

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND ZONING COMMITTEE
WOODFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, July 13, 2020
5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order:
Chairman Parsons called the meeting to 5:30 pm.
2. Roll Call: Justin Faulk, Don Tolan, Blake Parsons were present. Charles Nagel attended by Zoom and Jason Spence was excused. Jerry Smith attended for Jason Spence.
3. Approval of Monthly claims: Motion was made by Tolan to approve the claims, seconded by Faulk. *Motion Carried.*
4. Approval of May 11, 2020, minutes: Motion was made by Faulk to approve the minutes, seconded by Tolan. *Motion Carried.*

Mr. Tolan made a motion to go into executive session for 55 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), seconded by Smith. Roll Call Vote: Parsons – Y, Tolan – Y, Smith – Y, Faulk – Y, Nagel – Y. *Motion Carried.*
Motion to come out of executive session

9. Executive session (if necessary)
55 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees...
10. Any action coming out of Executive Session:
 1. Zoning Administrator Annual Review/salary recommendation
Mr. Nagel made the motion to recommend a 3% salary increase in the budget for the Zoning Administrator, seconded by Tolan. *Motion Carried with Parsons voting Nay.*

5. Public Input:

John Heyl from Heyl Royster, representing Tri-Global Energy noted he was in attendance to hear discussion relating to how the hearings will be held and to convey the offer of assistance for needs the county may have to set up remote hearings.

Katie Bybee of 1134 N. Nancy Discussed that she was in attendance to support the proposed verbiage change that would allow chickens on residential lots of any size. She discussed that they have a few Hens as do several of their neighbors in the area.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a) Inoperable Motor Vehicle ordinance Going to ZBA July 28

Mr. Parsons discussed that this was ready to go to ZBA prior to the COVID shut down, it will be going to the ZBA Hearing that will be held July 28.

- b) Panther Grove Wind Farm update

Ms. Jording noted that the wind Farm has reduced the number of turbines from 103 to 84. Ms. Jording discussed that they are working on the Neighbor lists and waiting on the new maps to review placement.

7. New Business:

- a) Re-Appointment of Dean Backer to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5 yr term beginning August 1, 2020

Mr. Parsons noted this is a reappointment and needs to go to the County Board for approval. Motion to and send to full Board made by Faulk, seconded by Smith. *Motion Carried.*

- b) Chickens in residential restrictions-text amendment-Jason Wolfgang (Mr. Tolan left the meeting at 6:15)

Mr. Jason Wolfgang discussed that he also has a few chickens and would like the opportunity to keep them, he voiced his support for the proposed amendment. The committee discussed the change and noted that they felt 6 chickens

was a reasonable number. They discussed that the prohibition on rosters was appropriate. Mr. Parsons noted that chickens are quiet animals and have become significantly more popular. Mr. Smith made the motion to send the verbiage change to ZBA, seconded by Faulk. *Motion Carried.* Ms. Jording noted that it will be on the July 28 agenda along with the Inoperable Motor Vehicle change.

c) Zoning administrator – annual review

This addressed immediately following the Executive Session, Item 10.

d) Official Zoning Map approval – update printed map no changes in zonings

Ms. Jording noted this is just an update of the official zoning map, the changes incorporated into the map are those that have been approved through ZBA Map amendments since 2015. Motion to send to the full board made by Faulk, seconded by Smith. *Motion Carried.*

e) American Wind Week Proclamation

Ms. Jording explained that this was sent to them by the American Wind Energy Association. It was determined it should be sent to this committee for consideration. The committee discussed if this is necessary or a political statement. Motion to send to full board made by Nagel, *Motion Failed due to lack of a second.*

f) ZBA Hearing Guidance relating to Governors orders

The committee discussed the difficulties holding the Wind Hearings due to the current Covid19 restrictions, several suggestions were discussed for possible venues and the possibility for satellite viewing location. The committee determined Mr. Parsons would speak with Representative Bennet, Mr. Smith would speak with Mr. Krug and Ms. Jording would speak with Ms. Aggertt to discuss possible options. Outdoor hearings and multiple viewing sites were suggested options if the Hearing proceed before the state goes into Phase 5. This will be discussed further at the County Board meeting.

8. Planning and Zoning Issues: None

11. Executive session (if necessary)

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12. Any action coming out of Executive Session:

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13. Adjournment

Mr. Faulk made the motion to adjourn at 7:13 p. m., seconded by Smith. *Motion Carried.*

Lisa Jording, Secretary

Blake Parsons, Chairman

Date