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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting
(May 26, 2021)

The Planning and Zoning Committee of the DeKalb County Board met virtually on May 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. In attendance were Committee Members: Tim Bagby, Steve Faivre, John Frieders, Craig Roman, and Larry West, and Community Development Department staff: Marcellus Anderson. Also in attendance were: County Board member: Kathy Lampkins; Brian Gregory, DeKalb County Administrator; Emily Sitkie, of the DeKalb County Health Department; Greg Millburg, of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau; Larry Forsberg; Brad Belanger; John Lyon; Tracy Jones; and, Joe Moore.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mr. Faivre, Planning and Zoning Committee Chair, called the meeting to order. Mr. Osland and Mr. Plote were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. West moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Roman. A roll call vote was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Frieders moved to approve of the minutes of the April 24, 2021, seconded by Mr. Bagby, A roll call vote was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS - Special Use Permit: CO-21-04 - Yaeger

Mr. Anderson informed the Committee that Mark Yaeger owns and operates a farm stand on property located at 14643 State Route 38, in Cortland Township, and that the farm stand was a pre-existing, legal non-conforming small-scale agritainment use. He reported that Mr. Yaeger has proposed to expand the operation by adding a new building, which will contain a commercial bakery, and to possibly add some future building expansions in the future. In order to make the proposed expansions, a Special Use Permit had to be applied for and granted by the County Board.

Mr. Anderson noted that a public hearing was held on May 6, 2021, and that the Hearing Officer was recommending approval, with conditions, of the petition.

Mr. Frieders moved to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit, with conditions, seconded by Mr. Roman. A roll call vote was called, and the motion was carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS – Solid Waste Annual Report

Ms. Emily Sitkie, of the DeKalb County Health Department, introduced herself and gave a brief presentation of the 2020 Solid Waste Annual Report, describing report and its findings, in particular highlighting the affect of the Covid-19 Crisis on the various programs.

Mr. Faivre asked about the efforts being made to divert recyclables from the landfill. Mr. Sitkie responded that they have been working on educating the community on the types of wastes that can and cannot go into the landfill, and encouraging efforts to keep the recyclables out of the landfill.

Ms. Sitkie noted that for 2020, twelve percent (12%) of the waste was from in county sources and eighty-eight percent (88%) was from out-of-county sources.

Mr. Faivre noted Graph 3 in the report, which showed the pounds of waste generated per person per day for the past seven years, and inquired whether that number was for the county. Ms. Sitkie responded that the number was for the landfill as a whole. Mr. Faivre inquired about how the data was gathered and Ms. Sitkie explained how it worked.

Mr. West inquired, of the eighty-eight percent (88%) brought in from out of county, whether they were required to take out the recyclables, or if it was something the County was doing. Ms. Sitkie responded that we only have jurisdiction over DeKalb County residents in informing them what they should be doing. Mr. Faivre noted that this was an issue he had brought up with his County Board representative at the time the landfill agreements were being made.

Mr. Bagby inquired whether the totals for hazardous wastes were higher or lower than the previous year. Ms. Sitkie responded that she did not have the information on hand to answer that question, but did note that at their hazardous waste collection event, they did get more than anticipated than previous year.

Mr. Frieders noted that in the previous year Waste Management said that they were going to make a concerted effort to work with apartments, and such, and asked whether the Covid-19 crisis affected the program getting off the ground or not. Ms. Sitkie responded that the Covid-19 crisis did prevent the program from starting, and went on to describe some of the challenges the crisis created for their programs. She did note however, that she had only recently taken her current job, and did not have all of the data from previous years on hand yet.

Mr. Brian Gregory, DeKalb County administrator, talked about the recycling efforts occurring in the Cities of DeKalb and Sycamore, noting that those efforts could be an example of what the County could do, adding that possibly partnering with them might be a good idea. Mr. Frieders

commented about the large number of people who showed up for the 2020 recycling event. Mr. Gregory also noted that a lot of people do not realize the services available to them, and maybe the County should work with the cities to promote these services.

Mr. West inquired whether the new trash service within the County had any recycling containers. Mr. Roman and Mr. Gregory both responded that they did, and Mr. Gregory talked more about the current challenges with recycling.

Mr. Roman noted that the report indicated that food scraps can now be added to yard wastes in the Cities of DeKalb and Sycamore, and that he had not been aware of that. He then asked for more information of what could be done with that. Ms. Sitkie responded that she did not have the information on hand with her. Mr. Roman pointed out that it would be helpful to be able to inform people about what wastes could be put into the yard waste containers. The Committee members then discussed some ways to get information out to the public, with Mr. Gregory talking about some of the challenges the cities had in educating and informing people.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Roman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Frieders. A roll call vote was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Faivre
Chairman, Planning and Zoning Committee

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