

CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND ZONING COMMITTEE
WOODFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2023
4:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order:
2. Roll Call: Nick Miller, Blake Parsons, Dan Steffen, Nathan Schertz, Zach Ferris
3. Approval of Monthly claims:
4. Approval of December 11, 2023 minutes:
5. Review of Executive Session
6. Public Input:
7. Unfinished Business:
8. New Business:
9. Planning and Zoning Issues:
 - a) Comprehensive Land Use plan rewrite – grant opportunity
10. Executive session (if necessary)
11. Any action coming out of Executive Session:
12. Adjournment

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Monday, December 11, 2023
5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order: at
Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Dan Steffen, Zach Ferris, Blake Parsons, Nick Miller - present. Nathan Schertz - absent.
3. Approval of Monthly claims:
Mr. Parsons made a motion to approve the Claims, seconded by Steffen. *Motion Carried.*
4. Approval of November 13, 2023 minutes:
Mr. Ferris made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Steffen. *Motion Carried.*
5. Review of Executive Session
 - a) Approval of July 13, 2020 Executive Session minutes:
Motion to approve and keep confidential made by Steffen, seconded by Ferris. *Motion Carried*
6. Public Input: None
7. Unfinished Business:
 - a) Building Code requirements per new state law
Ms. Jording provided an information sheet prepared by International Code Council relating to the new building code law, this was just informational in the event they get questions.
8. New Business:
 - a) Annual Meeting schedule
Mr. Ferris made a motion to move CP & Z committee to 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the first Tuesday., seconded by Steffen. *Motion carried.*
9. Planning and Zoning Issues:
 - a) Annual Report
Ms. Jording presented the annual report (attached) She noted that the permit numbers include 94 wind turbines and the dramatic increase in revenue and construction value is the result of those turbine permits.
10. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn made by Parsons at 6:11 p.m., seconded by Ferris. *Motion Carried.*

Lisa Jording, Secretary

Nick Miller, Chairman

Date _____

What is a comprehensive plan?

A comprehensive plan is a document that gives a snapshot of a community. It can be used as a guide or blueprint to achieve a community's vision for the future.



What does a comprehensive plan examine?

An effective comprehensive plan consists of three parts:

1. Inventory of existing conditions

The first part answers the question, "Where are we now?" It includes analysis of data and identification of trends to arrive at projections pertaining to land use, population, housing, economic development, transportation, community infrastructure, natural resources, and other components. The strengths and weaknesses of a community are also identified during this step.

2. Vision statement

The second part answers the question, "Where do we want to be?" Existing conditions, strengths and weaknesses, and community input will help paint a picture of what the community strives to offer in the future.

3. Action plan

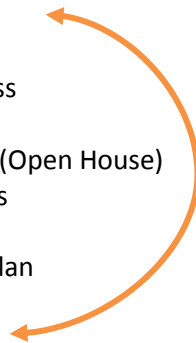
The third part answers the question, "How do we get there?" It consists of goals identified by the community and objectives that, when completed, will achieve the goals. The action plan also includes a future land use map, which identifies the areas of a community best suited for residential, commercial, open space, and other uses.

How can the public participate?

A steering committee, comprised of local government personnel, stakeholders, and citizens, facilitates the planning process. By holding public open houses and comment periods, the committee ensures that the community has ample opportunities to participate and provide input. Public participation is imperative to identify how a community can become an even better place to live, work, and play.

Steps for completing the planning process:

1. Meet with local leaders and stakeholders
2. Review past plans
3. Structure and schedule the planning process
4. Gather and analyze data
5. Identify problems, issues, and concerns (Open House)
6. Prioritize problems, issues, and concerns
7. Develop a "Vision" for the plan
8. Develop goals, objectives, and an action plan
9. Adopt the plan
10. Monitor the results and impacts



What to look for and what questions to ask

- Understand what data has been collected
 - Is this still relevant to this plan?
 - Is there something that stands out?
 - Should any of it be expanded upon?
- Identify specified vision statements
 - Should they be revisited?
 - Should some portions be removed?
 - Should new information be added?
- Identify existing goals and strategies
 - Which ones have been completed?
 - Which ones are no longer relevant?
 - Which ones should be included in this planning process?
- Is there anything missing from these plans that would be relevant to add to this planning process?