

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND ZONING COMMITTEE
WOODFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, April 12, 2021
5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Parsons called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

2. Roll Call: Blake Parsons, Ansel Burditt, Don Tolan and Dave Meinhold were present. Jason Spence was absent.

3. Approval of Monthly claims:

Motion to approve the claims made by Tolan, seconded by Burditt. *Motion Carried.*

4. Approval of March 8, 2021, minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes made by Meinhold, seconded by Burditt. *Motion Carried.*

5. Public Input: None

6. Unfinished Business:

a) Accessory Dwelling Units

Ms. Jording discussed that she does not feel this is a pressing issue that needs addressed now but feels it is something that will become more prevalent in the future and we should look into the issue. The committee discussed that they would like to keep this on the agenda to discuss in the future. Ms. Jording also noted that she has asked Tri-county for a review of the issue and has not heard back from them yet.

b) Decommissioning plan with Patrick Engineering –Ready to sign contract

Mr. Parsons asked for a motion to pick this item off the table. Motion made by Burditt, seconded by Meinhold. *Motion Carried.*

The Panther Grove representative indicated they are ready to start work on this, Patrick will send a final copy to us for signatures this week. Motion to send to the full board made by Tolan, seconded by Burditt. *Motion Carried.*

7. New Business:

a) New Letter of Credit received from Minonk Wind

Ms. Jording noted this is received annually and has been placed on file.

b) Minonk Wind 2020 Annual Inspection Report

Ms. Jording noted this is an annual report received from Minonk Wind, She recommended it be sent to full board for their information. Motion to send to full board made by Tolan, seconded by Meinhold. *Motion Carried.*

c) House Bill 2875

Ms. Jording explained that this is a proposed bill which would require the County to regulate and restrict the location and use of livestock management facilities at a minimum standard of the setbacks, evaluation, calculations, definitions, construction standards, certification, and inspection provisions of the Livestock Management Act. This would push a huge burden on the county requiring additional staff including the likely need for professional engineer. The Committee discussed that they have great concern over the possible repercussions if this bill would pass. The county would be required to complete public hearings for a highly controversial land use activity. The committee noted that while the bill is concerning, at this time it only has one sponsor, they would like to keep the item on the agenda to track the progress. Ms. Jording noted she will check with other Zoning Administrators and UCCI on the issue as well.

d) Senate Bill 1602

Ms. Jording noted that this bill would regulate the setbacks for wind turbines and mandate the hearing and approval timeline the county must follow for wind applications. The proposed verbiage would reduce our current wind turbine setback to non-participating dwellings from 4 times the turbine height to the residential portion of the lot to

2.1 times the turbine height to the outside wall of the dwelling. The committee discussed that they had concerns over the setback reductions. It was also noted that this would likely drive a change to how the county hears wind hearings in order to guarantee they can meet the timeline requirements. The committee again discussed that this bill only has one sponsor at this time, they requested this remain on the agenda to monitor the situation.

Ms. Jording noted that a resolution opposing passage of the bill has been drafted by UCCI and sent to the counties. The committee felt it was premature to adopt a resolution at this time. They indicated that they would like to see what some of the other counties do and if the bill progresses at all in the future.

8. Planning and Zoning Issues:

a) Charis Lane Subdivision

Motion to approve and send to full board made by Meinhold, seconded by Tolan. *Motion Carried.*

b) Cottonwood Lane Subdivision

Motion to approve and send to full board made by Burditt, seconded by Meinhold. *Motion Carried.*

9. Executive session (if necessary) None

10. Any action coming out of Executive Session:

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Burditt at 8:14 pm, seconded by Meinhold. *Motion Carried.*

Lisa Jording, Secretary

Blake Parsons, Chairman

Date