

WINFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTCALM COUNTY

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

May 15th 2023

Planning Meeting called to order @ 7:03 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 George Hubbard with amendment of adding discussion for section 3.02 changes to old business, Julia Potratz 2nd motion – Motion passed.

Review Planning Commission minutes for April 17th 2023, motion to approve by Julia Potratz, 2nd by Derek Dickerson- Motion passed.

Dave Kelsey reported township permit activity.

Township Liaison, Julia Potratz reports on 2 township meetings.

Dave Meyer – ZBA

Treasurer- Brenda Arnold

Public comment: 7:20 pm – 7:21 pm (new agenda only) No public comment

Old Business:

Motion to approve updates to Section 3.02 as written. Motion to approve by Derek Dickerson, 2nd by Julia Potratz

- *Roll call vote: Vote was unanimously approved.*

May 15th Wind Tower ordinance discussion

- *George made a motion to reconsider the motion previously approved for section 9.4k, zero hours per day. Ken Fisk 2nd motion.*
 - o *Roll Call vote Yes = George Hubbard, Ken Kool, Ken Fisk No= Derek Dickerson, Julia Potratz*
- *George Hubbard makes a motion to allow shadow flicker not to exceed 20 hours per year or 5 minutes per day on any lot not participating in commercial solar, whichever is less.*
 - o *Also, zero minutes per day on non-participating dwellings.*
 - o *Roll call vote Yes= George Hubbard, Ken Kool, Ken Fisk No= Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson*
- *Ken Fisk made a motion to change Section 4.d to 550 ft maximum tip height,*
 - o *Roll call vote: Yes= George Hubbard, Ken Fisk No=Julia Potratz Derek Dickerson Ken Kool*
- *Section 6.4.c Julia made a motion to change maximum tip height to 75 feet- motion failed.*
- *Section 6.4.c Ken Fisk made a motion to change maximum tip height to 100 feet- motion passed.*
- *Ken Kool made a motion to change section 4.L both instances of 2,000 ft to 750 ft, seconded by George Hubbard,*
 - o *Roll call vote: Yes= George Hubbard, Ken Kool, Ken Fisk, No = Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson.*
- *George Hubbard made a motion to Section 4.m from 2 mile to 1 mile, Ken Fisk 2nd motion, Roll call, Y= George Hubbard, Ken Fisk, No= Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson, Ken Kool*

- *Julia made a motion to add into Section 9.3- unredacted safety manual added to requirement, motion passed.*

- *Julia made a motion to update wind ordinance as discussed and move to hold a public hearing, 2nd by Derek Dickerson. Roll call vote: Yes= Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson, Ken Kool, No= George Hubbard, Ken Fisk*

Master Plan – township doesn't have it in the budget for now.

Public comment: 8:34 pm – 8:53 pm

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

- *August 28th 2023*

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Ken Kool adjourned meeting @ 9:27 pm