

PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes for Regular Meeting of
January 7, 2009

PRESENT Chairperson Carol Kooistra, Tom Thompson, Jan Deur, Brian Lernowich, Sue Hertel, Matt Cross and William Josephson.

ALSO PRESENT Zoning Administrator Don Sandel and 1 interested party.

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Kooistra called the January 7, 2009 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. She then welcomed Willie Josephson as a new member of the Planning Commission stating she believes Willie's professional background and personal lifelong commitment to Fruitland Township shall be a true asset to the Planning Commission.

AGENDA **Motion by Jan Deur, second from Brian Lernowich, *ADOPTED*, to accept as written.**

7 AYES

MINUTES **Motion by Tom Thompson, second from Sue Hertel, *ADOPTED*, to amend the December 3, 2008 regular meeting minutes as follows: Old Business (3) Wind Towers, 2nd sentence (Commissioner Thompson wants us to discuss if they should be allowed in on lake Districts bottoms.) and accept as amended.**

7 AYES

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA), PA 33 of 2008

Motion by Sue Hertel, second from Jan Deur, *ADOPTED*, to set public hearing for the February 4, 2009 meeting on (New) Article XXV Planning Commission, (Existing) Article R 15 Fruitland Township Subdivision Ordinance, Article XIX Board of Zoning Appeals and Article XXI Amendments.

7 AYES

2. Wind Towers

Motion by Sue Hertel, second from Brian Lernowich, *ADOPTED*, to set public hearing for the February 4, 2009 meeting on (New) Article XXIII Wind Energy System (WES), Article XXIV Met Tower, (Existing) Zoning Districts, Article XIV Special Land Uses (Section 14.04 Special Land Use Specific Requirements), Article XV Site Plan Review (Section 15.02 Site Plans Reviewed) (A) and Article II Definitions (Section 2.06)

7 AYES

3 Duck Lake State Park Zoning – Subcommittee update

Commissioner Hertel explains that the January 5, 2009 meeting was cancelled due to the hall being closed for inclement weather and has been rescheduled for January 12, 2009.

4. Neighborhood Commercial v Residential

**Motion by Brian Lernowich, second from Jan Deur, *ADOPTED*,
to set public hearing for the February 4, 2009 meeting on (Existing)
Article XI Neighborhood Commercial District (Section 11.02 Uses
Permitted by Right) and (Section 11.04 Site Development Standards).**

7 AYES

After discussion consensus was to recommend amendment to help residential owners located in the Neighborhood Commercial District and not to set a subcommittee at this time for further review of the Land Use Map.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Kooistra reviewed the goals developed by the Planning Commission a year ago and stated that all but two (2) of them have been completed. She asked the members for input on what new goals should be developed for the coming year.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Jan Deur, second from Tom Thompson, *ADOPTED*,
to adjourn the January 7, 2009 regular meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

7 AYES

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Garvey, Recording Secretary