

**PLAN COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 8, 2024**

The Oglesby Plan Commission was called to order by Chairman Ken Ficek at 6 p.m.

PRESENT: Ken Ficek, Amy Arthur, Jim Clinard, Lisa Carrico, Rich Greening, Bob Mente, Dave Peters, Angie Partridge, Kyle Videgar.

ABSENT: Karen Watson, Lauren Young.

Chairman Ficek welcomed the new members of the Plan Commission: Lisa Carrico, Dave Peters and Angie Partridge. Ficek then gave a brief recap of the history of the Plan Commission. He also talked about the importance of the Comprehensive Plan, stressing that the Plan is an important tool for guiding future decisions and that the Plan represents the desires of the community.

Ficek explained that the question before the committee was to decide whether the committee wanted to take on the task of updating the plan themselves or to engage the services of North Central Illinois Council of Governments. Mayor Jason Curran had asked for guidance after receiving a proposal for \$10,500 from NCICG to update Sections 12 and 13 of the plan.

Several concerns were raised about the committee's ability to devote the time necessary to perform the clerical and research necessary to update the Plan, in addition to the time required to prep and attend the monthly meetings to offer input. Members who had participated in the last update noted that it was a lengthy process and felt that NCICG offered the expertise to keep discussions relevant to the task and to pull all of the information together. Videgar also noted that bringing in NCICG also "expands the knowledge base" available to the committee. Greening suggested that the group try doing it themselves, and if they couldn't, they could bring in NCICG at that point. Both Peters and Arthur expressed concerns about the time necessary to do that.

There were also concerns expressed that NCICG would be making the decisions, but Ficek clarified that NCICG acts as a facilitator, not a decision maker.

Partridge asked about who is responsible for overseeing implementation of the Plan once it is updated. Ficek explained that the mayor, commissioners, department heads, etc. are tasked with specific goals in the Plan and should be using the Plan for guidance when making decisions. Clinard noted goals that had been accomplished since 2020. While Ficek said the plan commission might have been "remiss" previously in that duty, Clinard said he felt that the previous councils had made progress toward the goals, making any action by the Plan Commission unnecessary.

When Ficek asked for public comments, Commissioner Tony Stefanelli thanked the members for their commitment to serving the city and voiced his support for their efforts.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Greening, **SECONDED BY** Videgar to recommend to the Council that NCICG be retained to update the comprehensive plan. **AYES:** Arthur, Clinard, Carrico, Ficek, Greening, Mente, Peters, Partridge, Videgar. **MOTION CARRIED**

With no further discussion necessary, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Clinard, SECONDED BY Videgar to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. **AYES:** Arthur, Clinard, Carrico, Ficek, Greening, Mente, Peters, Partridge, Videgar.
MEETING ADJOURNED.

November 9, 2024

Honorable Mayor Jason Curran
Commissioner Rich Baldrige
Commissioner Tony Stefanelli
Commissioner Don Finley
Commissioner McDermott

On November 9, 2024, the Plan Commission met to discuss the proposal from North Central Council of Governments for updating the city's Comprehensive Plan. After a lengthy discussion, the Commission voted to recommend that NCICG be retained to update the Plan at a cost of \$10,500.

As Chairman of the Plan Commission, I request that this be placed on your next agenda for discussion so that, if approved, the Plan Commission can begin work in January updating the Plan.

The committee and I appreciate your continued support and look forward to the opportunity to work with the council and residents to create both a vision and a plan for Oglesby's future.

Sincerely,

Ken Ficek
Chairman, Plan Commission