



**Champaign County Board
Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC)
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois**

MINUTES – APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED ON FEBRUARY 8, 2018

DATE: Thursday, January 4, 2018
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E Washington, Urbana, IL 61802

Committee Members

Present	Absent
Aaron Esry (Chair)	
Pattsi Petrie (Vice Chair)	
Stephanie Fortado	
Jim Goss	
Brooks Marsh	
Robert King	
Kyle Patterson	

County Staff: John Hall (Zoning Administrator), Susan Monte (Planner), Tammy Asplund (Recording Secretary)
Others Present: Pius Weibel (County Board Chair), Stan Harper (County Board Member)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Esry called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A verbal roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda and Addendum

MOTION by Mr. Goss to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Mr. Marsh. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. ELUC Committee meeting – December 7, 2017

MOTION by Ms. Petrie to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2017 ELUC meeting; seconded by Ms. Fortado. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

Patrick Brown stated he is from BayWa r.e. Solar Projects in Irvine, CA. He is in this area working on a project in Sidney, IL. He commented he is happy to assist with the writing of the solar ordinance.

Matt Kauffman stated he is with Cypress Creek Renewables, based in Tuscola, IL. He expressed appreciation to the Board for working on an ordinance to address solar energy. Mr. Kauffman listed the following comments regarding Attachment A from the agenda packet.

Item #5 – some wiring will be aboveground

Item #9 – National requirements call for a seven-foot fence

Item #14 – Road use agreement is important; but prefers it be done during building permit phase

Item #17 – decommissioning; preference is for surety bond

Item #20 – storm water; preference this is done during building permit phase

Gina Pagliosa stated she works across from the Champaign township burn pit. She has attended several meetings (including October 6 and 20, 2016) to voice her concerns. She provided petitions with sixty signatures from other area residents, employees, and business owners regarding the problems created since the nuisance ordinance was changed. She also provided pictures taken in October on a typical burn day, with ash accumulating on cars. She listed issues reported by citizens including migraines and asthma attacks.

VI. Communications

None

VII. For Information Only

A. Review of 2017 Residential Electronics Collection Events

Susan Monte reviewed the information contained in the agenda packet. She noted a typo contained in the total shared cost. She stated it should have been \$44,000. She explained the spike in average tons collected in 2017 was due to Rantoul contributing items collected at a dumpster day.

VIII. Items to Receive and Place on File for 30-Day Review Period Before Approval by ELUC

A. Proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment to add requirements for “solar farms”

Mr. Hall noted Planning and Zoning received an application for a solar farm on December 20, 2017. He commented he believes the Kankakee solar farm amendment is good, but not adequate for Champaign County. He committed to have a full draft prepared for the next ELUC meeting on February 9, 2018.

The committee asked several questions of Mr. Brown and Mr. Kauffman regarding potential job creation, NEC standards, glare, vegetation management, and other counties with existing solar farm ordinances. According to Mr. Kauffman, stated solar farms are not a job creator. He commented that there are two categories of jobs, which are temporary (construction) and long-term (maintenance) jobs. These long-terms jobs only require a few people. Mr. Brown pledged to work with local unions to fill construction openings. Mr. Kauffman commented that North Carolina has the second-most solar energy projects in the United States (next to California) and he suggested reviewing the model ordinance there.

IX. Items to be Recommended to the County Board

A. Subdivision Case 198-17: Steirwalt Subdivision – Final Plat Approval for a One-Lot Minor Subdivision with Required Waivers for existing home located at 325 CR300N, Sadorus

Mr. Hall stated he believes the family is getting the farmstead ready for sale. He indicated the Health Department has signed off on this subdivision.

MOTION by Mr. Goss; seconded by Mr. Marsh. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

X. Monthly Report

A. *September 2017*

XI. Other Business

A. *Approval of CLOSED Session Minutes – December 7, 2017*

MOTION by Ms. Petrie; seconded by Mr. King. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

XII. Chair's Report

A. *None*

XIII. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

IX. A.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Esry adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.