

**EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**APRIL 19, 2012**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair Tim Dudley  
Kevin Greenfield  
Phil Hogan  
Joe McGlaughlin  
Kevin Meachum  
Gary Minich  
Don Westerman  
Mark Wicklund  
David Williams

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Laurie Rasmus, Env. Mgt.  
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z  
Jeff Scheibly, Animal Control  
Randy Waks, Asst. State's Attorney  
Linda Koger, County Board Office

This meeting was called to order by Chair Dudley at the Macon County Office Building.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes of prior meeting made by Kevin Meachum, seconded by David Williams, and motion carried 9-0.

**CLAIMS**

No claims were presented for approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Enterprise Zone Boundary Amendment Request from Economic Development Corporation*  
Copies of resolution and correspondence from Craig Coil were distributed. Patrick Hoban, Vice President of Economic Development Corporation of Decatur & Macon County, requested approval of one boundary amendment encompassing 13 parcels totaling 13.55 acres, and all information is included in his packet that was distributed.

Chair Dudley commented these new enterprise zones do butt up to the current enterprise zone, so it is nothing that is out there by itself. Kevin Meachum asked what is on these parcels now, and Patrick Hogan replied vacant land. Kevin Meachum asked what the current tax rate is on them. Several comments including there is nothing there, probably mobile homes, R-1, and Kevin Meachum asked how long this enterprise zone is good for. Patrick Hoban replied the current enterprise zone is good until 2013, they are trying to get it extended as we speak, but this project that is going on does not qualify for the property tax abatement that some of the others do because this project is only going to create 3 – 4 jobs so that won't be one of the incentives.

Kevin Meachum brought up concerns because we don't abate homeowners, every time we roll a company's taxes back somebody else has to pick that up, homeowners are struggling now, and we're giving tax breaks to companies. Patrick Hogan repeated again that this project does not qualify for the property tax abatement.

Motion to approve made by David Williams and seconded by Phil Hogan. Mark Wicklund questioned one parcel, the old school property which butts up to residential, do they plan to take out the gym etc. adding that to the rail yard, and concern is how close that is going to be to the neighborhood. Patrick Hoban replied not that he is aware of, but that would be something he should ask ADM. Motion carried 9-0.

## **ZONING**

### *Rezoning Petition by Nancy Born – Case R-01-04-12*

Jennifer Hoffman distributed copies of resolution for rezoning of 3 acres of property from A-1 to RE-5 Single Family Estate to conform to zoning to subdivide, and property is located in Oakley Township off of Prairieview Road. Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 at the public meeting on April 4 in favor of recommending approval.

Motion to approve made by Don Westerman and seconded by Kevin Greenfield. Mark Wicklund asked if this is going to be three one acre lots. Jennifer replied just one three acre lot because of the high ground and the drainage and the farm land. Chair Dudley added it is in the same family also, and Jennifer said yes it is a grandson that is wanting to build a house to farm. Motion carried 9-0.

### *Special Use Petition by Terry Rigdon – Case S-02-04-12*

Jennifer Hoffman distributed copies of this resolution to operate a business in RE-5 Single Family Estate. Property is commonly known as 5980 Hibbard Road in South Wheatland Township. Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval with the stipulations stated on the resolution; special use permit is for a two year period and after that time permit may be renewed if approved, business can only have one sign and cannot exceed an area of 6 square feet, employees limited to Mr. Rigdon only, no firing of firearms related to the business, and needs to comply with all federal, state, and county ordinances. Kevin Meachum said he would make that motion.

Gary Minich suggested a rewrite of number two taking out the and between sign & cannot, and put in that because what you say right now is the business cannot exceed an area of six square feet, not the sign, and that is a grammatical correction; the and is misplaced because technically you are saying that the business has to be limited to six square feet. Kevin Meachum commented he classifies that as a scrivener's error.

Joe McGlaughlin asked what the purpose of this business will be. Jennifer said he acts as a middle man, people can sell, can buy firearms and have them delivered to his house, he delivers them to the customer, and there are already two of these type special use permits in the county now. Joe McGlaughlin asked if he is going to stock. Jennifer replied no, they come in and they will be only stored on the property for a couple days, three days, until the 24 hour period or 72 hour, three days on short guns. Petitioner said three days on short guns. Joe McGlaughlin asked petitioner if he must have a federal firearms license. Petitioner replied that is why he needs this to apply for a card (remaining comments by petitioner not audible on recording since he wasn't using the microphones). Joe McGlaughlin commented in order to get that card. Kevin Meachum said this is just the first step.

Joe McGlaughlin asked if he merely receives the merchandise because he will be properly licensed and then he can hand it over to the purchaser. Petitioner replied correct and a lot of this is for gun shows too so he can buy and sell at gun shows which he can't do at this time. Kevin Greenfield asked if petitioner is okay with the five stipulations, and he replied yes.

Chair Dudley commented there was only one person that came to the Zoning Board of Appeals, a neighbor concerned about firing firearms, he has agreed not to do that, and he said as long as he didn't do that he was fine with it. Motion to approve made by Kevin Greenfield, seconded by Phil Hogan, and motion carried 9-0.

