

Members Present

Mr. Olthoff, Mr. Stauffenberg, Mr. James, Mr. Hess, Ms. McBride, Mr. Marcotte, Ms. Schmidt, Mr. Tripp, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Whitten

Members Absent

Mr. Tholen, Ms. Barber, and Mr. Scholl

In Attendance

- **Board Members**

Mr. Bossert and Mr. Liehr

- **Department Heads**

Mike Van Mill and Kevin Duval

- **Media**

Leigh Marcotte

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Olthoff, at 9:00 a.m. Quorum present.

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes – June 24, 2009

A motion to approve the June 24, 2009 minutes was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Marcotte. Motion carried.

4. Zoning

- **ZBA Case #09-11; request for Rezoning from A1-Agriculture to A2-Agriculture Estates, on parcels generally situated in Section 07 of Salina Township. The petitioners are Antoni J. and Susan L. Neven, property owners and Robert D. and Donna L. Bottger, applicants.**

Mr. Olthoff stated that they are asking for this to be tabled so they can do some engineering work on the property before they come forward.

A motion to table was made by Mr. Hess and seconded by Mr. James. Motion carried with a voice vote.

5. Subdivision

- **Jordan Grove Preliminary Plat Extension of Approval**

Delbert Skimerhorn stated that they are asking for an extension of the approval. The preliminary plat for the subdivision was approved in August 2007 and our ordinance requires that the final plat be filed within two years of that day. Unfortunately, because of the economic situation they are not going to be able to do that so they are asking for a one year extension so they can phase the final plat into three different phases with about four or five lots per phase. Jordan Grove is in Diversitech.

A motion to approve an extension for one year was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Whitten. Motion carried with a voice vote.

6. Building

- **Quarterly Update**

Mr. Pallissard reviewed the Quarterly Building Report with the Committee. There has been a 15% increase the first six months of this year compared to last year. Last year they issued 419 permits and this year they issued 476.

Mr. James questioned why houses that are being built in the agricultural district are exempt from fees.

Mr. Pallissard stated that state statute says that the all the structures that are accessory to the use of the property which is agricultural are exempt.

7. Transportation

8. Planning

- **Greenways & Trails Plan**

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that last month the Greenways & Trails Plan was presented to the Committee to review.

A motion to send it on to the County Board for approval was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Stauffenberg.

9. Economic Alliance

10. Other

Ms. Schmidt thanked all those who helped put the flags on the Courthouse lawn. She will have some yellow ribbons that will be ready soon and would appreciate help with that, also.

11. Old/New Business

Mr. Liehr stated that in the June meeting there was some discussion in regards to the soil and water conservation fees and he wondered what the status of that was.

Mr. Van Mill stated that there was some question as to whether the County Board had to get involved in the fees that the Soil & Water Conservation District would charge for their services for erosion control. That was a fee that was established by the Soil & Water Conservation District and the County did not have to get involved with it. They were charging \$50 and they increased that to \$100.

Mr. James asked if the service that the fees were raised on is a service that we enacted that if anybody who comes to get a permit has to get them to bring it to us.

Mr. Van Mill stated that only if they are affecting one acre or more of land and in some subdivisions. It gives him the ability to use his staff in other areas and the Soil & Water Conservation District provides that service. The additional fee may provide some relief for us in regards to the \$3,000 that we give them yearly.

Mr. James stated that he has a problem with this if we authorize that the people who come to us for permits have to use their services, then we should have some control as to the fees that they are going to charge the people.

Chairman Bossert stated that the Illiana Study was completed by the Indiana Department of Transportation and is on their website if the Committee would like to look at it or download it. Two of the routes that are proposed in that study are south of Peotone and one is north of the proposed airport site.

Mr. Olthoff asked if it was the old one that was proposed.

Mr. Van Mill stated that there is some resemblance of the old one. The study came out with three corridors options and they reviewed them based on a number of factors. There is no recommendation of a certain one, just an initial review of them. The first option – the northern one - does have some resemblance to what some of the officials in the eastern end of Will County would like to see and the other two reflect more of what we have been advocating for the last couple years. The middle option is about a mile north of the county line and the third option is entirely within our County.

Chairman Bossert stated that there will probably be some discussions to hold with Will County.

Mr. Van Mill stated that he spoke with Larry Walsh last Monday and they welcome the opportunity for us to get together.

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m. was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Marcotte.
Motion carried.

Bill Olthoff, Chairman
Joanne Langlois, Executive Coordinator