

# LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

## Unapproved Minutes Working Meeting Wednesday, August 8, 2007

The meeting of the Lake Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Colletta. Geppert, Ehrlich, Lalley and McCallum were present.

Commission members discussed the pros and cons of the sample wind turbine ordinances they had studied.

The members feel there are a number of issues that are a concern:

- Noise from the turbines
- Health related problems
- Migratory bird areas
- Height of the towers
- Lights-flashing and intensity
- Impacts to land values
- Location of sub stations
- Wear and tear of the roads during construction

Members also discussed the special land use permitting process and fees to be charged. A performance bond would be required from the developer.

Of the many sample ordinances the members have reviewed, the consensus of the commission members is to adopt an ordinance similar to the Otsego County ordinance, with some modifications.

McCallum has spoken to a planning commission member in Otsego County and will contact him again to discuss the issues that the members have.

They will discuss the Wind Turbine Ordinance further at their next meeting.

Motion by McCallum to adjourn, seconded by Colletta. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

The next planning commission meeting is scheduled for August 22nd at 7PM.

Kathleen Bolton, Recording Secretary