



WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

THURSDAY August 17, 2023, 7:00PM

Website: wheatfieldtwpmi.gov

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kapp at 7:00PM.

Roll Call: Mitch Adelman, Denny Kapp, Violet Lentz, James Scherer and Michael Kapp, present. Also attending: Zoning Administrator Wayne Myers and Recording Secretary Barb Bidigare.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by D. Kapp to approve agenda as written, seconded by M. Adelman. All were in favor – motion carried.

Approval of minutes of July 20, 2023: Motion by V. Lentz to approve minutes of July 20, 2023 with three corrections, seconded by M. Adelman. All were in favor – motion carried.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:10PM. Three people spoke. Topics included the draft WES ordinance amendments and banquet/event facilities in the township. Public comment closed at 7:14PM.

Correspondence: None

Zoning Administrator Report:

- Increase in fees for a Special Use Application review appeared to have an impact on one resident's request.
- The Zoning Administrator is attending a round table discussion with our County Commissioner August 18 and can take any questions from the Planning Commission to the discussion.
- A resident raised concern that there is no ordinance restricting the removal of trees that add to the Township's esthetic.
- The Zoning Administrator is meeting with representatives from Williamston and Williamstown Township to consider joint planning. Considerations of regional planning will be brought back to the Planning Commission.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: None

Board of Trustees Report: D. Kapp reported that at the August 8 meeting the Board of Trustees passed the Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance Renewal.

New Business: None

Old Business: The Wind Energy System (WES) ordinance amendment as revised August 17, 2023, was previously distributed to Commission members and posted on the Township's website. Revisions had been made as requested by the Planning Commission. Some discussion on the need to address WESs with horizontal blades with a decision to address this in the future if needed. Consensus was voiced to proceed with scheduling the public hearing. Of the dates of availability offered by the Township Planner, consensus was reached to schedule the public hearing tentatively on October 11 or 24 at 6:00PM.

Other Matters: M. Adelman asked what follow up was being done concerning the resident who brought up the barn/event Special Use issue during Public Comment. Wayne Myer follow up with Mr. Bjorlie.

Next Meeting: The next regular meetings on September 21 and October 19 are cancelled unless some matter comes up due to the WES public hearing being held in October.

Motion to Adjourn: By V. Lentz, seconded by M. Adelman. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:42PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James Scherer, Planning Commission Secretary.