ZONING, PLATTING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ZPAC) October 3, 2017 – Approved Meeting Minutes

Senior Planner Matt Asselmeier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Megan Andrews – Soil and Water Conservation District Jason Langston – Sheriff's Office Aaron Rybski – Health Department David Guritz – Forest Preserve Don Clayton – GIS (Arrived at 9:01 a.m.) Fran Klaas – Highway Department Matt Asselmeier – PBZ Department

Absent:

Greg Chismark – WBK Engineering, LLC Robert Davidson – PBZ Committee Chair Brian Holdiman – PBZ Department

Audience:

None

AGENDA

Mr. Guritz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews, to approve the agenda as proposed. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

Mr. Clayton arrived at this time (9:01 a.m.).

MINUTES

Mr. Rybski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Guritz, to approve the August 1, 2017 meeting minutes. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

PETITIONS

17-28 Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Committee – Text Amendments to Sections 7.01.D.32 (Specials Uses in A-1 Agricultural District), 7.01.D.33 (Special Uses in A-1 Agricultural District) and 10.03.B.4 (Special Uses in M-3 Aggregate Materials Extraction, Processing and Site Reclamation District) of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance Pertaining to Regulations of Outdoor Target Practice or Shooting Ranges (Not Including Private Shooting in Your Own Yard)

Mr. Asselmeier provided a summary of this proposed text amendment. Staff mailed this proposal to each existing outdoor gun range and all townships on September 25th. The existing outdoor gun ranges would be grandfathered and governed by their applicable special use permits or the regulations in place the date they commenced operations. No existing outdoor gun range complies with this proposed text amendment. The proposed regulations would not apply to properties owned by the Kendall County Forest Preserve or the State of Illinois on land used for parks. The proposed regulations addressed berming, baffling, downrange safety area, the minimum acreage of the property, narrative description of the range use, role of range supervisors, regulation of range flags, hours of operation, fencing, the timing of the submittal of a lead management plan, distance from adjoining properties, restroom facilities, hearing and vision protection, insurance, access to public roads and noise.

Mr. Guritz asked about the handling of lead management plan documents. Mr. Asselmeier stated that he was unsure how lead management plan documents were handled previously. The existing ranges were governed by their special use permit. If a Federal or State law existed that superseded the local law, then the gun range would have to follow those requirements.

Mr. Klaas asked how many outdoor gun ranges existed in Kendall County. The answer was five (5) not counting the State park.

Discussion occurred regarding the size of the downrange safety area and the control of the downrange safety area. The consensus was that, in an urbanizing county, the downrange regulations were appropriate.

Indoor shooting range regulations already exist in the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Guritz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rybski, to forward the petition onto the Plan Commission with a favorable recommendation.

With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion passed. This matter will go before the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission on October 25th.

17-29 Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Committee – Text Amendment to Section 13.08.H of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance by Increasing the Notification Requirements for Applications for Special Use Permits on A-1 Agricultural Zoned Property and Clarifying Notification Requirements for Special Use Permits on Properties not Zoned A-1 Agricultural

Mr. Asselmeier provided a summary of this proposed text amendment. The amendment would increase the notification requirement from five hundred feet (500') to two thousand six hundred feet (2,600') for applications for special use permits on properties zoned A-1 and clarifying that only adjoining properties must be notified on special use permit applications for properties not zoned A-1.

Mr. Clayton presented two (2) scenarios. One (1) property near Aurora would have to mail three hundred ninety-two (392) notices under the current rules and would have to mail notices to one thousand nine hundred one (1,901) parcels if the text amendment was approved. In the case of Hideaway Lakes, sixty-three (63) parcels would have to be notified presently. If the proposal was approved, five hundred thirty-seven (537) parcels would need to be notified.

The cost for return receipt is Two Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$2.75). This cost is paid by the petitioner.

Will, LaSalle and Kane Counties notify adjacent property owners only. Grundy County notifies up to five hundred feet (500'). DeKalb County notifies up to two hundred fifty feet (250'). DuPage County notifies up to three hundred feet (300').

Neighbors beyond five hundred feet (500') express concerns that they were not notified when odor or noise impacts their property.

Several Committee members felt that the two thousand six hundred foot (2,600') requirement was arbitrary.

Mr. Asselmeier explained the application process. When someone submits an application for a special use permit on A-1 zoned property, the GIS Department prepares a list of addresses that need to be notified. Any applicable municipality and township are added to the list. Staff then checks off the address list when the applicant presents green cards.

Discussion occurred about having different distance requirements for different special uses. Mr. Asselmeier stated that Staff does not know when an application is submitted if that application will be controversial. The more specificity in the Ordinance, the less likely the decision of who received notification and who did not receive notification could be viewed as arbitrary.

Mr. Guritz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Langston, to request that the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee leave the notification requirement at five hundred feet (500').

Ayes: Langston, Rybski and Guritz (3)

Navs: Klaas (1)

Abstain: Andrews, Clayton and Asselmeier (3)
Absent: Chismark, Holdiman and Davidson (3)

The reasons members voted yes were because of the added expense to the petitioner, the added time for the applicant to mail the notices, added review time for Staff to process the green cards, the proposed regulations were

larger than the notification requirements of other Counties and regardless of the distance requirement no method exists to notify everyone that thinks they should be notified. Mr. Klaas stated that he would like the notification requirement to be set at one thousand feet (1,000') maximum. Several Committee members concurred with Mr. Klaas, but felt that one thousand feet (1,000') was arbitrary.

Mr. Asselmeier will inform the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee of ZPAC's request.

17-30 Kendall County Planning, Building and Zoning Committee – Text Amendments to Section 3.02 (Definitions), Section 10.01.C.10 and Section 10.01.C.11 (Special Uses in the M-1 Limited Manufacturing District and M-2 Heavy Industrial District) of the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance By Extending the Expiration Deadline from January 1, 2018 to July 1, 2020 for the County's Medical Cannabis Related Regulations

Mr. Asselmeier provided a summary of this proposed text amendment. The proposal changes the expiration date only and does not change any other portion of the medical cannabis related zoning regulations. July 1, 2020 is the expiration date for the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act.

Mr. Klaas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rybski, to forward the petition onto the Plan Commission with a favorable recommendation.

With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion passed. This matter will go before the Kendall County Regional Planning Commission on October 25th.

REVIEW OF PETITIONS THAT WENT TO COUNTY BOARD

Petitions 17-16, 17-19, 17-21 and 17-22 were approved by the County Board.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Asselmeier presented a letter dated August 16, 2017 from Anna R. Kuperstein to Matt Asselmeier regarding the Sandwich Compressor at 6650 Sandy Bluff. The property has a special use permit for a pipeline. TransCanada is expanding their facility at that location. The letter argues that they should be exempt from local zoning regulations because of federal energy regulations. The Planning, Building and Zoning Committee and State's Attorney's Office concurred with this opinion; no amendment to the special use permit will be required for any work governed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Mr. Asselmeier presented the fiscal year 2017-2018 meeting calendar.

Mr. Guritz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clayton, to approve the meeting calendar. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Guritz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klaas, to adjourn. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried. The ZPAC, at 10:08 a.m., adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP Senior Planner



