

December 5, 2018
Huron County Planning Commission Minutes

A meeting of the Huron County Planning Commission was held on December 5, 2018, 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. Dan Tighe and Ken Walker. Members absent: None. Others present: There were approximately fifteen (15) people in attendance, including: Jeff Smith, Zoning Administrator and Mickayla Bischer, Recording Secretary.

Member Julie Epperson made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Bob Tenbusch to amend the agenda to add Sebewaing Township's request to 8. New Business, item B. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

Duda made a motion, seconded by Creguer, to put the time of recess, and the time the meeting was reconvened. Motion carried.

Duda made a motion, seconded by Walker, to approve the November 7, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment (Open Meeting Act.)

Blake Shroll, Big Turtle Wind Farm Site Manager, addresses the board with a statement on damaged blade. Shroll stated the blade delamination appears to be an isolated incident and does not believe any other blades are affected.

Robert Gaffke, Bloomfield Township, addresses concerns with marijuana, wind turbines, and solar.

4. Public Hearing None.

5. Communications

- A. Recorder News article dated October 25, 2018 titled "Florida Approves Second Solar Moratorium" submitted by Robert Gaffke.
- B. The American Spectator article dated October 26, 2018 titled "Virginia County Residents Fret Over Massive Solar Farm" submitted by Robert Gaffke.
- C. WFMZ.com article dated October 10, 2018 titled "sound modeling expert testifies in Penn Forest wind turbine hearing" submitted by Robert Gaffke.
- D. Capecodtimes.com article dated October 25, 2018 titled "Bourne health board declares Plymouth turbines a nuisance" submitted by Robert Gaffke.
- E. Newsok.com article dated November 25, 2018 titled "recent studies show flaw of wind power" submitted by Robert McLean.

6. Report of Committees: None.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Huron County Master Plan. Waiting for information from Clark Hill pertaining to renewable energy.
Chairman McLean commends members for taking time to review the Master Plan.

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Discussion followed.

Heck makes a motion for the county to recommend to townships that commercial solar or wind energy developments not be allowed in parks. Motion rescinded.

B. Huron County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Randy Miller, 911 Director, ask for members have draft survey questions to him by December 13, 2018.

Tenbusch provides sample survey questions.

C. Apple Blossom Wind LLC c/o Sempra U.S. Gas & Power. Compliance report was to be presented to Huron County prior to November 21, 2018. Apple Blossom Wind LLC requested an extension due to main power transformer failure which resulted in de-energization and shutdown of the project for a period of three months (February 10, 2018-May 14, 2018). Zoning Administrator notified Apple Blossom Wind LLC, on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, due to fact the compliance report was not provided to the County within 1 year of commercial operation, the project is considered to be in violation of Article X Section 6 Certification. Apple Blossom Wind LLC has 30 days to correct violation pursuant to the provisions of the Huron County Zoning Ordinance Section 17.05 Enforcement.

D. Commercial Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance.

Members discuss draft Solar Ordinance submitted by Heck.

It was recommended for solar to be referred to as commercial or industrial.

8:59 p.m.

Recess.

9:05 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

8. New Business

A. PA 116 Enrollment Applications:

1. Goebel, Wayne & Sheree, Sec 19 Sebewaing Twp., 57 acres (55 cultivated), 0 bldgs., 20 yrs.

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

9. Final Public Comment:

Robert Gaffke, Bloomfield Township, addresses the board with concern regarding land use.

10. Final Planning Commission Comment:

Members discuss Big Turtle Wind Farm regarding the “clunking” noise. Tenbusch recommends sending a letter to Heritage Sustainable Energy regarding the clunking being a nuisance.

Tenbusch reminds the PC about timelines on moratoriums.

Members discuss marijuana regulations.

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11. Adjournment

Being there was no further business to come before the Planning Commission, it was moved on a motion by Member Robert Tenbusch, to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Member, Terry Heck. Motion carried. Adjournment was at 9:32 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on January 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Room 305.

Robert McLean, Chairman

Julie Epperson, Secretary

Date: _____

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