## **SUBDIVISIONS**

### *Sprague Addition II – Two Lot Minor*

Jennifer Hoffman said this is located in South Wheatland Township, lot 3 of Sprague Addition, the owner is Steven Sprague, and property is located on South Taylor Road. Lots are zoned R-1 Single Family Estate, and once the split goes lot 1 will be one acre, lot 2 will be 1.02 acres, all signatures have been approved, all fees are paid, and staff recommends approval. Kevin Meachum said he would make that motion. David Williams asked if there is a residence on one of those lots now, and Jennifer replied lot number 1. David Williams asked and an outbuilding, and Jennifer replied it is just going to be an empty lot when they divide it. Motion to approve made by Kevin Greenfield, seconded by David Williams, and motion carried 9-0.

## **REPORTS**

### *Animal Control*

Lt. Scheibly distributed copies of Animal Control statistics for March. As an update, they are part of an ASPCA Challenge, a competition going on the last two weeks, unfortunately they didn't get enough votes to move on to the next section, but they are trying to be more proactive looking for different grant work and other opportunities to get more involved in the community.

Last month it was mentioned about looking into a debit and credit card machine, they met with the state treasurer's office about that, they have some reservations on it because it does not accept a VISA card, so they are going to check into an option of trying to get an ATM machine; if not, they will probably look at maybe going with that debit card machine even though it doesn't take the VISA just like the Health Department does now. In response to a question, he believes the Building Commission uses Staley Credit Union for ATMs.

Kevin Greenfield commented their euthanasia numbers are down two months in a row, and good job. Lt. Scheibly thinks that is merely the time of the year, but they do take that very seriously out there. Mark Wicklund questioned statistics on Calls for Service, 546 on front, second page 420, but the number total is 537, and Lt. Scheibly said he will have to review the numbers.

### *Environmental Management*

Laurie Rasmus reported Earth Day is this Sunday and Festival of Spring, and their department will have a presence at Rock Springs this Saturday.

Their participation this week for Earth Day was discussed including an Earth Fair at RCC, poster contest flyer in conjunction with McDonald's was distributed, and giving Macon County schools a book with environmental theme/content.

Regarding the one day electronics recycling on March 31 at Progress City in partnership with RCC, Veolia, and ATR, over 86,000 pounds were collected, 677 cars were serviced, and that comes to 127 pounds of electronics recycled per car. ATR is on schedule to open Monday, April 30, at 151 West Wood, they will be able to accept electronics on a daily basis, and that will be free of charge for residents.

Don Westerman asked if there is a proposal for a second drop-off place for electronics since he thought there were supposed to be two. Laurie said it has always been the one store front that ATR Recycling is going to open, they do have a drop-off point at the landfill, they are encouraging people to drop it off at their store front since they have assistance in unloading, and there is staff there to make sure there is no dumping of anything that would not be accepted. Driving around Mark Wicklund is still seeing TVs laying there, and do haulers have enough stickers to use that tells them where to take it. Laurie said their department had several thousand stickers/decals made, they distributed them to haulers, and have let haulers know if they need more they can provide them; if a monitor is left at the curb, the hauler will place the yellow visible sticker on the piece, and the resident will know to call their office to explain the options; some haulers have not wanted to participate, but they have given them the opportunity.

Kevin Meachum brought up littering, and asked if Solid Waste will consider giving incentives for educational things to school districts about it since he is still seeing trash along the roadsides. Laurie said with littering and dumping, they try to incorporate along with recycling, and more is always needed. With all the garbage out by Kevin Meachum, Kevin Greenfield suggested a neighborhood watch, one where they go around picking up all the garbage. Mark Wicklund discussed the Community Foundation efforts on clean up, and Kevin Meachum asked for their meeting dates by email.

A flyer on Rain Barrel Sale was distributed, education points on the back were discussed, and water conservation is their focus; they have had a couple requests for speakers, and have gone into groups to speak on water conservation.

#### ***Citizens' Remarks – Public Comment***

Shirley Stanley, President, Decatur Macon County Animal Shelter Foundation, said this coming week marks the sixth anniversary of the new shelter's grand opening. They were surprised when the grand opening had 3400 people to see the new shelter, that reiterates the importance of the shelter, and what it meant after over 50 years to finally have the facility become a reality. The foundation was begun to help the shelter become a reality by helping raise money to have the building built, once completed they realized how much the community wanted to see quality animal care be provided for shelter pets, so they elected and voted to provide funding for various products to be used on the animals including flea treatment, heart worm testing, feline-leukemia testing, etc. They realized adoptions could be facilitated to a better degree if there was someone in place at the front desk to help citizens coming in looking at animals to choose the right pet and facilitate their adoption, so they fund 20 hours a week for the adoption coordinator.

These are some of the beginnings of what they sought to do, they continue to do all these things, and they appreciate their relationship with the county and with Lt. Scheibly. Chair Dudley commented they are doing a great job. Kevin Greenfield asked if she has an idea of the money the Foundation has given to the county over the last 5 – 6 years since the board members would appreciate knowing what they have done for us. Shirley said their new treasurer is going backwards to put together some of those figures so right now she doesn't, their treasurer is on the trail of tracking that down, they try to have several fundraisers every year, and they want to continue what they do.

**NEXT MEETING**

May 17, 2012

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Don Westerman, seconded by David Williams, motion carried 9-0, and meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Linda Koger  
Macon County Board Office