

**WINFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTCALM COUNTY**  
**PUBLIC HEARING MEETING**  
**July 24<sup>th</sup> 2023**

*Planning hearing called to order @ 7:02 pm by Ken Kool, who led the Pledge of Allegiance*

*Roll Call, Present: Ken Kool, George Hubbard, Derek Dickerson, Ken Fisk, Julia Potratz*

*Motion to approve agenda with addition of adding Amendments to Chapter 3 Section 3.02: by Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson 2<sup>nd</sup> motion – Motion passed.*

*Amended Section 3.02:*

*Public comment Section 3.02*

*7:06 – 7:11 pm*

*Julia made a motion to send this amended ordinance to the township board for approval, Derek Dickerson 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.*

*Roll call, George Hubbard Yes, Julia Potratz Yes, Derek Dickerson Yes, Ken Fisk Yes, Ken Kool Yes*

**Wind Tower ordinance:**

*Public Comment: Open 7:17 pm – Closed 7:43 pm*

*Correct Section 6.H.4.b from 10 to 15 feet*

*Ken Kool made a motion to change Section WW. 4. K to state “at any one point on a public right-of-way or on a non-participating lot with a dwelling”.*

*Roll call: Unanimous yes vote: motion passed*

*Julia made a motion to change WW. 4. L setback from 2x to 4x setback from tip height, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Derek Dickerson.*

*Roll call: Yes votes: Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson, Ken Kool, No votes: George Hubbard, Ken Fisk, motion passed*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Public Comment Wind: 8:15 to 8:32*

**Solar Ordinance:**

*Public Comment: Open 8:50: Closed 9:07*

*George Hubbard made a motion to update F.4.a.i(1) to read 8 feet for rural residential and 12 foot for all other districts. Ken Fisk 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.*

*Roll call: Yes votes: George Hubbard, Ken Fisk, Ken Kool, No votes: Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson, motion passed.*

*Ken Kool made a motion to add a section F.4.a.i (3) which would read: May not cover more than 20% of property owners total property in Ag district. George Hubbard 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.*

*Roll call: Yes votes: George Hubbard, Ken Fisk, Ken Kool, No votes: Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson, motion passed.*

*Julia made a motion to add Section VV.3.G.ii from commercial section into F.4 section. Derek Dickerson 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.*

*Roll call: Yes votes: Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson, Ken Kool, No votes: George Hubbard, Ken Fisk, motion passed.*

*Derek Dickerson made a motion to update VV.1.a to “period of 180 days” for both instances. Julia Potratz 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.*

*Roll call: Yes votes: Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson, George Hubbard, Ken Fisk, Ken Kool, motion passed.*

*Derek Dickerson made a motion to update Section VV.3.G.i, to read “ Existing vegetation will be maintained to the greatest extent possible or replaced within 120 days.*

*Roll call: Unanimous yes vote, motion passed.*

*Ken Kool made a motion to send drafts with proposed changes to the county planning commission and also the attorney for review. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Derek Dickerson.*

*Roll call: Yes votes: Derek Dickerson, Ken Kool, No votes: Julia Potratz, George Hubbard, Ken Fisk, motion failed*

*Sending the draft to the township board to send to the township attorney for updates and consequences.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Public comment Solar*

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

*- August 28<sup>th</sup> 2023*

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*Ken Kool adjourned meeting @ 9:51 pm*