

Planning/Development Committee Minutes

April 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Ann DeSmith in Room 303C of the Henry County Courthouse with members Jim King, Dennis Sullivan and Rick Livesay present. Later, in attendance, was Dennis Anderson. Zoning/Building Department Manager Bob Westfall was also present.

The meeting agenda was approved.

The previous meeting minutes were approved with one change; meeting date changed from March 6, 2009 to March 4, 2009.

A. Agenda.

1. Comprehensive Plan Review – cancelled for this meeting. The committee suggested Patti Pearson of Bi-State Regional Planning attend the next Planning/Development Committee meeting to discuss what steps and costs are involved to update the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Westfall will send a copy of the Comprehensive Plan to the Planning/Development Committee prior to the next meeting scheduled for May 6, 2009.
2. E-cyclables Funding – in March, 2009 approval for a funding request from Western Illinois Regional Council in the amount of \$7,264.00 for paint and e-cyclable disposal was granted. Direction was given to the Solid Waste Department, which is overseen by the Planning/Development Committee, to send a letter to each township and community within the County requesting assistance with the funding. The total funding will be divided into thirds (\$2421.33 each), with the County paying one-third, communities paying one-third and townships paying one-third. The request to the individual communities and townships will be based on population.

Ms. DeSmith presented a draft letter to the committee. Following the review and revision of the letter, Dennis Sullivan moved to send the letter out to the respective townships and communities by close of business, April 6, 2009. Motion seconded by Rick Livesay. Carried.

3. LESA Review Update:
Bob Westfall and Rick Livesay each reported on the LESA's committee's action to date. The LESA committee met on March 25, 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2009 to review the Points being assigned to each Factor approved by the LESA Committee.

The Site Assessment sub-committee has finalized their work and will present their proposal to the LESA Committee on April 15, 2009.

Miscellaneous:

1. March 18, 2009 ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) Actions
 - a. Marquis Professional Grooming – approved expanding Special Use Permit 03-22 from 8 overnight boarded dogs to 20 overnight boarded dogs.
 - b. Hillsdale Elevator – Helena Chemical – Variance (hardship) approved from 50' to 25' setback from State Highway 150 subject to approval from IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation).
 - c. Antique Engine and Tractor Association – ZBA, in an advisory capacity only, agreed that Mr. Westfall, as Zoning/Building Manager, could issue an AG-1 Temporary Special Use Permit as a Festival – limited to 10 days and the Temporary Special Use Permit is renewable annually.

2. Wind Tower Update:

Mr. Westfall briefed the committee on a meeting held on March 26, 2009 with Dan Litchfield, Project Manager of Iberdrola.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 in Room 103J of the Henry County Courthouse.

Respectfully,

Bob Westfall
Zoning/Building Manager

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