

Township of Nelson  
County of Kent  
2 Maple Street, Sand Lake

Planning Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, January 21, 2009  
7 PM

### **Public Hearings**

The Public Hearing for Wind Turbine Ordinance was called to order at 7:01 p.m.  
Present: Hoffman, VanEnk, McKown, Grifhorst, Dignum, Litwinchuk, Stolk, Zoning Administrator, Jerry Gross, and Attorney, Ross Leisman. Also present: one resident.

Comments from the public on Wind Turbine Ordinance: Colin Cole of 13813 Sunset Shores questioned Section 1 – '65 feet in height' where did they come up with that number?

Public Hearing on Wind Turbine Ordinance was closed at 7:07 p.m.

Commissioner Dignum brought attention to pg. 5 (7) ...'Locations on hilltops or in...'  
OWouldn't a hilltop be the best place for a wind turbine in this area? Delete hilltops.  
Page 8 E (1) change "equipment is no longer operating" to say "equipment is no longer in operation". Page 8 G (1) & (2) need consultation. Hoffman will give ordinance to the Township Board to gather more information . Attorney Leisman will do another draft (#3) and forward it to the township engineer. A motion was made by Litwinchuk to table the ordinance, support by Stolk. 7-Yes 0 No

Public Hearing for Amendments to Zoning of Appeals Regulations was called to order at 7:51 p.m. No comments from the public. Closed public hearing at 7:52 p.m. Hoffman motioned to recommend proposed amendment to Township Board, support by Dignum.  
7 Yes – 0 No

Public Hearing for Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance Amendment was called to order at 8:11 p.m. No comments from the public. Closed public hearing at 8:12 p.m. Commissioner Dignum made a motion to recommend to Township Board for adoption, support by McKown. 7 Yes - 0 No

### **Regular Planning Commission Meeting**

Called regular Planning Commission Meeting to order at 8:18 p.m. Commissioner Stolk motioned to accept minutes from October 15, 2008 with changes, support by McKown.  
7 Yes- 0 No

### **Comments from the Public**

None

### **Unfinished Business**

Michigan Planning Enabling Act – Planning Commission Bylaws – Hoffman motioned to accept bylaws as written, support by Stolk. 7 Yes – 0 No

**New Business**

Appointment of new officers- Commissioner Stolk motioned to reappoint Kevin Grifhorst as Chairman, Bob McKown as Co-Chair and Laura Hoffman as Secretary. Support by Hoffman. 7 Yes- 0 No

**Comments from the Board**

Commissioner Hoffman will email updated Zoning Ordinances if you want it. Otherwise, everyone will get an updated book at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stolk to adjourn with support by McKown. 7 Yes – 0 No. Without objection, the planning commission meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Secretary  
Lisa Heydenburg

Next PC Meeting date is Wednesday, May 20, 2009