

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

May 20th, 2014

Members Present:

Bill Meyer
Brad Maxwell
Kelly Tracy
Mick Madison
Brenda Roosevelt
Helen Hawkins

Members Absent:

Jack Minner

Others Present:

Matt Brandmeyer
Derek Jackson
Tom Hawkins
Andi Campbell
Jeff Hurst
Leah Dettmers
Andrew Carruthers
Chris Cassidy
Sandra Cassidy
Tracy Curtis
Nancy Spencer

ITEMS DISCUSSED/VOTES:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Meyer.

Brenda Roosevelt made a motion to approve minutes from April 15th, 2014. Seconded by Kelly Tracy. Motion approved. All ayes.

Citizens wishing to address the Committee:

Chris Cassidy, property owner of 4119 Fosterburg Road, Alton, IL spoke in opposition to the lawn care service text amendment. Mr. Cassidy stated that the text amendment goes against the County's Comprehensive Plan and that he believes the text amendment's buffer requirement is not sufficient.

Andrew Carruthers, attorney for Corey Murphy, property owner of 3919 Hodge Lane, Alton, IL, spoke in favor of the text amendment. Mr. Carruthers stated that the text amendment was a County wide request and should not be considered solely in the context of Corey Murphy's property. Mr. Carruthers stated that he is surprised that a lawn-care-related use is not already permitted within the "A" Agriculture District.

Tracey Curtis, property owner at 3931 Hodge Lane, Alton, IL, spoke in opposition to the text amendment. Ms. Curtis stated that she believes the use is not appropriate in the "A" Agriculture District as it creates an opportunity for businesses to be located in close proximity to residential dwellings.

Sandra Cassidy, property owner of 4119 Fosterburg Road, Alton, IL spoke in opposition to the lawn care service text amendment. Ms. Cassidy stated that she previously operated a business and leased a space in town that was commercially zoned away from residential and agricultural areas.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Brenda Roosevelt made a motion to approve Resolutions, Zoning Board of Appeals Findings of Fact, and Recommendations for May 8th, 2014. Seconded by Kelly Tracy. Motion approved. All ayes.

Derek Jackson presented Gibbon's Subdivision – Minor Subdivision Plat to the Committee. Jackson explained that the request is for a two (2) lot minor subdivision. Jackson stated that the applicant is utilizing an access easement and that the maintenance agreement and zoning requirements were satisfied. Kelly Tracy made a motion to approve the Gibbon's Subdivision - Minor Subdivision Plat. Seconded by Brenda Roosevelt. Motion approved. All ayes.

Kelly Tracy made a motion to approve the Acceptance of Streets into Township Highway Maintenance System. Seconded by Brenda Roosevelt. Motion approved. All ayes.

Jeff Hurst, Code Enforcement Inspector, requested that the Committee approve a Resolution Authorizing the Demolition of Unsafe Buildings and Structures. Helen Hawkins made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Demolition of Unsafe Buildings and Structures. Seconded by Kelly Tracy. Motion approved. All ayes.

Leah Dettmers, Sustainability Coordinator, requested that the Committee approve a Resolution Authorizing the Solid Waste Enforcement Grant FY 2014. Kelly Tracy made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Solid Waste Enforcement Grant FY 2014. Seconded by Brenda Roosevelt. Motion approved. All ayes.

Matt Brandmeyer stated that the Department is requesting to purchase seven (7) new computers. Mr. Brandmeyer stated that the request stems from the I.T. Department's XP Project, which requires that all county computers be upgraded from Windows XP to Windows 7 operating systems due to Microsoft no longer supporting Windows XP. Mr. Brandmeyer explained the Department has seven (7) computers that need to be upgraded. He said this would conclude desktop computer needs for the P&D Department. Kelly Tracy made a motion to approve the Purchase Request for Seven (7) Replacement Computers. Seconded by Brenda Roosevelt. Motion approved. All ayes.

Kelly Tracy made a motion to approve the Purchase Request for Heartland Conservancy and Cahokia Mounds. Seconded by Brad Maxwell. Motion approved. All ayes.

Kelly Tracy made a motion to approve the Purchase Request for the Canon Image Runner 6255 Copier. Seconded by Helen Hawkins. Motion approved. All ayes.

Kelly Tracy made a motion to approve the Purchase Order Report. Seconded by Brenda Roosevelt. Motion approved. All ayes.

Administrator's Report:

Helen Hawkins said that she's received complaints at a Choteau Township meeting about maintenance of Arlington Wetlands. Matt Brandmeyer said that it was the Planning & Development Department's project, and we would have someone mow it this week. He said CARD was originally going to mow, but they haven't had the manpower for it to be regularly maintained.

Adjournment:

Bill Meyer made a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Kelly Tracy. Motion approved. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned.