

Indiana Land Resources Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 22, 2009
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room 4

Present: Bob Burke, Nancy Cline, Jon Craig, Bruce Everhart, Tony Hahn, Eric Kelly, Mary McConnell

Absent: David Compton, Gene Schmidt, Fred Walker

The meeting began with an executive director's report. This report included updates on the status of county zoning, agriculture zoning initiative, and the Ohio Land Use Conference. There was discussion about the Indiana counties that do not currently have zoning, but have recently developed comprehensive plans. The Council decided that a template zoning ordinance be developed to assist counties that are seeking to implement a fundamental set of standards in accordance with their comprehensive plan. Sarah Simpson will work with Eric Kelly to develop this template for the Council's consideration.

Larry DeBoer provided an update on the Cost of Community Services (COCS)/Fiscal Impact project, which is being funded by the Indiana Soybean Alliance. The COCS report is the first phase and will be completed in early 2010. The Fiscal Impact calculator for new land use developments is the second phase of the project and will be completed in mid-2010. There was discussion about how certain limitations can be addressed, such as recent changes in property values, lags in development, costs that may not be included, and differences in location or existing capacity.

The Council provided feedback on a proposal for a "one stop shop" website for fiscal impact and land use. Sarah Simpson will work with Larry DeBoer to draft guidance materials to supplement the COCS report. These guidance materials will be sent to the ILRC members for their review prior to the next meeting on Thursday, January 28th.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Ash Simpson
Executive Director