

Rollin Township Planning Commission Meeting

February 3, 2011

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Nichols.

Roll Call: Hawkins present, McGrath present, Nichols present, Miller present, Burch present, Griewahn present, Peterson present.

Hearing on Wind Generator Ordinance: McGrath brought up questions concerning the type of bond required for dismantling (item F, page 10). He suggested that it would be wise to pursue a cash bond. After discussion Burch pointed out that it is covered by the language and it would be up to the Township Board as to what type of bond to pursue. Burch explained to the residents the general overview and purpose of the proposed ordinance after it was asked why the Planning Commission was addressing wind generation and expressed concerns about the rights of citizens to create their own power being restricted. Motion by Burch, support by McGrath to send the Wind Generation Ordinance to Region II. Hawkins-yes, McGrath-yes, Nichols-yes, Miller-yes, Burch-yes, Griewahn-yes, Peterson-yes.

Chairman's Remarks: Note the following e-mail communication.

Communications: E-mail from Josh Van Camp- Interstate Informed Citizens Coalition- about a seminar on large scale wind turbine developments. "Living in the Grid: Industrial Wind Turbines and You" will be held this Saturday at 9am at the Blissfield Middle School.

Appeals Board Report: Miller reported that appeals were approved with conditions by the Appeals Board (January 31) for Shirley Wallace of 3015 Round lake HWY for less than required setbacks.

Trustees Report: Reported that Jerry Wilson, Tim Miller, and Ray McGrath met and came up with 19 issues of concern that need clarification for the Zoning Ordinance. Motion by Burch, support by Peterson to forward items to Region II for suggestions. Motion carried.

Old Business: Discussion with Region II, Supervisor Jenkins, and Nichols. Through speaker phone conversation with Tim Anderson, Nichols expressed concern that Zoning Ordinances should be only to protect the health, safety, and welfare of township residents: Region II will provide the "whys" something is there i.e. it is a state law or it conflicts with a state law. Nichols and Jenkins discussed the feasibility of having / expanding Residential into two categories of lake access and non-lake access, and requested Tim Anderson into giving it some thought should the Planning Commission decide to move in that direction.

Minutes: The revised minutes from January 6, 2011 were moved for adoption by Peterson, supported by Miller. Motion carried by unanimous support.

Adjournment: Moved by McGrath, supported by Burch at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Peterson