



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

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed October 7, 2017

DATE: Thursday, August 5, 2021
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Shields-Carter Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E Washington, Urbana, IL 61802

Committee Members

Present	Absent
Aaron Esry (Vice-Chair)	
Stephanie Fortado	
Mary King	
Kyle Patterson	
Jacob Paul	
Chris Stohr	
	Eric Thorsland (Chair)

County Staff: John Hall (Zoning Administrator), Susan Monte (Planner), and Mary Ward (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: None

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Thorsland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Ms. King to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Patterson. Upon voice vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously to approve the Agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. June 10, 2021

MOTION by Mr. Stohr to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Paul. Upon voice vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

Maren and Don Brucker, Mahomet – spoke on the proposed Walnut Lane name change. No one on the street is happy with the proposed name change. The ‘North’ disappeared off Walnut Lane about 5 years ago

and no one was informed of the change. They're not sure why the Village of Mahomet wants it changed. It's expensive to change addresses. They have been there 47 years with no problems.

Amanda Kirby, Walnut Lane, Mahomet – There are seven houses on Walnut Lane. All agree that it shouldn't be changed. She is the newest resident to Walnut Lane. All the mortgage information says North Walnut Lane and there were no issues when purchasing her home.

Cheryl Burr, Walnut Lane, Mahomet – Five of the seven homeowners are here tonight. Still in opposition to the name change. She asked who or what is driving the proposed change. She feels like they are not out of compliance with the standards.

Jessica Eisenmenger, Walnut Lane, Mahomet – They have had no problems with deliveries although they do sometimes get mail for Walnut Street. Everyone else can find them, just the mail is sometimes messed up. Just found out a few weeks ago the North had disappeared their street name. How long will it take for map apps to catch up with a name change? When you put North Walnut Lane in a map app, it comes up to the correct location.

VI. Communications

There were no communications from the committee.

VII. New Business: For Information Only

A. Governor's Office Procedures to Appoint Local Officials to Pending Mahomet Aquifer Council

Ms. Monte gave an update from the June discussion on the pending SB2515, awaiting the Governor's signature. Once SB 2515 is enacted, Governor Pritzker will appoint seven members to represent local government bodies located over the Mahomet Aquifer. She shared information obtained from the Governor's Office about protocols as to how the appointments are typically made. She was not able to obtain additional pertinent information from the bill's sponsors. Darlene Kloeppe, the County Executive, has indicated that she also intends to reach out to the Governor's Office and the bill sponsors. County Board members interested in serving on this should notify County Executive Kloeppe.

B. Material Management Advisory Committee Report to IL General Assembly

Ms. Monte served on this committee. She was able to help formulate the new template to be used for County solid waste management plan updates. The report has been forwarded to the General Assembly and is also posted online. Of the several recommendations in the report, those that may soon impact Champaign County include: IEPA issuing two rounds of a new competitive grant program to support composting programs and recycling programs in FY2023; IEPA providing full support of Household hazardous Waste (HHW) transportation and processing costs for up to five new HHW collection facilities in qualifying areas of the state including Champaign County; and Champaign County's use of the new template for the update of the Champaign County Solid Waste Management Plan scheduled for completion in 2022.

Mr. Stohr expressed his thanks for serving on the committee. He expressed concern about single use plastics and asked if the committee report addressed that concern. Ms. Monte responded that 'single-use plastics reduction' is a valid inclusion in an update to the county's solid waste management plan, and that the current Illinois waste management hierarchy fully supports addressing this topic.

VIII. New Business: Items to Receive and Place on File by ELUC to Allow a 30-Day Review Period

- A. Proposed Work Plan for Completion of Champaign County Solid Waste Management Plan Five-Year Update.

Motion by Ms. Fortado and seconded by Mr. Patterson to receive and place on file to allow a 30-day review period the Proposed Work Plan for Completion of Champaign County Solid Waste Management Plan Five-Year Update.

Ms. Monte stated it is now time to do this update. It is due every five years to IEPA. We now have access to the revised IEPA plan update template to use that will allow for new concepts. The template previously used by IEPA was over 25 years old.

Mr. Stohr asked if Ms. Monte would be reporting back to the committee throughout the process. She will and there are opportunities throughout the process for public participation.

Upon voice vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IX. New Business: Items to be Approved by ELUC

- A. Recreation & Entertainment License: Generations Music Booking, NFP for live bands at the Champaign County Fairgrounds, 1302 North Coler Avenue, Urbana for September 2, 2021 – September 5, 2021.

Motion by Ms. King and seconded by Ms. Fortado to approve the Recreation & Entertainment License for the event.

