

LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Unapproved Minutes

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Approved as amended on February 27, 2008

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

Motion by Ehrlich to approve the minutes of November 28, 2007, seconded by Geppert. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Charlotte Ignash asked what was being done concerning rezoning her property. Lalley suggested the possibility of creating another zone within the R-R district allowing more flexible standards for accessory structures for those with larger lots. The planning commission will research the idea and discuss it at future meetings.

Wind Energy

Colletta read the letter he sent to DTE Energy requesting clarification on a number of issues. Matt Wagner of DTE read his response letter. Lalley read letter written by Val McCallum and sent to Tom Martin, Director of the Energy Office of the Department of Labor & Economic Development.

Matt Wagner stated that DTE does follow their websites guidelines and that the USFWS are only guidelines.

~~Gary Bauer, Land Acquisition for DTE stated that he presented his lease proposals to Supervisor Clay Kelterborn before he started signing leases.~~

Jim Simmons asked how much power stays in this area. The large percentage will leave the area, it will go where the electrons dictate.

Geppert made a motion to close the Wind Ordinance discussion, Ehrlich seconded.

Correspondence-

Colletta read a letter from Art & Del Lubiartz regarding the complaint from Jim Simmons. Colletta said this was not something the Planning Commission could handle. He must talk to the Township Board.

Site Plan Review-

Larry Murdoch site plan needs to go before the ZBA, there are too many buildings on the lot.

Dave LeAnnais-site plan approved.

Amended to read as follows:

Gary Bauer, Land Acquisition for DTE, stated that Clay Kelterborn received one of the Wind Energy promotional /informational mailings that were sent to landowners in March 2007. Clay then showed the material to Lake Township which prompted a call from Kathleen requesting that DTE make a presentation about the project at their next scheduled Planning Commission meeting, which was April 25, 2007.

Steffes - needs to fill out a site plan showing his proposed accessory structure. If the structure cannot meet the setback requirements he will need to go before the ZBA.

Lalley read a letter from Chairman Colletta, and noted that it is to be put on the record.

Dorothy Fischer asked that the web links concerning Wind Energy that were promised to be sent to Matt Wagner should be sent to him.

Geppert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm, seconded by Colletta.

Next Planning commission meeting is Wednesday, February 27, 2008.

Tim Lalley, Recording Secretary