

McHenry County Gravel Advisory Council

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Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2017

In Attendance:

Shawn McKinney	Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers
Deputy Brad Tomasheski	McHenry County Sheriff
Steve Weskerna	Marengo Township
Dennis Sandquist	McHenry County Planning and Development
Ron Raupp	Thelen Sand & Gravel
Alex Benitez	McHenry County Office of Assessments
Karen Schnable	Riley Township

Commencement: Co-Chair Ron Raupp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the McHenry County Administration Building and for asked for approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2016 meeting.

Ron Raupp made the motion; it was seconded by **Shawn McKinney**. Committee members adopted the minutes.

Public Comments:

Old Business:

- **Update Council on trucking and transportation issues in the County.** Deputy Tomasheski noted that in late 2016, the county experienced an increase in traffic accident fatalities where commercial vehicles were involved. Many accidents occurred at the intersection of IL-176 and Mill Stream Road. Seneca Township may need to install more alert signs like flashing stop signs. Operators of the truck scale in Richmond say many trucks are driving by and not weighing. Trucks over eight tons must weigh (truckers hauling aggregates should look at their weigh tickets to help determine their total weight).
- **Update on mine reclamation progress at closed pit in McHenry County.** Dennis Sandquist reported that the mine owner hired a consultant to develop a new reclamation plan. The new plan has been submitted to the County and was reviewed by the Planning, Environment, and Development Committee. One landowner objected to the plan which relied on reclamation using topsoil from nearby fields. The reclamation plan will need to be renegotiated to utilize topsoil from existing berms. The commission will meet in April to approve the new plan.

New Business:

- **Nominations and election of aggregate group co-chair.** Shawn McKinney nominated Ron Raupp to serve again as the aggregate group's co-chair. Committee members approved.

Member Comments:

- **Karen Schnable** informed the Council that new property (the old Prairie Aggregates pit and some adjacent farmland) acquired by Super Aggregates had been rezoned to “manufacturing”. **Alex Benitez** said only the parts of this property that are actively mined will be taxed as mining; other parts will be taxed as farming.
- **Karen Schnable** said IL-23 at the Tollway will get a new bridge as part of road widening but this is not a project that includes on/off ramps.

Next meeting date:

The next Council meeting was scheduled for **Wednesday, June 21, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building. **Dennis Sandquist** will confirm availability of the meeting room and **Shawn McKinney** will forward this meeting’s minutes and the next meeting’s agenda to members prior to the meeting date.

Adjournment:

Ron Raupp asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. **Karen Schnable** made the motion and it was seconded by **Steve Weskerna**. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Shawn McKinney for Karen Schnable and Ron Raupp