

**VILLAGE OF PRAIRIE GROVE
Planning & Zoning Commission
Route 176 Corridor Plan
Hearing Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2009 at 6:00 PM**

Call to Order: Chairman Gray called this meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Prairie Grove Village Board Members in attendance: Trustee Keith McConnell, Trustee Handera, Village Administrator Jeannine Smith and Village Clerk Kim Minor

Prairie Grove Planning & Zoning Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Bob Gray, Bob Moravec, Bob Saley, Chris Kremer and Robin Pendergrast. Steve Kulovsek absent

Prairie Grove EDC Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Keith McConnell and Bob Gray

Devin Lavigne of Houseal Lavigne Associates gave a brief recap of the last Public Hearing on 6/30/09. Devin stated that it had been requested and discussed to drop out everything east of the power lines as promised. The draft document submitted by Nunda Neighbors has been incorporated on page 2.

Public Comment:

Lori McConville of Nunda Neighbors stated that she has reviewed the draft plan as revised. Nunda Neighbors didn't asked to be excluded but included in this plan. On page 2 of this draft document the desire to be excluded is coming from Prairie Grove not Nunda Neighbors. She would like to see some clarification on "from the Fox River to Route 31".

Kathy Bergenschmidt of 4717 Timberlane Road wanted to second Lori's comments. She wanted to remind everyone of the County's 2030 Plan on Friday & Saturday of this week.

Russell Pinsky of 4323 St. IL. 176 stated that on Page 9 there was some confusion over the headings. Devin LaVigne stated that he would need to defer to Gary Overbay from Civiltech Engineering on that. He also questioned the median stretch all the way between Il. Rt. 31 and Smith Rd.

Norm Larson of Prairie Grove had a question on the proposed zoning at Smith Rd. & Rt. 176, it shows residential.

Chairman Bob Gray would rather not see a signal at Smith Rd & Rt. 176 for long term. He would rather see one at Barreville Road. Commissioner Moravec agrees with Chairman Gray.

Commissioner Kremer is in favor of a left turn lane at Smith Rd & Rt. 176 or taking 4 lanes all the way to Barreville Road.

Chairman Gray asked if there would be an improved intersection for the Ryland Development.

A discussion ensued over the use of medians. Devin Lavigne stated that the use of medians serves a function for safety and turn lanes. It is also used to beautify the corridor and to establish identity. The Planning & Zoning Commissioners were not in favor of medians unless it was absolutely necessary. If IDOT dictates the use of a median the Planning & Zoning Commission asked that it be green. They agreed that sometimes the use of a hardscape is necessary.

Administrator Smith added that the next Village Board Meeting is on October 20, 2009 where this plan will be discussed.

The Planning & Zoning Commission agreed on following:

1. Addition of a new land use classification - Industrial/Business Park - this designation will include the Snap-On parcel as well as the parcel adjacent to in on the east.
2. The SEC of Valley View and IL Rt. 176 is to have Neighborhood Retail designated on a frontage of sufficient and appropriate depth with Open Space in the rear.
3. The NEC of Valley View and IL Rt. 176 is to change from Neighborhood Retail to Open Space.
4. The mixed use area identified north of IL Rt. 176, west of Valley View is to be designated Single-Family Residential.
5. Page 9 - a request was made to include the date of the SRA report. Cilivtech will be contacted and the date will be included.

6. Page 27 - the introductory paragraph still refers to the original study boundaries. This will be revised to reflect the new easternmost boundary.

Administrator Smith asked that Houseal Lavigne Associates send out their commentary for review before it goes to the Village Board to vote on.

Motion by Bob Moravec, 2nd by Bob Saley to recommend approval of the Rt. 176 Corridor Plan to Village President and Board of Trustees. (Draft dated August 2009). **All voted aye, motion carries.**

Adjournment: Motion by Bob Moravec, 2nd by Chris Kremer to adjourn this Rt. 176 Corridor Plan Hearing at 7:00 PM. All voted aye, motion carries.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kim Minor, Village Clerk