

Minutes of the Planning Commission  
Held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008-7pm including Public Hearing  
Portion on Wind Energy Systems held in the Town Hall

Members Present: Jim Pope-Chair, Traverse Scholz-Vice Chair, Ted Shepardson, Shelley Worley, Jim Morgan. Absent: Mike Rexford, Dave Johnson.

Meeting was called to order by Jim Pope at 7pm. Chair asked if anyone wanted the May minutes read; Motion was made by Traverse to accept the minutes of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as presented, seconded by Ted Shepardson. Carried Unanimously.

Chair opened the floor for Dan Leonard representative from Main St. Planning to address the public present with the summary of our Draft Ord. dated-June 19<sup>th</sup>, 08. Dan went thru the items the board updated from the May meeting, and also asked the board to possibly reconsider the rotor or blade clearance (item#4-Special Use Permit section). The idea was to go lower in the minimum of clearance to allow for less restrictions on the property owner, who might be limited because of closeness of buildings on their property. Dan also asked the board about the idea behind the access drives.

At 7:20pm Jim Pope-chair opened the public portion of the hearing. Jeff Harrington spoke to us on his concern with having residential or ag restrictions on those wanting to put up a unit over 65ft. He asked the board to consider a one to one ratio, and not require residents to go thru the Special Use process. Jim Pope did field his questions, and Dan also did answer some initial background for Mr. Harringtons' question of a science project and the need to have a permit. Charles Franks had some questions on the why we are not going higher with the height requirement. Jim and Dan both gave answers to his concerns. Dan did mention to the audience that our current zoning map shows that we have many areas that would already fall into the Special Use area, but need to go thru the process because of the health, welfare and safety issues that have been discussed. Chair asked if there were any other comments, none at that time he closed the public hearing at 8pm.

Jim then opened the Planning Commission discussion with how do we address the science project or other projects that may be entertaining in nature. Dan suggested that he talk with Tim Johnson and see if that is already addressed in our draft, or that we possibly identify those as different uses. We also discussed access drives; (item i-Site Plan Req/Special Use permit). The thought was to leave as printed, and that this item along with the bond issue, are items that are conditional which the Planning Commission can bring up at the time of the Site Plan process. Jim asked for any comments on the request to change the height for special use, and the request to change the permitted use to include a one to one ratio for residents without going thru the special use process. Members are happy with the current language. Motion was made by Traverse to change the rotor or blade clearance to 40ft(item#4-Special Use), seconded by Jim Morgan. Carried Unanimously. The board did decide to table the recommendation to the Twp. Board, until we hear from Main St. on how to properly address those projects that might be a science project or similar in nature. Motion made by Shelley to adjourn at 8:20pm, seconded by Jim Morgan. Carried Unanimously. Next mtg-July17th, 2008 at 7pm.

