Chairman Bill Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Bill Ashton, Claire Wilson (arrived at 7:10), Tom Casey, Budd Wormley, Larry Nelson, Roger Bledsoe
Staff present: Mike Hoffman, Teska Associates, Inc.
Members Absent: John Shaw and Angela Zubko
In the Audience: Dan Kramer, Robert Delany, Joe Phillips, Greg Peterson, Sherman Tweet, John Wolfber, Tim Wallace

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mr. Wormley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nelson. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mr. Nelson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bledsoe, to approve the September 28, 2016 minutes. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

PETITIONS
16-14 Robert Delany
Mr. Hoffman briefly reviewed the case, summarizing the staff memorandum. Mr. Kramer then provided an update to the Commission. He noted that the hearing was closed previously, so they did not bring their witnesses. He reviewed the updated site plan. He noted that, due to a need to cross the ComEd Right-of-Way, an alternative entrance drive was not feasible. Mr. Kramer noted that, if acceptable to Mr. Peterson (owner of the exiting drive), Mr. Delany would improve the existing drive to have a hard surface.

Regarding the required Lead Management Plan, Mr. Kramer noted testimony by their expert at the initial hearing, and suggested they would have such a plan completed prior to County Board approval. Mr. Kramer also noted that, if acceptable to the adjacent residential property (Mr. Peterson), Mr. Delany would offer an economic protection agreement. Under such an agreement, an initial appraisal would be obtained. Mr. Delany would then agree that if Mr. Peterson wanted to sell his home and could not obtain the appraised value, Mr. Delany would purchase the property for that appraised value. The agreement would be for a fixed period, and would be backed-up by a bond.

Mr. Nelson asked about the berm. Mr. Kramer noted the berm would be 20’ tall on three sides, and would be planted with low maintenance grasses. The proposed slope is 3:1.

Mr. Peterson noted he was opposed to the project, and had no desire to have a hard surface road.

Sherman Tweet noted his property is on Brisbin Road, and if a new road was built it would be near his property. He asked if the proposed economic impact agreement would apply to other residential properties in the area.
including his. Mr. Kramer suggested they would look at it, but they generally felt the only potentially impacted home was the adjacent Peterson residence.

Joe Phillips noted that he had previously submitted a report from John Green Reality that showed that an outdoor gun range would have a negative impact on their property values. He noted that the State has a regulation of 1,000 yards (noise regulations cannot be applied to homes over 1,000 yards from a range), and that there were six homes within that 1,000-yard distance. In his opinion, that economic protection agreement should be applied to all homes within 1000 yards, and it should include an escalator to address appreciation over time.

John Wolfiber, a Platteville resident, asked who would respond in an emergency. He also asked if they considered changing the direction of shooting to face northeast per NRA recommendations. Tim Wallace, Fire Protection District Chief, noted they would respond and he reinforced his request for the installation of a Knox Box and the ability to perform annual inspections. He noted that ambulance service would come from Minooka, and would take about seven minutes. General fire/emergency response would be within five minutes. However, there could be delays if guns are involved and they need to have the Sheriff’s Department secure the area first.

Tom Casey asked about signs, and if they would be placed on the perimeter fence.

Mr. Nelson moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Wormley, with the conditions noted in the staff report including the 20’ berm, the addition of noise restrictions consistent with other County noise regulations, meeting fire district requests, and inclusion of the economic protection agreement for Mr. Peterson. With a roll call vote:

Yes – Nelson, Wormley  No – Bledsoe, Casey, Wilson  Present – Ashton. It was noted that the present vote would go with the majority, so the motion failed.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

REVIEW OF PETITIONS THAT WENT TO COUNTY BOARD
Mr. Hoffman summarized the following:

16-21 High Grove – This rezoning to R-2 and preliminary/final plat was approved by the County Board on 10.18.16

16-25 The Bluffs, Inc. d/b/a/ Cider Creek. – This request for a special use in the A-1 Agricultural District for a banquet hall, nano-brewery, micro-distillery, a year-round seasonal festival, and production and sale of sweet cider was approved by the County Board on 10.18.16.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/ PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Casey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to adjourn. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried. The Regional Plan Commission meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Mike Hoffman, Teska Associates, Inc.

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