

Planning & Zoning Meeting
Logan County Safety Complex
June 5, 2013

Present: David Hepler; Kevin Bateman; Bob Farmer; Bill Martin

Absent: Pat O'Neill; Jan Schumacher

Guests: Will D'Andrea; Jim Drew

Mr. Hepler called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2013 meeting as printed. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- 1) Wind farms: There is no update at this time.
- 2) Conditional use zoning for extraction: Mr. Hepler will contact Jonathan Wright and ask whether it is appropriate to move forward with consideration while an appeal is pending on the Muck re-zoning case. If no concerns are received from his office, the committee will move forward with discussion on this at the July meeting. Mr. D'Andrea has collected information regarding the range of options currently exercised by other counties. The committee could then consider how they would like to move forward.

New Business:

- 1) Rural residential fencing: Mr. Drew addressed the committee with concerns about the lack of regulations in place for installation of fences on rural properties. He asked the committee to consider establishing requirements for fencing, including the maintenance of existing fences in rural areas. The committee considered the feasibility of establishing regulations for setbacks and maintenance and how to enforce them. It was agreed to continue discussion on this at the July meeting. Mr. D'Andrea will bring forward examples of possible requirements for the committee's review.
- 2) Swimming pool permitting and health issues: Mr. D'Andrea reported there is no ordinance in place which requires permits, fencing or inspections for swimming pools, even in rural subdivisions. This is typically addressed in a building code and Logan County has never adopted a building code. The committee could choose to address this in the future.

Zoning Officer's Report: Mr. D'Andrea reported he received an e-mail regarding the bike trailways master plan. The consulting group was questioned whether there would be interest in meeting with Sangamon and/or McLean County's bike trails. The committee expressed concern over the quality of the proposed Logan County bike trail as compared to the trails in place in Sangamon and McLean County. Mr. D'Andrea also discussed a survey that is being distributed regarding the importance of items in the Master Plan. They are trying to organize so progress can be made in meeting objectives in the plan. **A motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Martin, to allow distribution of this survey to board members. Motion passed.** This survey will now be distributed to the Logan County Board for their feedback. Nothing further to report.

Public comments: None

Communications: None

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Bateman, to approve the bills. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 7:12 pm.