairman Gilman stated that the ZBA is operating okay at the present time but perhaps an appointment for the alternate member should be considered as there is currently only one alternate member. The newly appointed alternate would serve an unexpired term. Members agreed that Ms. Gartner would be a good candidate to fill this term. Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merkel, to recommend the County Board appoint Vicki Gartner as an alternate member of the ZBA for a term to expire on December 15, 2006 subject to checking on her references. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MISCELLANEOUS: None
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Chmiel, to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Resolution in support of a countywide Groundwater Resources Management Plan
Resolution appointing Vicki Gartner an alternate member on the ZBA for a term to expire 12/15/06

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