

**Kankakee County
PZA Committee
May 17, 2023**

The meeting of the Kankakee County Planning, Zoning & Agriculture Committee was held on May 17, 2023 and was called to order by Committee Vice-Chairman, Mr. Miller at 9:00am. The following members were present:

Mr. Fetherling, Ms. Webber, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Miller, Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Long, Ms. Foster, Ms. Andrade, Mr. Wheeler,

Members Absent – Mr. Swanson, Mr. Ashcraft, Mr. Scanlon, Ms. Turner and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

Quorum –Present

Department Heads Present – Delbert Skimerhorn, Ben Wilson, John Coghlan

Media Present – None

Public Commentary

None

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of April 19, 2023 were submitted to the committee for approval.

Mr. Long made a motion to approve and Mr. Fairfield seconded the motion. Motion passed with a voice vote.

Building

Building Report

Building Report – April 2023

Mr. Skimerhorn reviewed the report with the committee. There were 86 permits issued.

Mr. Ekhoﬀ made a motion to approve the report, Ms. Andrade seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Stormwater/MS4 Program Discussion

Mr. Skimerhorn reviewed with the committee and asked if there was anything for discussion, there was not.

Decommissioning Plan/Bond for Peterman Solar, LLC

\$278,390

Decommissioning Plan/Bond for McGee Solar, LLC

\$293,777

Mr. Skimerhorn reviewed each plan/bond with the committee.

Mr. Long made a motion to combine and approve, and Mr. Ekhoﬀ seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Presentation on Drainage Districts – Sara Smith, Executive Director, IL Association fo Drainage Districts

Ms. Smith was present by Zoom and presented a presentation to the committee regarding Drainage Districts. Where they came from, why we have them.

Mr. Long requested that the presentation be emailed to the committee.

Mr. Wheeler asked if Mr. Skimerhorn could do a presentation on what the County is able to do with abandoned homes in the county to inform the committee. Mr. Skimerhorn agreed.

Zoning

•ZBA Case#23-07; request for a Variance to Section 121-281.c (Accessory Structure Location - Pool) on a parcel generally situated in Section 25 of Limestone Township. The property is located at 1805 W. Tower Dr, Kankakee. Petitioners are Michael Brown & Christina Spenard, property owners and applicants.

Mr. Skimerhorn reviewed the case with the committee. ZBA recommended approval on May 15th with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Fetherling made a motion to approve, and Ms. Andrade seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

•ZBA Case#23-08; request for a Rezoning from A1-Agricultural District to RE-Rural Estate District and Variance to Section 121-148.d (Lot Size) on a parcel generally situated in Section 11 of Ganeer Township. The property is located at 9732 E 1000 S Rd., Momence. Petitioner is Haylie Marrs, property owner and applicant.

Mr. Skimerhorn reviewed the case with the committee. ZBA recommended approval on May 15th with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Long made a motion to approve, and Mr. Ekhoﬀ seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

•Reappointment of Elizabeth Scanlon to Kankakee County Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve, and Mr. Fetherling seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

•Gene Rademacher/Brian Porter Interview for Reappointment/Appointment to Kankakee County Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Miller explained to the committee that there were 2 applicants for the open position on ZBA. Mr. Wheeler advised that each candidate can have their time to introduce themselves to the committee and the committee could ask questions.

It was noted that the application for Mr. Rademacher was not received timely.

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The committee held discussions regarding the candidates.

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to recommend the appointment of Brian Porter, and Mr. Ekhoﬀ seconded it. Motion tied with 4 ayes and 4 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Long, Mr. Ekhoﬀ and Mr. Wheeler. Voting nay were: Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Miller, Ms. Foster and Ms. Andrade.

Discussions were held regarding the reappointment of Mr. Rademacher.

Mr. Fetherling made a motion to recommend the reappointment of Gene Rademacher, and Ms. Foster seconded it. Motion failed with a roll call vote of 3 ayes and 5 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Miller, Ms. Foster. Voting nay were: Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Long, Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Ms. Andrade and Mr. Wheeler.

Planning

Natural Gas Conversion Contractor Solicitation

Mr. Wilson gave a brief presentation to the committee.

Transportation

Update from Division Manager

Mr. Wilson was present and provided an update to the committee.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Declare Filing Cabinets as Surplus

Mr. Skimerhorn advised that there were cabinets to declare as surplus. Discussions were held.

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve, and Mr. Ekhoﬀ seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Adjournment

Mr. Long made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:53a.m. Mr. EKhoﬀ seconded the motion. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chad Miller, Committee Vice-Chairperson

Kelly Bylak, Executive Coordinator

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGkhxi5M9is&list=PLuh0IeyRukQSgMQmOTBxF9z_uWHfp62HA