

**January 2, 2019**  
**Huron County Planning Commission Minutes**

A meeting of the Huron County Planning Commission was held on January 2, 2019, 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 Robert McLean at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the United States of America. Secretary Julie Epperson, called the roll of members: Roll call - Members present: Bernie Creguer, Carl Duda, Julie Epperson, Terry Heck, George Lauinger, Robert McLean, Bob Tenbusch and Ken Walker. Members absent: Dan Tighe. Others present: There were approximately fifteen (15) people in attendance, including: Jeff Smith, Zoning Administrator and Mickayla Bischer, Recording Secretary.

Member Bernie Creguer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Bob Tenbusch. Motion carried.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Tenbusch made a motion, seconded by Creguer, to approve the December 5, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Creguer made a motion, seconded by Tenbusch, to approve the December 6, 2018 special meeting minutes with the correction “Tenbusch and Walker’s document “Renewable Energy Goals.” Motion carried.

**3. Public Comment** (Open Meeting Act.) None.

**4. Public Hearing** None.

**5. Communications**

- A. Forbes.com article dated May 23, 2018 titled “if Solar Panels Are So Clean, Why Do They Produce So Much Toxic Waste?” submitted by Robert Tenbusch.
- B. Huron County Planning Commission 2018 regular meeting schedule.  
Member Creguer made a motion, seconded by Tenbusch, to approve the Meeting Schedule with July meeting being July 10, 2019.

**6. Report of Committees:** None.

**7. Unfinished Business**

- A. Huron County Master Plan. Waiting for information from Clark Hill pertaining to renewable energy.
- B. Huron County Hazard Mitigation Plan.  
Randy Miller, 911 Director, gives an overview and states some of the very specific questions submitted by the Planning Commission were not included in the Hazard Mitigation Plan survey.
- C. Apple Blossom Wind LLC c/o Sempra U.S. Gas & Power. Staff to provide overview of compliance report delivered to Huron County on December 20, 2018. Andrew Johnson, Apple Blossom Wind Facility Manager, along with Lisa Briggs, Sempra Renewables, and Michael Hankard, Hankard Environmental, provided compliance certification overview.

Member Tenbusch questioned which turbines are running in reduced sound power mode 2 and if those affected turbines are always set to operate under low noise mode 2.

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Smith requested that the civil plans be amended to show the zoning setback concentric rings for each turbine site. Smith also requested Hankard Environmental provide full acoustical data, both full spectrum and reduced spectrum for each measurement location.

Member Heck stated it was difficult to determine the locations of the sound level meter/microphone. Mr. Johnson apologized that the printed copies of the compliance report were produced in black and white copies, and that new color copies will be provided, which will clarify the location of the sound level meter at each measurement location.

Planning Commission will provide Apple Blossom/Mr. Johnson a list of additional information that is necessary to be included in the compliance report in order to determine zoning compliance.

Heck made a motion, seconded by Creguer, to table the compliance report until more information and data is provided. Motion carried.

D. Commercial Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance. Continue...Review additional info from Terry Heck.

Heck and Tenbusch provide sample definitions for the commission to review.

**8. New Business**

A. Commercial Solar Energy and Wind Energy Moratoriums – Discuss expiration/extensions. Wind Moratorium Public Hearing will be held on February 6, 2019. Members discuss having the Solar Moratorium completed by the June 8, 2019 expiration date.

B. PA 116 Enrollment Applications:

1. Kedis Farms Inc, Sec 11 Huron Twp., 9.8 acres (6.15 cultivated), 0 bldgs., 54 yrs.
2. Kedis Farms Inc, Sec 12 Huron Twp., 7.5 acres (6.15 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 54 yrs.

Tenbusch made a motion, seconded by Heck to approve the PA 116 Enrollment Applications. Motion carried.

**9. Final Public Comment:** None.

**10. Final Planning Commission Comment:**

Smith plays a video of what is causing the “clunk” noise in the Big Turtle Windfarm LLC wind project.

Tenbusch discusses private solar ordinance provisions.

**11. Adjournment**

Being there was no further business to come before the Planning Commission, it was moved on a motion by Member Bernie Creguer, to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Member, Robert Tenbusch. Motion carried. Adjournment was at 9:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on February 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Room 305.

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Robert McLean, Chairman

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Julie Epperson, Secretary

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