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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES
(June 9, 2016)

The DeKalb County Stormwater Management Planning Committee (SMPC) met on June 9, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the DeKalb County Administration Building, Conference Room East, in Sycamore, Illinois. In attendance were Committee members Mark Bushnell, Paul Miller, Nathan Schwartz, Les Bellah, Tom Thomas, John Laskowski, Pat Vary, Paul Stoddard, Roger Steimel, Joe Misurelli, and Donna Prain. Also in attendance was Planning and Zoning Department staff Rebecca Von Drasek.

- 1. Roll Call** -- *Mr. Miller noted that Committee members Kevin Bunge and Derek Hiland were absent.*
- 2. Approval of Agenda** – *Mr. Schwartz moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Misurelli and the motion carried unanimously.*
- 3. Approval of Minutes** – *Mr. Misurelli moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2016 meeting, seconded by Ms. Prain, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Laskowski arrived at 3:03 pm.

4. Membership Reappointments

Mr. Miller explained that the Stormwater Management Planning Committee consists of 12 members, six representing municipalities and six representing the County. For the purpose of establishing the Committee, the County was divided into six areas of more or less equal population. Each area therefore has one municipal and one County representative. Members of the Committee serve a two-year term, with half of the terms staggered by one year. Members are appointed by the DeKalb County Board Chair. City representatives are voted on first by the mayors/presidents of all municipalities that are within a given area.

In 2016 year, the two-year term expires for the following six members:

For municipalities: Joe Misurelli, municipal representative for Area 2; Derek Hiland, municipal representative for Area 4; and John Laskowski, municipal representative for Area 5;

For the County: Donna Prain, County representative for Area 1; Roger Steimel, County Stormwater Management Planning Committee Minutes

representative for Area 2; and Paul Miller, County representative for Area 5. Mr. Miller reminded the Committee of the expiring terms and requested members follow-up with the chief executive of their municipalities to confirm a vote for appointment is sent to the County Board Chair.

5. Wetland Regulation Review

Mr. Miller explained that the DeKalb County Stormwater Management Committee discussed, at its meeting of March 17, 2016, whether any changes to the DeKalb County Stormwater Management Ordinance are needed with respect to the possible mitigation of wetlands. The Ordinance prohibits land disturbing activities which alters wetlands (Sec. 6.1), while Sec. 7.1(d) of the Ordinance requires that any land disturbing activity within 100 feet of a wetland, whether farmed, delineated or depicted on the County GIS maps, shall require a Site Development Permit. A Site Development Permit requires a wetland delineation report (Sec. 7.3.(r)). Generally, if a wetland is depicted on the County GIS maps, or if a wetland is indicated in a survey of the property, the wetland must be addressed as part of any grading project. Staff was asked to review what Kane County regulations allow regarding wetland mitigation; Mr. Miller provided copies of the pertinent sections of the Kane County rules.

Mr. Schwartz reported that the discussion was intended to possibly give greater options to developers within the County in terms of wetland mitigation. He indicated that Kane County had some good regulations that might be adopted by DeKalb County.

The Committee discussed the terminology used to label wetlands and the capability of the Stormwater Ordinance to require developers to address wetlands. The conversation focused on the terms which describe the function and floristic (i.e. types of plants) quality of the wetlands.

Mr. Miller noted that the majority of development, and thus of wetland mitigation, would happen within the municipalities.

Ms. Prain noted that her preference was with the McHenry County model because that county is more similar to DeKalb County, in that there are two large watersheds.

Following further discussion, Mr. Miller agreed to work with other members of the Committee to create draft language for regulating mitigation projects when non-jurisdictional wetlands are present on a property.

Ms. Vary made a motion to direct staff to craft language to amend the Stormwater Management Ordinance, the amendment is to clarify the regulations governing non-jurisdictional wetlands and proposed mitigation, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. **Next Meeting** – The Committee will next meet at **the new time of 2:00 p.m.** on September 15, 2016 in the Conference Room East.
7. **Adjournment** -- *Mr. Bellah motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Miller, AICP
Chairman, DeKalb County Stormwater Management Planning Committee

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