

Jonesfield Township
Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes for May 09, 2018

- Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm
- All members were present (Bluemer, Keenan, Kenny(late), Siler, Nock)
- Vote to approve minutes from previous meeting – 04/19/18
 - J. Siler – moved
 - M. Keenan – support
 - Motion carried
- Additions to agenda – None
- Public comment:
 - Paul Funk was in attendance. He is a land surveyor with DTE. He introduced himself and had questions on how we arrived at our current setback figures. He did mention that parcels under 20 acres that were in the footprint would receive \$1,000/year.
- Closed public comment to continue discussion on wind ordinance draft
 - Setbacks: Page 7
 - Setbacks to county drains will remain at 1 times the overall height of the turbine
 - Item G. a) Setback from inhabited structure will change to 1,000' for participants.
 - Item G. b) Inhabited dwelling of non-participants will remain at 1,400'. However, by a split roll call vote, the distance from a turbine and non-participating property line will be 1 times the overall turbine height.
 - J. Siler – 1.0x, M. Kenny – 1,000', M. Keenan – 1,000', D. Bluemer – 1.0x, K. Nock – 1.0x
 - Item G. c) the distance between the turbine and the center of the road & d) the distance from the turbine and any overhead utility lines shall both be 1.25 times the overall turbine height.
 - These will also both be measured from their centerline – roadway and utility corridor.
 - Addition: verbiage has been added to accommodate the use of property lines of 2 adjacent participating property owners for easements. Verbiage was given by P. Funk of DTE: Adjacent participating parcels under a wind develop agreement shall have no property line distance setback or constraints between them.
 - Sound: Page 11
 - 12. a) Measurements should be taken 50' from exterior wall of occupied residence which side is facing the turbine.
 - Adjustments to sound chart:
 - Removing 40 decibel line from non-participating, and making it 45 decibels for all 24 hours/day.
 - Participating will remain 50 decibels form 7am – 10pm and decrease to 45 decibels from 10pm – 7am.

*no motion
made just
discussion
choose to
do roll call
vote to list
each
option*

- Shadow Flicker: Page 10
 - Possibly need to review definition of inhabited structure on page 2
 - Item 11. a) Shadow flicker at participating inhabited structures will remain at 20 hours. DTE has asked us to reconsider this.
 - Item 11. b) There shall be no shadow flicker allowed on non-participating Inhabited structures. DTE has asked us to reconsider this.
- On page 18, item c) the depth of removal of caisson and all other components will be changed from 6' below original grade to 4', which aligns with the contract the participating landowners signed with DTE.
- Rollcall vote was taken to determine if the planning commission was prepared to send the wind ordinance through to a public hearing.
 - J. Siler – yes, M. Keenan – yes, R. Bluemer – yes, M. Kenny – yes, K. Nock – yes
 - Passed
- Next step: Larry Tibbits will update wind ordinance with changes made this evening. Once changes are made and verified by R. Bluemer and K. Nock, a date will be determined for public hearing. Marcia Stanley and Larry Tibbits will need approx. 4 weeks to get notices of hearing out.
- New Business – None
- Old Business – None
- Extended public comment:
 - Lee Glazier – appreciates the changes made and how the commission listened to his suggestions and concerns, along with all the time they have spent on this project.
 - Paul Funk – Sharing concerns with the commission keeping a 1.0x overall height from county drains. Also, that keeping a zero hours of shadow flicker on non-participating inhabited structures may stop availability.
 - Roger Poscal – People were at Saginaw County Courthouse trying to get a petition signed to put on the ballot whether to allow turbines in Saginaw County at all.
- Date and time for next general meeting will be July 9th at 7:00 pm
- Motion by M. Keenan to adjourn
 - Support by J. Siler
 - Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm

Guests:

Larry Tibbits, Lee Glazier, Stan Brown, Roger Poscal, Rodney Frost, Tom & Sue Moulton, Michael Sage, Jason Hannath, Paul, Funk

***Note:** It was determined to keep everything consistent by using the overall turbine height (499 ft.), and not use hub height for any measurements.

****Note:** All references to wind ordinance draft will be referring to the draft dated 4/19/18.