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Prairie Lane, LLC

Special Use request in the F-Farming District to expand the existing gravel and sand mining operation

Special Information: A Special Use was originally granted in 1970 for the mining operation and has been expanded in 1990 and 2003. The current request is to add additional area to the existing operation. The expansion area is located in the area of the southeast corner of the Rowe and Bateman Roads.

Analysis: The Kane County 2040 Land Resource Management Plan designates this area as Agricultural and Resource Management. The Plan states that the Agricultural use category also provides for agribusinesses, farm support services, and other related uses that are dependent upon, or closely allied to, modern agricultural practices. Kane County recognizes that prime farmland can be best utilized as agricultural land when supported by a full range of agribusiness and farm services in the immediate area. In 2013, The Kane County Board adopted the “Growing for Kane” Program, which supports and encourages local food propagation, consumption, and the production of value added products. Under the 2040 Plan, Resource Management is a land use category that provides county growth opportunities while emphasizing wise management of land and water resources. The purpose of Resource Management is to provide opportunities for the implementation of Smart Growth development that respects the character and carrying capacity of the land.

Staff recommended Findings of Fact:

1. The Land Resource Management land use in the 2040 Kane County Land Use Plan includes locations containing mineral resources, primarily in the form of sand and gravel, subject to extraction as a valuable economic and natural resource. Reclamation of mined areas for residential or open space uses should place an emphasis on responsible land and water resource management.
2. The proposed Reclamation Plan is for new open space in the form of water and natural areas.

Attachments: Location Map
 Township Map
 Petitioner’s finding of fact sheet