

McHenry County Zoning Commission

February 22, 2018

2:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matt Zelinski. Other members present were Bill Goodwin, Tom Krumwiede, Lyle Hendrickson, Lloyd Gardner, Darrell Haman and Darlene Carpenter.

A motion was made by Lloyd and seconded by Bill to approve the minutes from January 25th. Motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing was held regarding Xcel Energy's conditional use application to place a temporary transmission line along the East side of 14th Ave N, between Hwy 97 and Hwy 52. They also requested a variance permit to place the poles within the 150' setback requirement. Sean Lawler and Joe Samuel from Xcel Energy were present representing Xcel Energy. The temporary line would be in place from April to November, pending weather or other unforeseen circumstances with the permanent line. No one appeared in opposition. A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Tom to recommend the commissioners approve the CUP and variance. Motion carried unanimously.

This being the reorganization meeting of the board, a motion was made by Bill and seconded by Lloyd to leave the board the same with Matt Zelinski as Chair and Tom Krumwiede as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously. Lyle absent.

Matt presented his revisions to the application as well as a checklist for new applications. A motion was made by Lloyd and seconded by Darrell to accept the changes and checklist with the addition of a question regarding the floodplain. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Behling from Capital Power contacted Matt regarding the need for a conditional use permit for two permanent MET towers for the wind farm project. After reviewing the original application, the MET towers were mentioned in the application, but locations were not defined. Additional permits will not be required for this, but an updated map of the tower and MET locations will be required once they are finalized.

Information was received regarding wind farm ordinances, which was presented to the board.

Darrell left the meeting.

Notices were sent to the companies whose gravel pit permits will be expiring within the year. Matt developed an application for gravel pit extensions. A motion was made by Lloyd and seconded by Tom to approve the application. Motion carried unanimously. A question was posed to the States Attorney as to what the county can charge for an extension since it is not clarified in the ordinance. The States Attorney's opinion is to charge the amount of a CUP since another CUP will be issued, which will be tied to the original CUP.

It was brought to a board members attention that ADM is in the process of adding another cell for their waste water. Phone calls were made to several entities to inquire if state permits were acquired. Contact was made with Jeff at the State Health Dept who would have someone who is more knowledgeable with the ADM plant to get back to us.

The board questioned the zoning ordinance relating to lagoons and waste water ponds and will confer with the States Attorney.

At 4:20 PM, a motion was made by Lloyd and seconded by Bill to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Darlene Carpenter, Auditor