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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

Planning and Zoning Committee Minutes
(December 6, 2017)

The Planning and Zoning Committee of the DeKalb County Board met December 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the DeKalb County Administrative Building, Conference Room - East, in Sycamore, Illinois. In attendance were Committee Members: Kevin Bunge, Dan Cribben, Steve Faivre, Mark Pietrowski, and Craig Roman; and Community Development Department staff: Derek Hiland and Marcellus Anderson. Also in attendance were approximately twenty (20) persons, including: Jim Hutcheson; Larry Smith; Ernst Nemeth and Laurel Bergren, of Arc Perspectives; Dean Johnson, of the DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District; Greg Milburg, of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau; County Board Members: Tim Hughes and Roy Plote.

Mr. Faivre, Planning and Zoning Chairman, called the meeting to order, and noted that Mr. Jones and Ms. Willis were not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Pietrowski moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Roman, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Roman moved to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2017 meeting, seconded by Mr. Pietrowski, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS – SOLAR WORKSHOP

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At its August 23, 2017 meeting, the Committee had requested that Mr. Hiland prepare a draft ordinance regarding the solar farms, which he subsequently presented at the Committee's September 27, 2017 meeting. At that meeting, the Committee reviewed the draft proposal, presenting a number of proposed changes for him to incorporate into the draft ordinance. Mr. Hiland noted that in their packets was a revised draft of the proposed ordinance, incorporating the various suggestions presented at the previous meeting. Mr. Hiland also informed the Committee of his experiences at the Illinois Association of County Zoning Officials (IACZO) conference on October 27, 2017, where one of the topics was a discussion of regulations for Solar and Wind installations.

The Committee discussed various aspects of the proposed ordinance, and developed some additional revisions to be made to the proposed ordinance. Additionally, Mr. Bunge noted several typographical errors he had found, but said that they didn't need to be discussed at the meeting and he would just forward a list of them to Mr. Hiland instead. Mr. Hiland indicated that he had noted the various revisions and would incorporate them into the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Bunge moved to authorize staff to submit an application for a Text Amendment to adopt the proposed ordinance (with the suggested revisions included), seconded by Mr. Roman, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hiland stated he would begin working on the revisions and the application. He advised the Committee that given the disruption in scheduling caused by the holidays, the public hearing would likely not occur until either the end of January or the beginning of February.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pietrowski motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Roman, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Faivre
Chairman, Planning and Zoning Committee

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