

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

10:30 AM

**or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Public Works and
Transportation Committee, whichever is later.**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at:
<https://bit.ly/3U6NiAF>**

**Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment
Committee**

1. Call to Order

Chair Vealitzek called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Vealitzek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Frank, Vice Chair Pedersen, Member Roberts,
Member Schlick, Chair Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Member Wasik entered the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Member Frank entered the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Other Attendees

In Person:

Krista Barkley Braun, Planning, Building, and Development

Taylor Gendel, Planning, Building, and Development

Matt DeMartini, Public

Chris Poteet, HOA - Ackerman

Lisa Szlenk, Public

John Szlenk, Public

Mike Kissane, Public

Robin Grooms, County Administrator's Office

William Maday, Public

Diane Maday, Public

RuthAnne Hall, County Administrator's Office

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building, and Development

Bailey Wyatt, Communications

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Alex Carr, Communications

Patrice Sutton, County Administrator's Office

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Electronically:

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office

Melissa Gallagher, Finance

Fred Faust, Groveland Park Homeowners Association

Nick Principali, Finance

Mary Fortmann, Openlands

Eric Steffen, Planning, Building, and Development

Thomas Weeks, Groveland Park Homeowners Association
Susan Pribyl, Public
Diane Williams, Groveland Park Homeowners Association
Abby Krakow, Communications
Kevin Quinn, Communications
Maegan Trygstad, Public

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment

Public Comment was made by:
Chris Potes during item 8.2
Matt DeMartini during item 8.2
Diane Williams during item 8.2

6. Chair's Remarks

There were no remarks from the Chair.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

MINUTES

8.1 [24-0374](#)

Committee action approving the Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment Committee minutes from February 28, 2024.

Attachments: [PBZ&E 2.28.24 Final Minutes](#)

As part of a single motion for the entire Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Schlick, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Vice Chair Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Chair Vealitzek and Member Wasik

Not Present: 1 - Member Frank

REGULAR AGENDA

PLANNING, BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

8.2 [24-0411](#)

Resolution to vacate an unimproved portion of the Klondike Avenue right-of-way located in Block 5 of the Groveland Park Subdivision in Antioch Township.

Attachments: [Klondike Avenue ROW Vacation Report PTRL 000937-2023](#)
[Klondike Plat of Vacation](#)
[Location Map - Klondike Ave - PTRL 000937-2023](#)
[Minutes - Klondike Ave. Vacation 000937-2023](#)
[Klondike Ave Presentation PTRL 000937 2023](#)

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development (PB&D) Director, and Krista Barkley Braun, Deputy Director & Zoning Administrator, PB&D, provided an overview of the request to vacate an unimproved portion of the Klondike Avenue right-of-way located in Block 5 of the Groveland Park Subdivision in Antioch Township.

*Public Comment was made by:
Chris Poteet
Matt DeMartini
Diane Williams*

Committee discussion ensued.

Member Frank entered the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

A motion was made by Member Altenberg, seconded by Member Roberts, that this resolution be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion failed by the following voice vote:

Nay: 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Frank, Vice Chair Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Chair Vealitzek and Member Wasik

8.3 [24-0350](#)

Resolution directing the Lake County Zoning Board of Appeals to conduct a public hearing on proposed text amendments to Chapter 151 of the Lake County, Illinois, Code of Ordinances relating to the enhanced planting and protection of native tree and plant species in unincorporated Lake County.

Attachments: [Exhibit A: Native Tree Ordinance Draft Amendments](#)

Krista Barkley Braun, Deputy Director & Zoning Administrator, Planning, Building and Development (PB&D) Department, and Taylor Gendel, Senior Planner, PB&D, provided a brief overview of the proposed text amendments to Chapter 151 of the Lake County, Illinois Code of Ordinances relating to the enhanced planting and protection of native tree and plant species in unincorporated Lake County. Discussion ensued.

Member Wasik asked if the text amendments would include mention of planting native trees and plants in right-of-way of county highways. Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, noted that County Administration will follow up with the Lake County Division of Transportation regarding Member Wasik's question. Committee discussion

continued.

A motion was made by Member Frank, seconded by Member Roberts, that this resolution be approved and recommended to the County Board agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Altenberg, Member Frank, Vice Chair Pedersen, Member Roberts, Member Schlick, Chair Vealitzek and Member Wasik

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

8.4 [24-0500](#)

Presentation on sustainability workplan update and project status.

Attachments: [Sustainability Workplan Progress 2024](#)

Robin Grooms, Sustainability Programs Manager, provided a presentation regarding the status of sustainability strategy implementation and ongoing sustainability projects.

Discussion ensued.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Member Remarks and Requests

Member Roberts asked if native plants can be added around the County building in Waukegan. RuthAnne Hall, Assistant County Administrator, responded that she will check with Facilities regarding the landscaping contract.

Chair Vealitzek welcomed Assistant County Administrator Hall.

12. Adjournment

Chair Vealitzek declared the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Next Meeting: May 8, 2024

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Minutes were approved on May 29, 2024, by the Planning, Building, Zoning and Environment Committee.