

PUBLIC HEALTH, SOLID WASTE & ZONING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2017  
6:00 PM

PRESENT: Greg Stumpf – Chairman, David Mendenhall – Vice-Chairman, Abe Forsyth, Annette Fulgenzi, Linda Fulgenzi, Craig Hall, Lisa Hills, Jason Ratts, Rose Ruzic, Sam Snell, Mike Sullivan and Linda Douglas-Williams.

ABSENT: none

OTHERS: Trustin Harrison, Dwayne Gab, Jim Stone, Molly Berns, Steve Keenan, Emily Prather, and Mary Carter.

Chairman Stumpf called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Hall made a motion and L. Fulgenzi seconded. Motion carried 12-0.

**Public Health:** Jim Stone presented the department's requisitions for approval. Stumpf asked for a motion to approve the Department of Public Health requisitions. Ratts made a motion to approve and Hills seconded. Motion carried (12-0).

Stone reminded the committee about the joint Finance/Public Health committees meeting on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Department of Public Health at 5pm. Bruce Cowans from Fiscal Choice will be there.

Ratts asked Stone if they would get any matching funds for the mosquito control. Stone said that they never do. They do use a fund for preventing West Nile virus but that fund has been going down every year. Hall asked Stone how the mobile public health unit was going. He said with the state situation their staffing has been down in the last couple of years but they have been able to hire back 5 nurses. They are talking about partnering with SIU School of Medicine with their FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) services. When this is rolled out, it will go to areas that don't have any primary care to begin with, in rural Sangamon County. Then it will go to rural Sangamon County that does have primary care and will eventually go to places that are underserved in medical in the Springfield city limits. We want to make sure we provide a diverse set of services. The unit may partner with school districts and park it at schools. Stone also reminded the committee that the public health unit was purchased without County money. Part of the funding with SIU includes getting a driver because right now Stone is the only one who can drive it. Hall says he has people in his district who ask about it. Stone says to have them call him because he would like to see what kind of services are needed.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Trustin Harrison & Steve Keenan reviewed the agenda with the committee.

2016-038 Richard Fritz **REQUESTING CONTINUANCE TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING**

County Board Member: Joel Tjelmeland, District # 14

Address: 2860 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, IL 62703

Tax ID # 22-10.0-426-016 Township: Woodside

Petitioner requests a variance to allow an accessory structure (garage) in the rear yard to be one (1) foot instead of the required three (3) feet from the property line. Trustin said there will be an objector here tonight. Staff recommended approval. The Building Department issued a permit for the garage, and it was later determined after inspection that the garage was built too close to the property line. Requiring the garage to be moved could result in a financial hardship for the property owner.

2017-006 Barbara A. Carlson, Karen L. Hubbs, Robert W. Lytle, Nancy L. Ledbetter & Eric T. Secoy (Lytle Farms)

County Board Member: David Mendenhall, District #3

Address: 15845 Mechanicsburg Illiopolis Road, Buffalo, IL 62515

Tax ID # 17-19.0-400-003 Township: Lanesville

Petitioners request a variance to allow one (1) parcel less than forty (40) acres (approximately 20 acres)

Staff recommended approval. Granting the requested variance will help facilitate a division and sell part of the subject property (less than 40 acres) to a long-time tenant. The subject property has a part that will remain in cropland (60 acres) and another part that will likely remain in pasture (approximately 18 acres) with the house and farm outbuildings. Agricultural usage is the most reasonable use for both parcels as the larger portion will remain cropland and the small portion will likely remain pasture due to the presence of the creek.

2017-007 Paul & Amy Bulpitt

County Board Member: Tom Madonia, Jr. , District #9

Address: 1750 N. Walnut Road, Rochester, IL 62563

Tax ID # 23-04.0-400-011 Township: Rochester

Petitioners request for Proposed Parcel 1 (approximately 7 acres): a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single-Family Residence District and a variance to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2 ½) times the lot width; and, for Proposed Parcel 2: a variance to allow one (1) parcel less than forty (40) acres (approximately 1 acre) Staff recommended approval. The LESA score of 133 indicates the subject property is appropriate for non-agricultural development.

**Regional Planning:** Molly Berns reported that the parking committee met. Molly & Dave met with the Farm Bureau last Monday. They are working through the various definitions that are in our ordinance that relate primarily to agri-business. They will continue to meet on a monthly basis. The agri-business will be separate from the parking regulations meeting. If something is

truly agriculture there will be no paving requirements. We will be separating out some of the “uses” that are currently in the ag-zoning district out and put them in an agri-business type “use”. If the County Board goes forward with maintaining paving requirements for other types of businesses, the Farm Bureau will then identify those in agri-business that they wouldn’t mind being paved. Berns says that the committee is getting close to deciding what the paving requirements should be. They are leaning towards loosening the paving requirements particularly for those that are really far out into the rural areas. They are looking at pavement being required at the point of the ingress & egress, first 20 feet, so it would limit the amount of rock that trails out into the roadway. Any business still has to pave & stripe to meet ADA requirements. Looking at paving options: instead of requiring concrete or asphalt, perhaps oil & chip or asphalt millings. Another thing that was discussed was about traffic in parking lots. Berns says they want to encourage economic development. Stumpf says they should probably meet on a different night than Civil & Public Health. They all agreed.

The committee talked about the weed ordinance briefly. Trustin said to call him if they have any questions because sometimes it is zoning related.

The committee talked about the Rinckers zoning case from last month that was denied. L. Fulgenzi says she has seen on social media that they still have dog agility trials scheduled at that location even though their zoning didn’t go through. Gab says there needs to be an investigation done. Hills says at the Chatham dog training class, there was a flyer about the trials in Mechanicsburg in April. Harrison wants to talk to Gab about going out there but he doesn’t want to trespass. A. Fulgenzi wants to know if they are allowed to have horse classes or riding the horses in the ring under the kennel license. Harrison says no. Gab said that we need evidence if it happens.

The Zoning requisitions were reviewed and signed. Hills made a motion to approve the requisitions and Forsyth seconded. Motion carried (11-0).

No public comment.

Snell made a motion to adjourn and Douglas-Williams seconded. Motion carried (11-0) and the meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.