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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Planning and Zoning Committee Minutes
(November 13, 2014)**

The Planning and Zoning Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on November 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room East located in the DeKalb County Administration Building. In attendance were Committee Members Frank O'Barski, Dan Cribben, Anita Jo Turner, Julia Fauci, and Paul Stoddard. Also in attendance were Janice Hill, Jack Bennett, Greg Millburg, Dan Kenney, and staff members Paul Miller and Rebecca Von Drasek.

Ms. Turner, Planning and Zoning Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order and noted that John Emerson and Charles Foster were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Stoddard moved to amend the agenda to include public comment following approval of the minutes.

Ms. Fauci moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Cribben, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Stoddard moved to approve the minutes of September 24, 2014 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee, seconded by Mr. Cribben, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Bennett asked for an opportunity to address the Committee at the end of the meeting. The Committee agreed.

Mr. O'Barski arrived 7:05 p.m.

RESOLUTION FOR AGRICULTURE ADVANCEMENT

Janice Hill made a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding a proposed resolution she is requesting be approved by the County Board, supporting the efforts of the DeKalb Food and Farm Project. Throughout her presentation, Ms. Hill introduced various agriculture and local food-focused grants available for the Northern Illinois region. Ms. Hill emphasized that passage of a supporting

resolution proved DeKalb County's interest and support of specialty growers, local food initiatives, and community gardens, thereby improving the chances of being awarded grants..

Greg Millburg informed the Committee that the DeKalb County Farm Bureau had also recently passed a resolution of support for the organization's goals.

Mr. O'Barski confirmed that support of the resolution did not obligate the County in any way to financial support of the organization's efforts. Ms. Hill agreed, and repeated that the adoption of resolution would further show support as she applies for grants for the region.

Mr. Cribben moved to recommend passing the resolution, seconded by Mr. O'Barski, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Committee recognized Mr. Bennett from the DeKalb Farmland Foundation. Mr. Bennett expressed concerns about the rights of municipalities to allow non-agricultural development within a mile and a half of their borders. He impressed upon the Committee his conviction that the County should protect farmland from development.

EVERGREEN VILLAGE MITIGATION PROJECT

Mr. Miller briefed the Committee on the Evergreen Village Mitigation Project. He noted that residents continue to relocate at a steady pace, and highlighted the efforts by staff to relocate all the residents by the end of the year. The Committee briefly discussed the project and Mr. Miller agreed to continue to update the Committee on the progress of the project.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Jo Turner
Planning and Zoning Committee Chairman

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