Mr. Esry said that this event has been happening for several years and the Sheriff has signed off on it. Mr. Stohr raised concern about the number of Covid cases and the Delta variant. Do the organizers have a plan to try to reduce the spread of infection? Mr. Hall said he didn't know if they had any provisions for that. Most of this is outdoors so suspects they would say they are following CDC guidelines. He's not sure what CUPHD would say. Mr. Stohr asked if they serve food or alcohol. Mr. Hall said the R&E license doesn't ask for that information. Ms. Fortado pointed out that there is food vending on the site plan. If that is the case, they should be getting a Health Department license for that.

Mr. Paul said we should maybe look at the app and make some changes so that we're not singling out a specific event. Mr. Stohr questioned if we should be working with the Health Department in the permitting process or if that was out of our area of responsibility. If tasked with that responsibility, Mr. Hall would check with the State's Attorney's office first to get their input. Mr. Paul said that the committee had decided that particular aspect wasn't within the scope of our job but is open to looking at and changing that.

Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

X. New Business: Items to be Recommended to the County Board

- A. Proposed Change of Street Name for Walnut Lane

Mr. Hall stated the request for the name change came from the Village of Mahomet. They raised the complaint because people on Walnut Street complained. GIS checked with METCAD and METCAD fully supports the change. METCAD is looking at this strictly as a public safety issue. The County Board can do what they think best.

Mr. Paul asked if we have any authority to change the name of the street in Mahomet proper. No, we do not. Ms. Fortado asked how many people live on Walnut Street. It is many more than live on Walnut Lane. She also felt that it was telling that no one from the Village of Mahomet was here to speak on this issue. The question was asked if we added the 'North' to Walnut Lane if that would meet the standards and it does not.

It was the consensus of the committee to allow discussion with the public on this issue. The residents of Walnut Lane do not feel that safety is an issue. Emergency Services has no problem finding them. Ms. Brucker added that at one point they were forced to add 'North' to their address. Ms. Burr said there may be 2-3 non-conforming addresses, but she asked what the real reason for the change was. Mr. Paul did say, in defense of the residents, that Mahomet is trying to annex unincorporated areas into the village. We don't need to lose a taxing body in the future if we allow them to change the name of the roads now.

Discussion continued with committee members asking about the addressing standards. The core of the problem is Walnut Street and Walnut Lane. If we decide not to change the name if there is any liability to the county in case of an emergency? Mr. Hall answered that to the best of his knowledge no, we would not be responsible. Further discussion centered on who initiated the complaint and the fact that no one from the village was here to defend their position.

Discussion was held as to whether to table or continue to another meeting. It was decided the people of Walnut Lane need a definitive answer and to have it on the record.

Motion by Ms. Fortado and second by Mr. Patterson to change the street name for Walnut Lane.

Upon voice vote, the **MOTION FAILED** unanimously.

- B. **Subdivision Case 206-21 Frances Wood Estate Subdivision.** Final Plat Approval of a One-Lot Minor Subdivision located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 19 and the Northwest Quarter of Section 30 of Township 17N – Range 8E of the Third Principal Meridian in Pesotum Township and commonly known as the farmhouse at 602 CR 200N, Pesotum.

Motion by Mr. Stohr and second by Ms. King to approve the Frances Wood Estate Subdivision.

Mr. Stohr commended the information provided. Drummer soils drains poorly. Concerned that the septic system would fail. Would reluctantly vote to approve. He would encourage some of the other techniques. Mr. Esry asked if the house is already there? Mr. Hall was not sure how long the house has been there. He's sure it has been there since before zoning. This house has been there for more than 40 years and they are trying to get the property ready for the final estate. Ms. Fortado asked about the tile and the drainage district. Mr. Hall said they did not receive any comments from the drainage district. There were no drainage district owned tile on the property.

Merle Ingersol, the engineer of the property spoke. Buildings on property were built prior to 1920. Probably due to the curtain tile, they have never had an issue with the septic system. The family is aware that if the system ever did fail, they would need to follow the Health Department guidelines. They are trying to keep this in the family. Ms. King wanted to clarify if this was coming up for sale or if they wanted to keep it in the estate to pass on. No, they are trying to keep everything the way it is to pass on.

Upon voice vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously

- C. **Zoning Case 008-AT-21.** Amend the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 5.2 by adding “Agronomic Research and Training Facility” as a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agriculture and AG-2 Agriculture Zoning Districts

Motion by Mr. Stohr and second by Mr. Patterson to approve the amendment as read. The Urbana Plan Commission is reviewing this tonight. Do not anticipate any problems with this. Discussion was held about the vote and if it passes as to whether to include it on the Consent Agenda or not.

Upon voice vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

XI. Other Business

- A. Monthly Reports
i. May 2021
ii. June 2021

The reports were received and placed on file.

XII. Chair’s Report

There was no Chair’s Report.

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

Items X. B and C

XIV. Adjournment

Mr. Esry adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Please note the minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.