

PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes for Regular Meeting of
October 1, 2008

- PRESENT** Chairperson Carol Kooistra, Tom Thompson, Sue Hertel, Jan Deur, Brian Lernowich, Mary Eley, and Matt Cross.
- NOT PRESENT** Zoning Administrator Don Sandel.
- ALSO PRESENT** 7 interested parties.
- CALL TO ORDER** Chairperson Kooistra called the October 1, 2008 meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- AGENDA** **Motion by Jan Deur, second from Mary Eley, *ADOPTED*, to accept the October 1, 2008 regular meeting agenda as written.**
7 AYES
- MINUTES** **Motion by Mary Eley, second from Jan Deur, *ADOPTED*, to accept the September 3, 2008 regular meeting minutes, the August 20, 2008, and the September 10, 2008 Town Hall meeting minutes as written.**
7 AYES

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tom Szczesny, 660 E. Riley Thompson Road, vacant Whitehall Road parcel owner, stated he would like to see the Whitehall Road Corridor south of Michillinda remain Neighborhood Commercial, however, he suggests amending the zoning ordinance to allow existing homes to be expanded, accessory buildings built, etc. without having to request a variance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA), PA 33 of 2008 effective September 1, 2008 – Update from Planner Tim Johnson

After brief discussion it was decided to accept Draft #1 Zoning Ordinance Amendments and Draft #1 Planning Commission Bylaws Amendments from Planner Tim Johnson for review.

2. Wind Towers – Subcommittee update

Commissioner Deur asked that all Commissioners review the draft of the Wind Energy System Ordinance and provide him with their input. He explained also that there are a few things that still need further review by the subcommittee so there could be some amended language forthcoming.

3. Duck Lake State Park Zoning – Subcommittee update

Commissioner Hertel stated that the subcommittee will be scheduling a meeting soon. Chairperson Kooistra asked to be removed from the subcommittee and stated that she will ask Jane Missimer to replace her.

4. Neighborhood Commercial v Residential –

Subcommittee members (Commissioners Eley, Thompson and Cross) asked for an extension to review further. They will try and have language for recommendation at the November meeting.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairperson Kooistra explained that Commissioner Deur has been attending the Joint Planning Commission meetings. He has agreed to continue and Chairperson Kooistra will be an alternate.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Mary Eley, second from Sue Hertel, *ADOPTED*,
to adjourn the October 1, 2008 regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.
7 AYES**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Garvey, Recording Secretary