

DIXON CITY PLAN COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
APRIL 22, 2010 – 6:00 P.M.

The Dixon Plan Commission met on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 121 West Second Street.

Chairman Marx called the meeting to order with the following members present: Corken, Lawton, Scriven, Yount, Weitzel, Van Matre and Chairman Marx. Absent: Lahey, Houck and Seagren.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 25, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

Wind Energy Ordinance Discussion

Kevin commented that Louise last month volunteered to do some research for information. Louise stated she forwarded an email with two contact people for more information about small wind city ordinances, one being Jay Solomon at the University of Illinois Extension Office, and the other being Fred Iutzi, Program Manager of Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University. She suggested offering a program and inviting all the cities in Lee County, these are the kind of presentations they make and we should use these resources.

Paul stated he had talked to someone that wrote the DeKalb County Ordinance and is involved in the St. Luke's Solar Panel Project and he stated that the Sterling Ordinance 35 feet height is not high enough to get wind and 60 feet would be more efficient to get anything out of the unit. Paul stated other counties are looking at 2 acres for a minimum lot size. Paul also pointed out that Sterling's are all Special Uses after the ordinance requirements are met.

John also expressed his thoughts on having a speaker come and inviting the public. Kevin agreed and commented on other considerations like the space these need and the possible noise.

Greg asked if the downtown area should be treated different. Tracey felt the downtown area is more of a safety concern than the residential area. With the height of the buildings and installing units on the rooftops would even be higher, possibly another 30 feet.

Kevin suggested to contact the two people Louise found and see if they would be interested in coming here to talk with us. Kevin agreed to contact them and find out if this is an option. Kevin said that we don't need to be in a hurry, this will take awhile. Greg also suggested asking a vendor that installs these to come and speak to give us information from that angle.

NEW BUSINESS

Elect Chairperson for Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011

Kevin stated he would like a break, but is willing to stay in the group and asked if this could be continued into next months meeting and possibly have a nomination. Louise and John suggested Tom Houck, he was not present, and Kevin said he would contact Tom on the matter.

Other new business, John suggested we discuss the possibility of looking at an ordinance to govern tree houses. He briefly explained about a tree house that was allowed to go up in spite of a disgruntled neighbor. Kevin said we can add the playhouse ordinance on next month's agenda.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Jane Haws, Secretary