

MINUTES
CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND ZONING COMMITTEE
WOODFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, January 9, 2023
5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Nick Miller, Jerry Smith, and Dan Steffen, were present, Zac Ferris arrived at 5:32

Blake Parsons was excused. Nathan Schertz was absent.

2. Approval of Monthly claims:

Mr. Steffen made the motion to approve the monthly claims, seconded by Smith. *Motion Carried.*

3. Approval of December 12, 2022 minutes:

Mr. Smith made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Steffen. *Motion Carried.*

4. Public Input: None

5. Unfinished Business:

6. New Business:

7. Planning and Zoning Issues:

- a) Tri-County Regional Planning – General Overview of the Comprehensive Plan update process – Michael Brunner

Mr. Brunner from Tricounty Regional Planning Committee discussed the purpose of a Comprehensive plan and the process for making changes to an existing plan. He discussed that there is possible funding available in grants that they could assist the county in applying for in the future. Mr. Brunner also provided a handout (see attached) on the Comprehensive plan process. He noted that the public input and public display of the plan for review are required but how in depth the revision process is will be up to the county.

Mr. Brunner also provided a brief overview of Tri-County and how the County is represented and what areas Tri-county covers.

- b) Senate Bill 4412 Amendment #1 Solar and Wind Energy Regulations

Ms. Jording discussed that this bill has been passed by the Senate and sent to the house for consent. The session ends Wednesday so they are short on time but it is in the priority list from the Governor. If this bill is signed into law the county will have 120 days to bring the ordinance into compliance with the new standards. The main changes would be to turbine and solar panel setbacks. This bill would dramatically reduce the setbacks to non-participating dwellings. There is also verbiage that states in the request for a special use is in compliance with the state standards the county shall approve. If approved the committee needs to consider if they wish to modify the ordinance to comply with the new requirements of move the Commercial wind and solar sections and Special Use requirement all together.

8. Executive session (if necessary)

9. Any action coming out of Executive Session:

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Smith at 6:21 pm, seconded by Steffen. *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

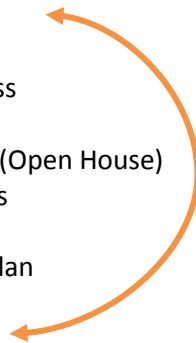
The third part answers the question, "How do we get there?" It consists of goals identified by the community and objectives that, when completed, will achieve the goals. The action plan also includes a future land use map, which identifies the areas of a community best suited for residential, commercial,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