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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting

(August 28, 2019)

The Planning and Zoning Committee of the DeKalb County Board met August 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the DeKalb County Administrative Building, Conference Room-East, in Sycamore, Illinois. In attendance were Committee Members: Steve Faivre, John Frieders, Roy Plote, Craig Roman, and Suzanne Willis; and Community Development Department staff: Derek Hiland and Marcellus Anderson. Also, in attendance were: County Board Members: Dianne Leifheit and Karen Cribben; Gary Hanson, DeKalb County Administrator; Greg Milburg, of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau; Attorney Charlie Brown; and, Jamie Walter.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Faivre, Planning and Zoning Chairman, called the meeting to order, noting that Committee member Mr. Jones was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Roman moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Pietrowski.

Mr. Hiland asked to remove two amendments from the agenda. First, he informed the Committee that due to an oversight, the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting had not been distributed to the Committee for review. Therefore, staff will include them in the September Committee meeting packet for review and approval at that time. Secondly, Mike Wiersma of Waste Management, who was to come and speak to the Committee, was unable to attend the meeting, and therefore, would reschedule his presentation to the September Committee meeting.

Ms. Willis moved to amend the agenda to remove the minutes and item 8b, seconded by Mr. Pietrowski, and the motion carried unanimously.

The motion to approve the amended agenda carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Faivre distributed copies of two letters addressed to him from Dennis Leifheit and Richard Schmack, requesting that the Committee pursue an amendment to the County's regulations for Temporary Use Permits for Concealed Carry classes. Mr. Faivre indicated that he wished to address the matter at the Committee's September meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS – DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS AND ASSOCIATED FEE UPDATES

Mr. Hiland reminded the Committee that at their June meeting, a discussion was started regarding proposed changes to the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, in particular, a proposal from Charlie Brown and Steve Faivre to amend several items related to agriculture in the County. Mr. Hiland informed the Committee that staff had met with Mr. Faivre and Mr. Brown the previous week to discuss their proposal in greater detail and to compare it to a proposal staff had been previously compiling regarding many of the same issues. He noted that the meeting had been helpful in clarifying several of the changes being proposed. He highlighted the main topics of discussion from that meeting as being: revising and expanding the 4.02.D.2 split; amending the definition of agriculture; the 40-acre Rule and how it related to density; and, updating the Use Variance language. The Committee entered into a discussion regarding these and several other topics, including taking comments from several of the citizens and County Board members attending the Committee meeting. Eventually, Mr. Hiland noted many of the topics being addressed could easily occupy most of a Committee meeting by themselves, and suggested that instead of the Committee trying to address all of them at once, the Committee should consider addressing each topic separately, over the course of the next few Committee meetings. The Committee agreed, and Mr. Hiland noted that he would prepare one of the topics to be addressed at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Pietrowski requested that a discussion regarding the newly adopted state regulations regarding recreational marijuana be added to the agenda of the next Committee meeting. He noted that the County should determine what actions/regulations needed to be adopted in response to these regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Plote motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Frieders, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Faivre
Chairman, Planning and Zoning Committee

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