

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

Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2009
7PM

The Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Grifhorst, Stolk, Hoffman, Dignum, Litwinchuk, Zoning Administrator, Jerry Gross, and Attorney, Ross Leisman. Also present: Township Supervisor, Glen Armstrong and three residents and two guests.

Commissioner Dignum motioned to accept the January 21, 2009 minutes as written, support by Litwinchuk. 5 Yes – 0 No

Comments from the Public

Joann Weber of 7165 17 Mile Road – has a miniature horse on 1.1 acres. Ordinance states you must have 2 acres. Denise Beckwith of 7125 17 Mile Road is her neighbor and commented on the ordinance being written different when she moved here 14 years ago. Ordinances have been revised since then.

Unfinished Business

Wind Turbine Ordinance – Eugene Pratt of 15361 Pine Lake, along with 2 colleagues, had questions about our ordinance and were able to shed light on many questions the planning commission had about turbines.

Changes to Ordinance 19.5.X:

Pg. 8 – G. strike (1), (2), (3) and add (1) NO Home Built or one-of-a-kind WECS will be allowed.

Pg. 3 – B. (3) ADD (d) Underwriters laboratory listing number for electrical components.

Pg. 2 – 19.5 (1) change last sentence by adding a comma: A WECS shall also include a MET tower, which is a tower containing instrumentation such as anemometers, that is used to assess wind resources.

Pg. 6 – C. (14) change wind farm to WECS.

Define MET (what it stands for).

Commissioner Stolk motioned to approve the Ordinance with changes and recommended it to be sent to the Township Board for approval. Support Hoffman 5 Yes – 0 No

Comments from the Board

Commissioner Stolk commented on Wildwood Lane (private road), no room for firetrucks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stolk to adjourn, support by Dignum. 5 Yes- 0 No
Without objection, the planning commission meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Secretary
Lisa Heydenburg

Next PC Meeting date is August 19, 2009