

PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes for Regular Meeting of
November 5, 2008

- PRESENT** Chairperson Carol Kooistra, Tom Thompson, Jan Deur, Brian Lernowich, Mary Eley, and Matt Cross.
- NOT PRESENT** Sue Hertel.
- ALSO PRESENT** Zoning Administrator Don Sandel 2 interested parties.
- CALL TO ORDER** Chairperson Kooistra called the November 5, 2008 meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- AGENDA** **Motion by Mary Eley, second from Tom Thompson, *ADOPTED*, to accept the November 5, 2008 regular meeting agenda as written.**
6 AYES 1 ABSENT
- MINUTES** **Motion by Jan Deur, second from Mary Eley, *ADOPTED*, to accept the October 1, 2008 regular meeting minutes as written.**
6 AYES 1 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS

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

After brief discussion consensus was to hold off setting public hearing until the December meeting on Draft #2 Zoning Ordinance Amendments. Draft #2 Planning Commission Bylaws amendments will not require public hearing and action will not be taken until clarification is received on a few items. Draft #1 Subdivision Ordinance will not require public hearing at the Planning Commission because it is a Regulatory Ordinance which is regulated by the Township Board, however, they have asked the Planning Commission to review language and make recommendation which will be done at a later date.

2. Wind Towers –

According to Commissioner Deur the Michigan Citizen Planner is holding on December 8, 2008 in Ludington a workshop on the following:

- Current status of wind energy development in Michigan
- Important policy guidelines and new Renewable Energy Package signed into law on October 6, 2008.
- Siting and zoning guidelines for wind power development
- Key steps to develop and implement local zoning regulations
- Essential resources, model codes and Michigan examples

Commissioner Deur stated he was going to attend this workshop. Chairperson Kooistra states she believes him attending this is a good idea and will request that the Township Board approve payment for such. Recording Secretary Garvey will work on putting the proposed Wind Energy System Ordinance language into Zoning Ordinance format.

3. Duck Lake State Park Zoning – Subcommittee update

Chairperson Kooistra advised that Resident Jane Missimer has agreed to replace her on said subcommittee.

4. Neighborhood Commercial v Residential –

Chairperson Kooistra advises that the recommendation from the subcommittee members (Commissioners Eley, Thompson and Cross) will be taken as information. She believes further study needs to be done on setbacks, etc. Because this is Commissioner Eley’s final meeting on the Planning Commission she will become the chair of this subcommittee and will meet with staff to discuss.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

All Commissioners tell Commissioner Eley they wish her well and thank her for all her hard work while being on the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Jan Deur, second from Tom Thompson, *ADOPTED*,
to adjourn the November 5, 2008 regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.**

6 AYES 1 ABSENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Garvey, Recording Secretary