Ogle County Regional Planning Commission

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REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT
JUNE 18, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Ogle County Regional Planning Commission was held on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 S. IL Rte. 2, Oregon, IL.

The Order of Business was as follows:

1. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM.

   Chairman Funk called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated all seven members of the Regional Planning Commission were present: Chairman Lloyd Funk, Randy Ocken, David Poole, Paul White, Don Conn, Ron Colson and Wayne Reising.

2. READING AND APPROVAL OF REPORT OF April 23, 2009 AS MINUTES.

   Chairman Funk asked for any changes or corrections to the report of the April 23, 2009 meeting of the Ogle County Regional Planning Commission. Hearing none, Chairman Funk declared the minutes approved as read.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

   A. UPDATE REGARDING ON-LINE PLANNING PREFERENCE SURVEY UTILIZING SURVEY MONKEY

      Mr. Reibel passed around a copy of the survey that will be posted on the Internet. He stated that he has talked to Linda at Dynamic Horizons about the link to the survey on the county website. He explained that she had run into some technical problems doing this but is in touch with Survey Monkey and the link should be posted soon. He explained that a pop will appear when a person accesses the website asking if they would like to participate in the survey now or at a later time. Mr. Reibel Stated that once everything is in order he will issue a press release explaining the survey to the public to get as many to participate as possible.

      Mr. Funk asked how long the survey will be posted on the Internet. Mr. Reibel responded that it would be up for at least ninety days and depending on the feedback could be extended. He stated that the county has a quarterly subscription to Survey Monkey, and the subscription can be extended for an additional 3 months if we feel that it is necessary.

      Discussion ensued regarding how the survey would collect information.

      Mr. Funk asked if the previously discussed question regarding the residing township of the participant is on the survey. Mr. Reibel responded that it is the last question in the survey.

      Mr. Colson asked if there is a limit on how many times one survey participant can submit a survey. Mr. Reibel responded that there can only be one survey submitted per IP address. He also stated that not all the questions have to be answered to successfully submit a survey.

Mr. Funk asked how Carroll County is using the information gathered in their survey. Mr. Reibel responded that the information was used in developing the goals and objective for their Comprehensive Plan, and incorporated into the plan document.

Mr. Ocken asked if the information being collected can be viewed at anytime during the collection period. Mr. Reibel responded that he will have access to the password protected survey information at anytime.

Mr. Reising asked what would happen if a survey participant didn't know the township they reside in. Mr. Reibel responded that they could guess or not answer the question.

Mr. Funk stated that he thinks this is going to be a nice tool for the county and anticipates a good result.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. DECISIONS (CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

#3-09 AMENDMENT -- Edward & Karen Giese, 1220 S. Gale Rd., Oregon, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Rural Residence District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners:

Part of the NE1/4 Section 7 Oregon-Nashua Township 23N, R10E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 4.28 acres, more or less
Property Identification Number: 16-07-200-023
Common Location: 1220 S. Gale Rd.

Mr. Giese was present and explained there will be living quarters in the westerly building on the property. He explained that he didn't realize he would be in violation by constructing the living quarters in the building. He stated that he thought he was in compliance with the building permits he obtained in 2001 and 2006.

Mr. Reibel stated that the permits issued in 2001 and 2006 were for storage buildings. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Funk asked if Mr. Giese had filed an application for a residence. Mr. Giese responded that he had not, that he thought it was okay and was not trying to hide anything.

Mr. Poole asked when Mr. Giese converted the shed into a dwelling. Mr. Giese responded that he started this year and is not done yet. He stated that part of the building is still for storage.

Mr. Funk asked about the storage of existing materials on the property outside the building. He stated that storage of materials are different in AG-1 zoning than in R-1. Discussion ensued.

Mr. White asked for clarification of zoning of the surrounding properties. Mr. Reibel stated that the residential properties in the area are zoned AG-1. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Ocken moved to recommend approval of Petition No. 3-09 Amendment; the motion was seconded by Mr. Conn. Mr. Funk called for a roll call vote; the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Colson asked if there is current legal action involving Mr. Giese. Mr. Reibel responded that it is administrative and that approval of this map amendment petition would remedy the violation.

5. OTHER BUSINESS (CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Mr. Reibel informed the Planning Commission that he is expecting two Special Use Permit petitions for wind farms to be filed in July.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. ADJOURN

Chairman Funk declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM. The next meeting of the Ogle County Regional Planning Commission will be July 23, 2009 at the Ogle County Highway Department, 1989 S. Il Rte. 2, Oregon, IL.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Reibel
Planning & Zoning Administrator