

WINFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTCALM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING April 11th 2022

Planning Meeting called to order @ 7:00 pm Chris Rader, who led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call, Present: John Black, Dale Ulrich, Ken Kool, Ben Gordon, Kenny Jones, George Hubbard, Jake Newman, Ken Fisk, Chris Rader

Motion to approve agenda by John Black, George Hubbard 2nd motion. Motion passed

*Motion to approve corrected January 24th minutes by Dale Ulrich, 2nd by Ben Gordon, motion passed
Motion to approve March 1st 2022 minutes by George Hubbard, 2nd by Ben Gordon, motion passed*

Township liaison, John Black, discussed township business

General Public Comment - opened 7:08 pm, Closed 7:23 pm

New business: *Resumed discussion on ordinance for wind towers.*

Kyle O'Meara walked us through ordinance adoption process

Public comment with regard to public hearing - opened 7:37 - Closed 8:17 pm

Kyle O'Meara responded to written questions handed to planning commission during public hearing.

Kyle O'Meara covered all redline changes that were added to ordinance from last meeting recommendations.

Public comment about setback around Winfield lake prompted discussion to lengthen setback around the lake. After discussion, Ken Fisk made a motion to update ordinance to reflect a ¾ mile setback from water's edge, George Hubbard 2nd motion

Roll call Vote

Dale Ulrich– Yes

George Hubbard – Yes

Jake Newman – Yes

Ken Kool – Yes

Kenny Jones – Yes

John Black – Yes

Ben Gordon – Yes

Ken Fisk – Yes

Chris Rader – Yes

Motion Passed

Ken Kool made a motion to add maximum tip height to 650 feet, Jake Newman 2nd motion

Roll call Vote

Dale Ulrich – No

George Hubbard – No

Jake Newman – Yes

Ken Kool – Yes

Kenny Jones – Yes

John Black – Yes

Ken Fisk – No

Ben Gordon – No

Chris Rader – No

Motion Failed

John Black made a motion for Wind Energy Facilities shall not exceed 45db (A) (Leq-10-minute) as measured at the exterior of Habitable Structures on non-participating lots. If the Ambient Sound Pressure Level exceeds 45db(A) the standard shall be Ambient db(A) plus 5 db(A). Wind Energy Facilities shall not exceed 55db(A) (Leq 10-minute) as measured at the exterior of Habitable Structures on other properties other than non-participating lots. If the Ambient Sound Pressure Level exceeds 55 db(A) the standard shall be Ambient db(A) plus 5 db(A)

Roll call Vote

Dale Ulrich – Yes

George Hubbard – Yes

Jake Newman – Yes

Ken Kool – No

Kenny Jones – Yes

John Black – Yes

Ben Gordon – Yes

Ken Fisk – Yes

Chris Rader – Yes

Motion Passed

John Black made a motion to update page 29 Section K, subsection 4 (Boundaries with Non-participating lots) from 1.5 times tip height to 2 times tip height, Ken Kool 2nd motion

Roll call Vote

Dale Ulrich – No

George Hubbard – No

Jake Newman – Yes

Ken Kool – Yes

Kenny Jones – Yes

John Black – Yes

Ken Fisk – Yes

Ben Gordon – No

Chris Rader – No

Motion Passed

Under Special Land Use Permit and Site Plan Review

Section a:

Subsection 8:

Ken Kool made a motion to remove "At the township's request" and the "or" from (and/or). It should read as such.

8. Environmental Assessment. An applicant shall submit an environmental assessment assessing the potential impact of a proposed Wind Energy Facility on endangered species, eagles, birds, plants and other wildlife.

Motion seconded by Ben Gordon.

Roll call Vote

Dale Ulrich – Yes

George Hubbard – Yes

Jake Newman – Yes

Ken Kool – Yes

Kenny Jones – Yes

John Black – Yes

Ben Gordon – Yes

Ken Fisk – Yes

Chris Rader - Yes

Ben Gordon made a motion to recommend approving proposed wind tower ordinance to be review by the township board with changes voted on at tonight's meeting including changing placeholder from VV to WW, and fixing 2 minor clerical errors. George Hubbard 2nd motion.

Roll call Vote

Dale Ulrich – Yes

George Hubbard – Yes

Jake Newman – Yes

Ken Kool – No

Kenny Jones – Yes

John Black – Yes

Ben Gordon – Yes

Ken Fisk – Yes

Chris Rader - Yes

The next Planning Commission meeting: (All at 7:00 pm)

~~*August 23rd 2021*~~

~~*November 22nd 2021*~~

~~*January 24th 2022*~~

March 1st 2022

April 11th 2022

Next meeting- August 22nd 2022 unless a special meeting is called

Motion to adjourned meeting @ 10:07 pm, Dale Ulrich, 2nd by George Hubbard, motion passed