

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building
667 Ware Road – Conference Room A
Woodstock, IL 60098

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M.

Chairman Hill called the Planning and Development Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The following members were present: Tina Hill, Chairman; Randy Donley; Mary Donner; Sue Draffkorn; Jim Heisler; Marc Munaretto and Ersel Schuster. Also in attendance: Kenneth Koehler, County Board Chairman; Dennis Sandquist, Matt Hansel and Darrell Moore, Planning and Development; interested public and press.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

DISCUSSION: *McHenry County Unified Development Ordinance:* Attendees discussed the McHenry County Unified Development Ordinance with representatives from Camiros, Ltd.

Points of interest include:

- Small lots which are non-confirming and need variances;
- Platting process needs to be defined and the role of the County Board needs to be clarified;
- Conservation design ordinance allows overburden of resources and alternative view that ordinance protects resources;
- 2030 Plan's goal that development should be in or adjacent to municipalities;
- Review definition of agricultural purposes; review uses that are allowed (apple orchards, truck storage, etc.);
- New gravel zoning districts;
- Appropriate CUPs include gravel pits and churches;
- Problems with nurseries and sod farms; water usage problems;
- Ag-tourism – events, concerts, entertainment; major issue that is not defined - horse racing;
- A2 – needs to be revisited; used to circumvent subdivision ordinance;
- Wind turbines and farms/solar farms;
- Recap of lawsuits that the County has lost;
- Test farms for chemicals (pesticides, herbicides); and
- Groundwater issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

Noting no further business, Ms. Draffkorn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schuster, to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION: