

Watertown Township
Planning commission
Regular Meeting
September 20, 2012

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

Guests: Robert Perry with Telecomm Tower Group, Joe Weiler.

Members Absent:

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. All present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rich removed #2 item ZBA.

Site plan review for Tower on Joe Weiler property. Robert Perry with Telecom representing them. Exception, further off the road and in the pine trees, move closer to 195 ft self supporting with a maximum of 199 ft, 75 x 75 at base. Available for lease to other wireless providers, based out of Novi, main offices in Texas. Telesight wireless approved on March 18, 2010, originally good for 1 year, issued an extension by Rich. Discussion; no questions or comments. Gary thought they needed to be 2 miles from any other tower.

Motion to approve by Gary Fetting

Ed Budzinski second

Motion carried.

Chairman Stoutenburg asked that minutes be read.

Motion by Ed Budzinski to approve minutes as read.

Dale Schoen second

Motion carried.

Old Business: Discussed certificate for Ron Payne for years of dedicated service.

VFW under control. They are aware of what they need to do, they are trying to raise funds. Gary said they have spoken to Albrecht's about what they need to do to parking lot.

Marijuana – Gary said it got changed to a regulatory ordinance, Township board is dealing with it at the board level.

Windmills - Rich presented a copy of a power point presentation he got at a MTS meeting in Frankenmuth. Any ordinance should be supported by the Master Plan. Master

Plan worked on in 1999 and completed in 2000. Cost approximately \$20,000 then. Discussion of updating Master Plan. Gary had some questions on a windmill ordinance.

Small – Home wind – permitted use would not need a site plan review.

Medium – up to 150 ft.

Large – 150 ft and up

Site Plan Review, would not be Special Use, would be permitted use. Noise – require person to have study done to check background noise prior to windmill put up and get point to start from.

Decommissioning – hire an independent engineer to come up with cost to decommission. When project started come up with money for Township to pay for roads, decibel metering, etc. Gary will make some changes to Gary Howell or Dennis Stein to review. Agreed to have lawyer look it over and review. Possibly set up escrow account to hold monies.

Encourage pooling. Gary will e-mail rough draft to get a copy down to Gary Howell.

Next meeting December 20, 2012.

Motion to adjourn by Gary Fetting

Second by John Bezotte

Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:20 pm