

LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Unapproved Minutes

August 5, 2009

The meeting of the Lake Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Colletta. Members Gerry Geppert, Rich Ehrlich, and Tim Lalley were present along with 11 guests, Dale Hartsell and Mary Johnson absent.

Motion to allow Tim Lalley take the minutes by Geppert, seconded by Ehrlich, all Ayes, motion carried.

Colletta stated that this is a working meeting, no will be no correspondence, the purpose of the meeting is to go over the Wind Draft Ordinance.

By Supervisor suggestion the Planning Commission should have a working meeting every two weeks to help get things moving along.

Colletta suggests the last thing to discuss would be sound issues.

Colletta suggested sound complaints are placed second to last issues to discuss.

U of M and MSU studies which might be done are another reason to delay discussion on sound topics.

Fines issue should be placed at top of agenda list of things to discuss with DTE.

Operating parameters be placed second from the top of the items to be discussed.

Lighting part of the ordinance to be placed third on the agenda list to be discussed.

Developer removal cost issues be placed forth on list, Combined with administration costs issues.

Agricultural zoned land issues be placed near bottom of agenda list.

Ownership insurance – does farmer or developer pay? Placed near bottom of agenda list. Need clarification from DTE.

Special use permits issues at bottom of agenda list. Turbine life is maybe 20 years. A home will last maybe 100 years.

USFW issue to be placed fifth on list.

Variance board has already established that MET towers did not meet the height ordinance.

Colletta stated one-half (1/2) mile spacing issue (turbines too close can steal wind from each other.

Geppart asked about transmission links and questioned why there is nothing from DTE about them and who is paying for them.

Colletta stated that the August 25th meeting will discuss transmission line issue.

Colletta stated that DTE now has instruments in place taking sound analysis. It is not known from where they are taking the measurements.

Colletta also stated that DTE was aware of the meeting tonight but DTE said they did not have enough time to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dorothy Fischer asked why the Depers can sell things that they did not make without a special use permit.

Valerie McCallum suggested having sound experts ask property owners in AG area, if they can measure on their property. No sense measuring along the lakeshore.

Neil Rohner asked how the board would discuss and solve the issues and how they are prioritized. Also, how is the board working with how the County Board is studying health issues?

Motion to adjourn by Geppart, seconded by Ehrlich. 8:47 PM.

Recorded by:
Tim Lalley, Board Member

Transcribed and Respectfully
Submitted by:
Mary E. Johnson, Secretary