

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**  
**THURSDAY, May 13, 2010**  
**7:00P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Members Present:** Chairman Turnroth, Matt Lillpop, Chuck Koehler, Bob Machnicki, Alderman Mark Vandersnick, Bill Groleau, Mark Searing and Sylvia Frey - Secretary.

**Members Absent:** Debi Burke, Don Koehler, Sandy Henrekin (RFCD), Mayor Blanton and Richard Downey

Quorum was met and official business could be conducted.

**First item of Business – Approval of previous month’s minutes – (4/08/10)** Chairman Turnroth asked for the members’ approval of minutes from 04/08/10. A motion was made by Alderman Mark Vandersnick, seconded by Matt Lillpop to approve these minutes. Motion carried.

**Next item of Business – Discussion – Wind Energy Ordinances:** Chairman Turnroth asked Mark Searing to present this issue. Each member was given copies of wind energy ordinances from these cities: Sterling, Dundee Crown HS, Carpentersville, DeKalb, Cortland and Gilberts – all in the State of Illinois. Mark Searing stated he’s been receiving inquiries on wind turbines over the past few months and wanted to bring this issue to the attention of the P&Z members. As society and the government are encouraging other sources for energy and giving incentives to homeowners and businesses, the city should be made aware of this issue. At this time, Mark is asking the members to review the sample ordinances, highlight the pertinent items and give him feedback for the possible implementation of a zoning ordinance in the very near future. He’s asking the members to give their input to him before next month’s meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>. He will be working on height requirements and setbacks; whereas, Paul Jakubczak would be working on the electrical components.

**Next item of Business – Discussion – Home Occupation Ordinance – Day Care:** Chairman Turnroth asked Mark Searing to present this issue. State of Illinois Fire Marshall’s office had been regulating day care centers in residential areas over the past years, but haven’t been able to keep up with the large amount of centers through the state. The city’s fire department and building department have taken over the responsibility of making occupancy inspections at this time. In reviewing the city’s home occupation ordinance, Mark stated this ordinance does not relate to day care centers; whereas, day care centers are in direct violation of this ordinance.

Discussion was held regarding the development of a separate day care center ordinance instead of changing the existing home occupation ordinance to accommodate the 23 day care centers in the city at this time. Mark suggested using the DCFS website for general guidelines for this ordinance. A suggestion was made to set up a meeting with the city’s day care center owners for their input and discussion on the city’s plans for a new ordinance. Members asked Mark to research the DCFS website and bring this information to next month’s meeting.

Mark mentioned that the majority of the Reliant property has been demolished at this time.

He stated that the BioPro project owners continue to research various grants for this project – planning to break ground in the fall.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Chuck Koehler, seconded by Alderman Mark Vandersnick to adjourn meeting. There will be a Special P&Z meeting on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Next regular meeting date will be June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Turnroth