

McHenry County Gravel Advisory Council

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Meeting Notice

January 21, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
McHenry County Administration Building
Second Floor Conference Room
667 Ware Road
Woodstock, Illinois 60098

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Meeting of September 17, 2008

Old Business:

- Update Council regarding McHenry County's 2030 Comprehensive Plan as it relates to sand and gravel mining.
- Update regarding complaint from Riley Township Supervisor, Donna Bernardi, about the berm surrounding the Coral Lake Sand & Gravel operation along Illinois Route 23, south of West Coral Road, near Marengo.

New Business:

- Discussion of any concerns regarding aggregate mining operations in the County.
- Follow-up discussion with McHenry County Groundwater Protection Task Force after viewing the PowerPoint presentation about the sand and gravel mining industry in McHenry County.
- Review comments made by the McHenry County Board after viewing the PowerPoint presentation about the sand and gravel mining industry in McHenry County on October 7, 2008.
- Ideas for future Council educational or outreach activities.

Member Comments:

Public Comments:

Set new meeting date and adjournment:

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September 17, 2008 Council Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Shawn McKinney, Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers
Randi Wille, Meyer Material Company
Roger Naylor, Coral Township
Rob Torres, Spring Lake Sand & Gravel
Ron Raupp, Meyer Material Company
Steve Weskerna, Marengo Township
Jerry Croner, McHenry County Sheriff's Police

Commencement:

Acting Co-Chair Shawn McKinney called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the McHenry County Administration Building.

It was noted by Jerry Croner that the July meeting minutes had an error regarding the Sheriff's certification program on truck enforcement staffing. Randi Wille made a note to correct the minutes.

Ron Raupp made a motion, which was seconded by Roger Naylor, to accept the minutes from the July 16th meeting with changes as noted. All present voted in favor of the motion.

New Business (First):

Jerry Croner clarified that the Sheriff's department is "attempting" to fund 2 full-time and 4 part-time certified truck enforcement officers. There is no money available. They have budgeted for the funding and have been unsuccessful in seeking added financial support at the County Board level. Jerry asked Steve Weskerna if the Townships would be willing to contribute funds toward this initiative.

Jerry said that the Route 176 detour east of Marengo is causing a lot of headaches from freight trucks taking shortcuts on roads with load limits. If additional funding is available, truck enforcement officers could obtain a portable scale and perform weight checks on posted, local routes. Right now, the local highway commissioners receive a piece of the ticketing by State Police. This could be another funding source for local law enforcement.

Old Business:

Randi Wille updated the Council on current activities of the McHenry County Regional Planning Commission. The Commission is assigned with creating a draft 2030 Comprehensive Plan for County Board approval by early next year. They are currently reviewing the chapter on Economic Development, where mining and mineral resource management is a featured topic. This section includes overlay mapping of future industrial corridors and mineral resources in various areas of the County. Final review of this chapter should be completed at the next meeting on September 25th. There has been minimal public comment to date.

Randi also informed Council members that he gave a shortened powerpoint presentation to the McHenry County Groundwater Protection Program Task Force on September 9th. The 25-slide presentation was centered around mining impacts on the local drinking water aquifers and was done in conjunction with a presentation from CMAP representatives, who are developing a comprehensive water supply plan for the 11-county area surrounding Chicago.

Ron Raupp discussed his recent visit (on September 10th) to Coral Lake Sand & Gravel with Co-Chair John Henriksen. The owners of the business claim they have never discussed the matter with Donna Bernardi, and were surprised to receive her letter. They discussed work that needs to be done to make the exterior berm look more attractive and Ron offered to send them information on a seed mix used at other operations to reduce weed growth. Since the meeting, there has been some dirt removal taking place but some activities won't be completed until the crops have been cleared.

Member Comments:

Randi Wille and Roger Naylor are scheduled to present the Council's shortened presentation to the McHenry County Board on Tuesday, October 7th. Steve Weskerna suggested that after this date, the Council's presentation schedule be pushed back until after the elections. In the meantime, two other groups to consider should be MCCOG and the MCEDC. Shawn McKinney will make contact with the Executive Directors for each group (Anna Bicanic Moeller and Chris Manheim) regarding possible dates next year.

Unresolved Complaints:

Riley Township – Council members agreed to monitor the progress made on the berm surrounding the Coral Lake Sand & Gravel operation along Route 23, south of Coral Road, near Marengo. The business owner has taken steps to rectify the problem as a result of a recent meeting with Council members.

Set New Meeting Date:

The next Council meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the McHenry County Administration Building. Shawn McKinney will forward the minutes and agenda to all Council members prior to the meeting date.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Randi Wille, seconded by Steve Weskerna and carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randi Wille

Randi Wille (for Steve Warnke, Co-Chair)