

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
October 17, 2013
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerry Potts, Vice Chair
Kevin Greenfield
Merv Jacobs
Patty Cox
Kevin Meachum

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jay Scott, State's Attorney
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Deb Garrett, Environmental Management
Paula Cross, Environmental Management
Kathy Powless, Veterans Assistance

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tim Dudley
Phil Hogan

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jerry Potts at the Macon County Office Building.

MINUTES

Patty Cox made a motion to approve the September 19, 2013 minutes, seconded by Kevin Greenfield, motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

Patty Cox made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Kevin Meachum, and motion carried 5-0.

ZONING

S-02-10-13 – Special Use by Decatur Izaak Walton League of America

Jennifer Hoffman explained that this is a petition to allow the operation of a private campground in R-1 Single Family Residential District. This is a renewal of a Special Use Permit. The property is commonly known as 5179 Old Stage Coach Road located in Whitmore Township.

On October 2, 2013, a public hearing was held and the ZBA voted 5-0 for approval of the renewal special use permit with the following stipulations:

1. The premises shall have one permanent residence for custodial /security purposes.
2. The premises shall have adequate trash service and receptacles near the permanent residence to encourage proper disposal of litter.
3. The premises shall have a maximum of 50 camping sites at one time.
4. Each camping site shall observe a minimum setback of 10' from property lines.
5. Campers shall be restricted to occupancy between May 1 and October 31 annually
6. Discharge of firearms on the premises shall be prohibited
7. Hunting on the premises shall be prohibited
8. The premises shall remain in conformance with all Macon County Ordinances
9. The premises shall conform to all other applicable state and local laws and regulations
10. Any activity on the premises that results in a disorderly conduct citation shall serve as a violation of the terms of this permit

11. The Special Use Permit shall be limited to a period of 10 years and will expire on November 14, 2023 and is subject to review at that time.

Kevin Meachum made a motion approve, seconded by Kevin Greenfield.

Kevin Meachum asked if all terms have been agreed to. Jennifer confirmed and said that these are the same stipulations that were previously in place. The only thing that changed is the time limit which went from 3 years to 10 years. Kevin Meachum said they've had this for over 30 years. Jennifer confirmed. Motion carried 5-0.

SUBDIVISIONS

None

REPORTS

Veterans Assistance

Kathy Powless presented a Veteran's Day invitation for an event to be held at the Lincoln Square Theatre and stated that she hoped to see everyone there.

Planning & Zoning

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the 2013 – 2018 Five Year NPDES Storm Water Pollution Control Permit with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Jennifer Hoffman explained that this is to approve a 5 year permit with IEPA. With this permit, the MS4's which consist of Macon County, City of Decatur, Village of Forsyth and the Village of Mt. Zion work together to educate and enforce storm water issues in these jurisdictions. This permit primarily deals with storm water issues on construction sites. This was passed at the Transportation Committee on September 25 and now needs approval from EEHW to forward on to the full Board for passage and approval.

Kevin Meachum made a motion to approve forwarding to the Full Board, seconded by Merv Jacobs and the motion carried 5-0.

Health Department

No report

Animal Control

No report

Environmental Management

Deb Garrett reported on the Farm Progress Show results. She said they hired 8 Richland students this year to help. She said that the small trailer they bought a couple of years ago to help with special recycling events was a huge benefit to them this year and helped cut down the number of hours for them. New Holland loaned four wheelers to help them out. They collected 3,900 pounds of primarily plastic bottles. Midwest Fiber agreed to come out and assist with the cardboard recycling for a total of 11,900 pounds.

Paula Cross gave an end of the year wrap up report on recycling events. The containers go to various events – 21 this year throughout Macon County for a collection of 11 tons of recycling. That includes over 1,000 pounds at the Decatur Celebration and 16,000 pounds at Farm Progress. The Christmas light recycling program is always very popular with over 1,000 pounds collected last year. That will be repeated again this year. Large electronic collections are co-sponsored. Over 66,000 pounds or 33.36 tons of unwanted electronics were collected. The most popular program is paint. To date, 310 cars have gone through. There have been 1 to 2 paint collections per month from April through September. The last one will be on October 23. Public Outreach is done also. The Senior Rama is important because seniors are the best recyclers. Rock Springs covers the young kids. For Earth Day, books on recycling were sent out to 27 Macon County Schools and the Kroger Earth Day grocery bag project was done. Kroger donated the paper bags, they were taken to the schools, students decorated them and then the bags are used to bag groceries. There were 2,500 paper bags handed out. A database is kept on the events. There were 32 events including 10 Chill on the Hill and 3 Blues in the Park. Over 11 tons were collected. Kevin Meachum commented that they had great success this year and asked what the goals were for next year. Paula explained that goals based on tonnage are too difficult because it depends too much on weather, attendance, etc.... The goal would be to increase the number of events. Farm Progress is only every other year. Kevin thanked them for the multiple paint collections. He said the State tried to cut the program and the Environmental Management team funded it themselves for a couple of years until the state decided to fund again. It is a great program. Paula said they get thanks all the time. Kevin Greenfield asked what Township was the best at recycling. Paula said it was Long Creek by far, but at the end of the year, all the Townships would be given their totals. Merv Jacobs asked about TV recycling. Paula said it is getting more difficult because TVs cost recyclers. The electronic recyclers are required to recycle them, but they can put provisions on them by size or voucher. She also said that the state is now talking about imposing a paint fee so that when paint is bought, there is a fee and then it can be returned to the paint store.

Regional Office of Education

No report

Citizen's Remarks

Michelle Huttes, Vice President of the Decatur Macon County Animal Shelter Foundation, gave a recap on the ASPCA Rachel Ray \$100,000 challenge. The shelter participated, had a positive outcome, but did not win. The goal was to increase the number of live releases compared to the prior year. Last year was a record breaking year, so this was a struggle. The increase was by 2. Adoptions were down over the summer, but transfers to other agencies were increased.

Shirley Stanley, President of the Decatur Macon County Animal Shelter Foundation, reported that October is Adopt a Sheltered Dog Month. The fee has been cut in half and is not limited to dogs. There has been a record number of kittens come in during the late summer and early fall.

Whiskers & Tails is on November 2 and everyone is welcome. It will be at the Country Club of Decatur and will include great music and excellent food.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 21, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Merv Jacobs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Patty Cox, the motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham
Macon County Board Office