

November 1, 2017

Huron County Planning Commission Minutes

A meeting of the Huron County Planning Commission was held on November 1, 2017, in the Huron County Meeting Room, Room 305, County Building, Bad Axe, MI 48413.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bernie Cregeur at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the United States of America. Secretary Jeffery Krohn, called the roll of members: Roll call - Members present: Mary Babcock, Charles Bumhoffer, Bernie Creguer, Carl Duda, Terry Heck, Jeffery Krohn, Robert McLean, Dr. Robert Oakes, and Ken Walker. Members absent/excused: None. Others present: There were approximately twenty (20) people in attendance, including: Jeff Smith, Planning/Building & Zoning Office Director and Mickayla Bischer, Recording Secretary.

Member Dr. Robert Oakes made a motion, seconded by Robert McLean to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

The reading of the October 4, 2017, regular meeting minutes was waived. Member Robert McLean made a motion, to amend October 4, 2017 minutes to reflect discussion regarding the request to turn off turbines while farmers are working near them. Motion failed due to lack of support. Member Carl Duda made a motion, seconded by Dr. Robert Oakes to approve the October 4, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The reading of the October 25, 2017, special meeting minutes was waived. Member Dr. Robert Oakes made a motion, seconded by Member Mary Babcock to approve the October 25, 2017, special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment (Open Meeting Act.)

Robert Gaffke, Bloomfield Township, speaks about protocols and wind turbine sound studies.

Rich Swartzendruber, Colfax Township, asks the board to speak loudly.

4. Public Hearing None.

5. Communications

- A. Colfax Township letter dated September 29, 2017 notifying Huron County that the township is preparing to update its Master Plan.
- B. Michigan Farm News article dated October 13, 2017 titled "township defies state, GAAMPs."
- C. Huron County Board of Commissioners Resolution 17-148c pertaining to Master Plan.

6. Report of Committees: Bylaws. Next meeting December 6, 2017 at 5:30pm.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Huron County Master Plan. –Continue w/ Spicer Group. Next meeting December 6, 2017 at 7pm.
- B. Huron County Hazard Mitigation Plan. –Continue with Master Plan. Randy Miller, 911 Director, states there is a possibility that Huron County could receive additional grant funds.
- C. Apple Blossom Wind LLC c/o Sempra U.S. Gas & Power. Construction updates.

November 1, 2017

Christian Anquis, Apple Blossom Wind Project Manager, construction status/update. Mr. Anquis states this is the last monthly update he will provide, Andrew Johnson will be present. Commercial operation should take place within the month of November.

Smith questions the laydown yard, Anquis states land will be restored to original farmland.

- D. Deerfield Wind Energy Project/Algonquin Power. Waiting for post-construction compliance report.
- E. Big Turtle Wind Farm LLC Heritage Sustainable/Terrapin Energy-Phase 2. Compliance report provided to the PC and Heritage will be in attendance at the next regular meeting.

8. New Business

Member Terry Heck makes a motion to request information on the V-126 3.45 MW wind turbine from the manufacturer (questions attached), seconded by Member Carl Duda. Motion carried.

Members agree that these questions should be discussed, but with more time for review.

Member Mary Babcock states according to the October 4, 2017 planning commission meeting minutes, Heck would meet with Smith to draft a letter to send to Vestas.

- A. Big Turtle Wind Farm Phase I-2017 Compliance Report and Sound Level Complaint Evaluation Report at the Rodney McLean property in May 2017.
Blake Shroll, Big Turtle Wind, discusses compliance report. Big Turtle has been working with the McLeans for a resolution to their complaint.

Member McLean addresses concerns with rattling doors on turbines. Shroll states it's not just a rattling door issue and the turbine manufacturer is working to resolve the issue.

Member Babcock states it's hard to justify a complaint if it is not formal.

Member Robert McLean made a motion to have the overhead projector and computer available at all meetings. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Members continue review of compliance report and question postponing further review until next month.

Member McLean made a motion to not to accept the compliance report at face value and need to do further research. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Member Carl Duda made motion to table review until January meeting, to find out more information, seconded by Robert McLean. Motion carried. (8 yeas, 1 nay). Members continue to discuss the need for additional information and whether an independent acoustical expert is needed to review the report.

Blake Shroll questions postponement and advised the commission that the sound level complaint study at the Rodney McLean residence was voluntary. Members discuss clarifying motion previously passed on voice vote.

Secretary Krohn re-states motion: Carl Duda made a motion to suspend review of the Big Turtle Phase I compliance report and sound level complaint evaluation report, so members can review additional information prior to the regular January 2018 meeting, seconded by Member Robert McLean. Motion carried on roll call vote.

November 1, 2017

Roll Call Vote: Duda Motion to suspend review to January 2018

Mary Babcock	Yea	Charles Bumhoffer	Yea
Bernie Creguer	Yea	Carl Duda	Yea
Terry Heck	Yea	Jeffery Krohn	Yea
Robert McLean	Yea	Robert Oakes	Yea
Ken Walker	Yea	9-Yea 0-Nay 0-Absent/Abstain	

B. PA 116 Terminations: None.

C. PA 116 Enrollment Applications:

1. Koroleski, Steve & Mitzi, Sec 6 Lincoln Twp., 38 acres (38 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 10 yrs.
2. Koroleski, Steve & Mitzi, Sec 5 Lincoln Twp., 40 acres (40 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 10 yrs.
3. Fiebig, Donald & Kathy, Sec 27 Sebewaing Twp., 80 acres (80 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 90 yrs.
4. Fiebig, Donald & Kathy, Sec 28 Sebewaing Twp., 116.36 acres (116.36 cultivated) 3 bldgs., 90 yrs.
5. Fiebig, Donald & Kathy, Sec 33 Sebewaing Twp., 77.73 acres (77.73 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 90 yrs.
6. Fiebig, Donald & Kathy, Sec 34 Sebewaing Twp., 40 acres (39.66 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 90 yrs.

Member Dr. Robert Oakes made a motion, seconded by Robert McLean to approve the PA 116 Enrollment Applications. Motion carried.

9. Final Public Comment:

Steve Vaughan, Board of Commissioner, suggests any request to Vestas be reviewed by Corporation Counsel.

Robert Gaffke, Bloomfield Township, addresses the board regarding sending a letter to Vestas.

10. Final Planning Commission Comment:

Members discuss whether or not questions should be asked to Vestas. Members agree the Commission should not move forward with sending a letter until reviewed by corporation counsel.

Member Terry Heck made a motion, seconded by Member Ken Walker, to submit list of Vestas questions to Corporation Counsel Steve Allen for review and recommendations.

Roll Call Vote:

Mary Babcock	Yea	Charles Bumhoffer	Yea
Bernie Creguer	Yea	Carl Duda	Yea
Terry Heck	Yea	Jeffery Krohn	Yea
Robert McLean	Yea	Robert Oakes	Yea
Ken Walker	Yea	9-Yea 0-Nay 0-Absent/Abstain	

11. Adjournment

Being there was no further business to come before the Planning Commission, it was moved on a motion by Member Carl Duda, to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Member, Robert McLean. Motion carried. Adjournment was at 9:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be scheduled to be held on December 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., Room 305.

Bernie Creguer, Chairman

Jeffery Krohn, Secretary

Date: _____