

CITY OF OLNEY
PLAN COMMISSION
JANUARY 5, 2015

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 7:29 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Olney City Hall, 300 S. Whittle Avenue, Olney, Illinois, with Wesley Tolliver presiding.

AGENDA #2 “ROLL CALL” The following Plan Commission members were present: David Abell, Mike Winter, Vicki Lobacz, Wesley Tolliver, Belinda Henton and Steve Eichhorst. Pat Everette and Scott Jones were absent. Also present were City Manager/Attorney Larry Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Mitchell, City Clerk Kelsie Sterchi, Councilman McLaughlin and Mayor Vaughn.

AGENDA #3 “APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING ON NOVEMBER 3, 2014” Mr. Eichhorst moved to approve the minutes of the Plan Commission meeting on November 3, 2014, seconded by Mrs. Henton. Mr. Abell, Mr. Winter, Mrs. Lobacz, Mr. Tolliver, Mrs. Henton and Mr. Eichhorst votes yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

AGENDA #4 “SWEARING IN” Mr. Tolliver asked that anyone wishing to testify on behalf of the item being discussed to stand and be sworn in. City Clerk Sterchi asked those standing to raise their right hand and “swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help me God.” Brad Doll was sworn in.

AGENDA #5 “RE-PLAT: SOUTH COVE SUBDIVISION LOTS 61-86” Brad Doll came before the Plan Commission to request a re-plat of the South Cove Subdivision, lots 61-86. If the request was granted, the petitioner planned to eliminate lots 71, 72, 76, 75, 74, 73 and reconfigure lots 68, 69, 70, 77 and 78. Additionally, the proposed extension of Blackberry Lane to Holly Road would no longer be planned. No variances would be sought.

Mrs. Henton asked Mr. Doll why he wished to re-plat the proposed area. Mr. Doll replied that in studying the layout, he noticed that where Blackberry Lane was platted to intersect with Holly Road was less than desirable. The area of Holly Road north of Seven Hills Lane was narrow and hilly. The proposed intersection of Blackberry Lane and Holly Road would be at the bottom of one of the hills, providing for a dangerous intersection. Additionally, the area near the proposed intersection was tall and full of trees. Substantial excavation work would be necessary to complete the road as platted.

In looking at options, Mr. Doll was aware that people were often interested in acreage near town. Therefore, Mr. Doll proposed eliminating lots 71, 72, 76, 75, 74 and 73 to create one parcel, lot 70.

Another factor that Mr. Doll wanted the Plan Commission to consider was the high voltage power lines that go through the northern lots. The north east lots would be virtually undevelopable due to the road and power lines.

While Mr. Doll was with the understanding that City leadership did not always favor cul-de-sacs due to traffic flow concerns, he did not feel the location of his proposed cul-de-sac on Blackberry Lane would hinder any traffic flow.

Mr. Eichhorst moved to approve the re-plat of the South Cove Subdivision, lots 61-86, seconded by Mrs. Henton. Mr. Abell, Mr. Winter, Mrs. Lobacz, Mr. Tolliver, Mrs. Henton and Mr. Eichhorst voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried. The Plan Commission's recommendation would be heard at the City Council meeting on January 12, 2015. Mr. Doll would be present.

AGENDA #6 "ADJOURN" Mr. Eichhorst moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Henton. Mr. Abell, Mr. Winter, Mrs. Lobacz, Mr. Tolliver, Mrs. Henton and Mr. Eichhorst voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried. The Plan Commission meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi
City Clerk