

Ms. Peschke stated she would like to have Nancy Schietzelt from District 3 added to the interview list. If a second phase to the interviews would be necessary, the remainder of the applications received would be considered at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Greenwood Drainage District Appointment – John Heider: Mr. Munaretto made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merkel, to recommend the County Board appoint John Heider to the Greenwood Drainage District for a term to expire on September 1, 2009. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Training Sessions: The Committee discussed various dates and times to conduct training sessions on the land use planning process and planning vs. zoning; legal issues; and ZBA / County Board roles. Members agreed that County Board training sessions should be done at a Committee of the Whole and set the date of the initial training session for Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.

REPORTS

Stormwater – Ms. Ehardt reported that the Commission met on August 30th and approved the variation request of Crystal Lake and the certification of Prairie Grove.

NIPC – Chairman Gilman provided a handout from the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission on “Strategic Plan for Water Resource Management.” She commented that this document provides good information that could help the County to move forward with a plan. She also noted that with the hiring of a Water Resource Manager it may not be necessary to hire a consultant.

MCCD – Ms. Wheeler reported that during the last meeting members reviewed and discussed the current process to alert Board members of zoning and development issues. She noted that a new process will be implemented to notify all County Board Members when there is a situation of concern. The members also are working to schedule presentations to all municipalities and townships on the impact of development in various areas.

Planning Commission – Nothing to report

Imagine McHenry County – Mr. Austin reported that he had received an invitation to a “kick-off” for the survey results and next phase. Chairman Gilman stated she had attended a recent meeting to discuss the survey unveiling and to encourage the members to continue to work through the process and not just “dump” the information with the County Board.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Ms. Peschke reported that she had attended a zoning seminar recently. As a follow-up, a Smart Growth seminar will be telecast on the 19th between Noon and 1:30 p.m. Members should contact Ms. Peschke if they are interested in seeing this telecast.

Ms. Peschke submitted a State’s Attorney’s opinion on a County Board member’s duties as an ex-officio member of the Planning Commission.

Ms. Ehardt reported that the August 29th meeting with the citizens of Wonder Lake was well attended. She stated there had been a lot of misunderstanding regarding the sign ordinance and the meeting helped to clear-up some of those concerns. She noted that at the end of the meeting County Board Member John Hammerand had suggested scheduling another such meeting for those who did not attend. Ms. Ehardt stated she did not feel another meeting would be necessary.

Mr. Munaretto reported that he had discussed with Ms. Peschke some concerns he has with the Ag-Tourism component and the Health Ordinance. He provided an example of an ag business that is open once a year to the public but is now required to install a \$50,000 septic system. He stated that the County should be working to keep the ag businesses healthy without trying to over-regulate these events and he has asked that Ms. Peschke discuss these concerns with the Public Health & Human Services Committee. He asked that consideration be given to: (1) providing a definition for agri-tourism uses; (2) amending any County Ordinance that could further harm ag

businesses; and (3) work with the Health Department to better understand the ag-tourism component. Ms. Ehardt also pointed out other issues with the example provided by Mr. Munaretto, noting that some ag business take on more than just ag related items and eventually become a retail business along with an ag business. She stated it is not just concerns with septic or porta-potty use for special events, but the establishment had also started having weddings and the public was allowed to enter buildings that may not be suitable. She noted the P & D staff has worked with owners to make some changes to allow for public events. She noted that some ag businesses have conditional use permits that allow for items over and above ag related uses.

Ms. Ehardt reported as an FYI that the Land Conservatory located on Dean Street does not have proper zoning for their building. The P & D Department has been working with them and has allowed time for them to get information to the department to allow for after the fact permitting, but to date they have not responded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merkel, to adjourn at 9:29 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Resolution appointing John Heider to the Greenwood Drainage District
Ni-Ky Woods – Final Plat

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