

March 20, 2014

Members Present: Gary Fetting, Dale Schoen, Scott Franzel , Ed Budzinski, John Bezotte and Sheila Coats, also present Zoning Administrator, Richard Honaman.

Members Absent: Al Stoutenburg

Guests: Ken Stevens of Sandusky Auto Sales

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Gary Fetting, Vice Chairman. All present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

- Additions or corrections to agenda, None.
- Motion to approve minutes by Ed Budzinski, seconded by John Bezotte. Motion carried.

1. Discussion of Wind Ordinance
2. Ken Stevens of Sandusky Auto Sales, wishes to purchase property between him and Stone Builders. Presented preliminary drawings. Gravel lot between the two lots for parking campers and motor homes for sale. Wanted to know if it was possible to combine the 2 lots. Nothing to approve at this time, just wanted some clarification if it was possible to do as he was planning to do.

Gary Fetting made mention we should rework parking requirements. Ed Budzinski wanted a motion to clarify parking requirements. Next meeting parking ordinance should be on agenda.

1. (Continued)

Discussion and review of wind generation ordinance reviewed. Gary said looked agreeable to him. Al Stoutenburg had mentioned that he thought we should mention if there would be buried wire and that GPS would not register where they cross or if they would disturb drains was it their (the Wind Energy companies) responsibility to repair upon completion. Gary stated he never read anything in ordinances that discussed. Al Stoutenburg also stated he felt it was hard to read WET throughout document when words are not written out. He requested large and small be included in descriptions to clarify between large and small WET. Some discussion as to how this would actually lengthen the document and make is possibly harder to read. John Bezotte thinks we should get ordinance in place and fine tune later if needed. Stated we need to publish in the paper and have published for public review. The next step would be to set up a date for public comment before being

presented to planning commission. Township should contact Gary Howell for the legal process to get ordinance enacted. It first must be presented to the Township Board, then to the County Planning Commission and ordinance then comes back to the Board for final adoption of wind generation ordinance.

Gary Fetting asked to have a motion made to proceed with approving ordinance as presented and for Rich Honaman to proceed after contacting Gary Howell, township attorney, to publish in the paper and establish a public hearing for the Wind Energy Ordinance with all due haste. John Bezotte made the motion, seconded by Ed Budzinski. Motion carried.

No further business, motion to adjourn by Gary Fetting, second by Scott Franzel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Sheila Coats
Watertown Township Planning Commission