

# **WINFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTCALM COUNTY**

## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

### **April 17<sup>th</sup> 2023**

*Planning Meeting called to order @ 7:01 pm by Ken Kool, who led the Pledge of Allegiance*

*Roll Call, Present: Ken Kool, George Hubbard, Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson, Ken Fisk  
Also present: Dave Kelsey,*

*Motion to approve agenda by Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson 2<sup>nd</sup> motion - Motion passed*

*Review Planning Commission minutes for January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023, motion to approve by Derek Dickerson with noted changes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Hubbard- Motion passed*

*Remove repeated motion; ~~Motion to update section 3.b to allow commercial solar farms~~ - motion passed*

*Dave Kelsey reported township permit activity.*

*Township Liaison, Julia Potratz township board meeting rescheduled*

*Public comment: 7:08 pm – 7:10 pm (new agenda only)*

*New Business: Amendment tabled until next meeting-*

*PC board requests explanation of why section 3.02 of Chapter 3 needed to be chained and new restrictions that it may imply.*

*Old Business:*

*Solar ordinance:*

*Motion to change Section 4.4.i.(1) from 6 feet to 8 feet- motion passed*

*Motion to change Section 4.4.ii (2&3) from 36" back to original wording- motion failed*

*Motion to add "completely decommissioned within one year" to section 4.4.h – motion passed*

*Motion to change section 7.3.f from 500 feet to minimum of 250 feet- motion failed*

*Julia Potratz made a motion to approve the solar draft ordinance with noted changes and to hold a public hearing once B&S has solar ordinance updated. Derek Dickerson 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Yes Votes; Ken Kool, Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson. No Votes; Ken Fisk, George Hubbard*

*Wind Ordinance: Started discussing newly drafted wind ordinance provided by B&S on 4-14-2023*

- Anemometer Section 5.G.2 – 300 ft*
- Section 6.4.b minimum ground clearance of 15 feet*
- Section 6.4.j decommission within 1 year (same as solar)*
- Section 9.4.k zero hours per year-remove minutes per day- motion passed Yes- JP,DD,GH No-KK,KF*
- Tabled discussion due to time.*

*Public comment: 8:56 pm – 9:13 pm*

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

- May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023*
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*Ken Kool adjourned meeting @ 9:16 pm*