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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Planning and Zoning Committee Minutes  
(April 23, 2014)**

The Planning and Zoning Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on April 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room East located in the DeKalb County Administration Building. In attendance were Committee Members Charles Foster, Dan Cribben, Anita Jo Turner, Frank O'Barski, John Emerson, Julia Fauci, and Paul Stoddard . Also in attendance were County Board member Anthony Cvek, Greg Millburg, Mike Hey, and staff members Gary Hanson, Paul Miller, Christel Springmire, Greg Maurice, Jane Lux, and Rebecca Von Drasek.

Ms. Turner, Planning and Zoning Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order and noted that all members were present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Foster requested the agenda include a Public Comment item, which Mr. Stoddard accepted as a friendly amendment. The amended agenda was seconded by Mr. O'Barski and the motion carried unanimously.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Ms. Fauci moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee, seconded by Mr. O'Barski, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**DEKALB COUNTY LANDFILL**

Mike Hey from Waste Management made a brief presentation to the Committee. He provided the Members with a handout titled, "Annual Landfill Review - April 2014". He highlighted various activities on the landfill site, including the preparation for the landfill expansion, composting, and the gas extraction wells.

Ms. Fauci asked about the differences in the amounts of compost materials collected versus the amount which is sold. Mr. Hey responded that all compost materials are sold and explained that decomposition reduces the amounts before the final compost product is ready for sale.

The Committee discussed the composting process and how it is part of the landfill site.

Mr. Hey indicated that the goals for the expansion include building a bridge over the Union Ditch, moving the compost site, and installing the new entrance onto Somonauk Road.

Mr. Stoddard asked about the incident with the Cortland Elementary school. Mr. Hey explained the sequence of events regarding the noxious odor release and the consequences for the School.

He also explained in detail the various monitors at the landfill site and the school building. Mr. Hey reported that new procedures had been put in place to prevent any future incidents. Mr. Foster thanked Waste Management for taking corrective steps.

### **RECYCLING ANNUAL REPORT**

Ms. Springmire provided the Committee with the 2013 Solid Waste Annual Report. She highlighted that the per capita average on generated waste for an individual in DeKalb County was 4.26 lbs a day. Ms. Springmire announced the June 21, 2014 Household Waste Recycling event which will be hosted at NIU. Committee members discussed details of the Report. Ms. Springmire also informed the Committee of her planned retirement in October, and the Committee thanked her for her service to the County.

### **MEDICAL CANNABIS**

Mr. Miller briefed the Committee on the findings of staff regarding the legislation for medicinal cannabis. He reported that County would receive one dispensary which would most likely be located within a municipality. Mr. Miller noted the prospective political nature of the State-issued cultivation center permits. He explained that, per discussion with the State's Attorney, in DeKalb County's A-1, Agricultural District any cannabis cultivation center operations would most likely be allowed by right.

### **EVERGREEN VILLAGE MITIGATION PROJECT**

Mr. Miller briefed the Committee on the recent meeting with the Land Acquisition consultant. He explained that residents would be invited to attend for interviews on May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also reported staff's upcoming meeting with the current park managers to determine the licenses and operational needs to manage the park while the mitigation project commences. He anticipated phasing the demolition of the mobile homes in groups as they are vacated. Mr. Miller also reminded the Committee that the park management costs not included within the mitigation grant. He also noted that the Finance Committee would be asked to review a resolution gifting the remaining three parcels to the County.

The Committee briefly discussed the complexity of the project and Mr. Miller agreed to continue to update the Board on the progress of the project.

### **INTRODUCTION TO FY15 BUDGET**

Mr. Miller explained the DeKalb County Administrator had forwarded a memo to Department Directors regarding the FY 2015 Budget review. Mr. Miller inquired if the Committee would like to discuss any of the items (see attached). The Committee members did not have specific

concerns regarding the Department's budget and agreed to speak with Mr. Miller with separate questions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No additional comments were offered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Planning and Zoning Committee is next scheduled to meet Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room East.

*Mr. O'Barski moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Emerson, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Anita Jo Turner**  
**Planning and Zoning Committee Chairman**

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DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
**PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**  
April 23, 2014

Potential FY 2015 Pre-Budget Discussion Items (May through July)

1. Do you wish to do a “deep dive” into one or more of the budgets listed below?
  - a. Discuss individual line-items
  - b. Discuss staffing levels
  - c. Discuss service levels
  - d. Discuss fee levels charged
  - e. Contracts up for renewal
  
2. Any special projects you would like explored in any of the Committee’s budget areas?
  
3. Do you want any specific information regarding contributions provided to any of the entities previously funded?

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Department Budgets:            Planning & Zoning

Entity Funding                    Soil & Water Conservation District (\$25,000 in FY 2014)