

Planning & Zoning Committee

Planning Meeting

Friday, September 13th, 2013

7:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Supervisors, Brennand, Thompson, Kreisler, Egan. Jerry Bougie – Planning Director, Brian O'Rourke – Associate Planner, Cary Rowe – Zoning Administrator.

EXCUSED: Supervisor Gabbert.

1. Minute Approval – August 9th, 20th, 23rd, 27th, & September 3rd.

Motion by L. Kreisler to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by C. Thompson. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Report on DNR Community visit.

L. Kreisler, who was in attendance at the meeting with County staff and staff from the DNR and FEMA the previous afternoon, explained to the rest of the Committee the purpose of the on-sites of various properties in the County. This was essentially an audit of the County and a check for potential violations.

C. Rowe stated that the next step would be a letter from the DNR detailing their findings and explaining any critiques of the County. County staff would then conduct a follow up with regard to any issues contained in the letter.

There was no further discussion of this item.

3. Status report on County Farmland Preservation Program activities.

J. Bougie stated that the State chairman of the DATCP Committee rejected the County's proposed amendment to the administration rules. Staff would also be forwarding the County's zoning ordinance for DATCP certification within the next two weeks.

There was no further discussion of this item.

4. Report on new state wireless telecommunications siting laws.

J. Bougie explained the new state rules regulating telecommunications which allows the siting of a cell tower in any zoning district. Currently the County does not allow cell towers in residential areas, and requires a conditional use permit. Because of the new state rule he indicated that in the future staff would be recommending an amendment to the zoning ordinance allowing cell towers in any district, with a zoning permit.

P. Brennand directed staff to place the proposed amendment on a future agenda, and to send a memo to all towns explaining the new rule and potential amendment.

There was no further discussion of this item.

Motion to adjourn C. Thompson. Seconded by L. Kriescher. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 A.M.

Brian O'Rourke – Recording Secretary