



DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Jan. 10, 2012 Deerfield Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jim Wynes

PRESENT: Josh Wheaton, Al Johns, Virginia Wood, Chairman Jim Wynes, John Montross, Jim Ball, and Zoning Administrator Roger Lintemuth

ABSENT: Ward Forquer

ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: None. Motion to approve by Wood seconded by Johns. Approved 6-0

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Motion to approve by Wood seconded by Ball. Passed 6-0

Zoning Administrator's Report:

1. Regarding signs in the right of way: Roger informed the board that we are currently following what other townships and the county are doing regarding this matter. That is that any sign may be removed by any individual that is affiliated with the county or township. Johns suggested that anytime we see a sign we should take a photo of it. This was per an attorney opinion regarding the matter. Roger was glad to announce that the township has been free of any signs for two to three weeks.
2. Regarding size limits on storage buildings: Roger informed us that he had received an opinion from the township attorney that our township ordinance indicates that if you are inside an agricultural zoned area then the storage building size limits do not apply.

Public comment: None

Old Business:

1. Regarding parking enforcement: Johns suggested that the board begin to work on creating a parking ordinance so that local police agencies can begin enforcing it. Roger indicated that he will obtain a copy of Union Townships parking ordinance to use as a guideline.
2. Regarding wind energy ordinance: Roger informed the board that we have a rough draft for a wind energy ordinance for homes/farms. He suggested that we wait until all of the board's revisions and corrections to the current township ordinance are completed before we send it off to the attorney for approval.
3. Regarding revisions to the current township ordinances: Roger indicated that some ordinances contradict another. Wood suggested that we each take a portion to review and make the appropriate corrections to be presented to the board at a later date. She indicated that was done in 2007 and it seemed to work ok. Through discussion the board has decided that all members will review sections 1 and 2 and make corrections and revisions to whatever we find inappropriate. We will then compare notes at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Adjournment: Wood motion to adjourn seconded by Johns. Passed 6-0. Adjourned 7:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 13th, 2012