

# Jonesfield Township

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

### MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 19, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Bluemer, John Siler, Mike Kenny, Kathy Nock, Mike Keenan

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: 8 guests present

Approval of minutes from previous meeting. Motion by M. Kenny to approve minutes, support by J. Siler. Motion was passed.

Additions to agenda: None

Public Comment: General – None

Continue discussion on Wind Ordinance Revisions:

- Mike and Emily from DTE and Jason from Atwell were present for questions
- DTE drafted a proposal of changes they would like to see for the Planning Commission to review
- Public Comments:
  - Public comments continue to lean towards opening up A2 zone for wind turbines. It is also felt that the amount of setback from non-participating properties is too excessive, as it will exclude several surrounding properties.
- **A1 & A2:** After much discussion a motion was made by J. Siler and supported by K. Nock to change our current ordinance, which states that only A1 is available for turbines, to allow both A1 and A2 in the Wind Ordinance. Motion was carried by a 4 – 1 vote. A1 and A2 will now be available to have turbines.
- **Setbacks:** Current setbacks are 1400 feet from non-participating property lines, and 1400 feet from inhabited structures.
  - DTE has offered to create maps showing our setback limits @ 1400' from non-participating property lines as well as 1400' from inhabited structures in both A1 and A2 zones. They will also create maps using Wheeler Township's less restrictive ordinance parameters. These maps will show areas available for wind turbines in each zone under both parameters.
  - These should be available to board members by April 26, 2018.

Motion was made by Mike Kenny to adjourn

Seconded by John Siler

Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm.

Next meeting, May 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm.