

Westfield Township Zoning Commission Minutes

August 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sturdevant at 7:33 pm. Members in attendance: Greg Brezina, Jill Kemp, Scott Anderson, Dennis Hoops, Heather Sturdevant and Zoning Secretary Sherry Clarkson. Member absent: Sue Brewer. Guests in attendance: Gary Harris and Ron Oiler.

Meeting Minutes of July 31st 2012

The minutes were emailed along with handed out to members present. Chairman Sturdevant asked if there were any changes and/or additions to the minutes. There being none, **a motion was made by Jill Kemp to approve the minutes as presented. A second to the motion was made by Scott Anderson. A roll call was taken: Greg Brezina-aye; Jill Kemp-aye, Scott Anderson-aye; Dennins Hoops-abstain; Heather Sturdevant-aye. The motion passes.**

Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2012

The minutes were emailed along with handed out to members present. Chairman Sturdevant asked if there were any changes and/or additions to the minutes. There being none, **a motion was made by Greg Brezina to approve the minutes as presented. A second to the motion was made by Scott Anderson. A roll call was taken: Greg Brezina-aye; Jill Kemp-aye; Scott Anderson-aye; Dennis Hoops-abstain; Heather Sturdevant-aye. The motion passes.**

Highway Commercial Update

Information was forwarded to the Planning Commission along with Prosecutor's office. To date nothing has been received.

Education Update

Heather Sturdevant advised she talked to Bill Thorne about doing a training presentation to members. He advised he will not have time to do a presentation (e.g. like what was done for Planning Services,) whereby doing a Power Point presentation, as he does not have time to prepare for this type of training presentation. He did state however he will have time, if the board selects five subjects or so that we would like to discuss and putting this information out to other townships; we could do a question/answer session. He will be getting back to Heather regarding some dates that he will be available. The comments made by the board were that all were in favor of this type of training. It was noted that other townships would be invited and the training session could be held at the township hall. It was noted Zoning Commissions along with Board of Zoning Appeals members would be included and invited. It was asked of members if there were any topics that they would like to see discussed. Members asked for time to think about this and it was noted that we will be discussing this further at the September meeting.

Other Items

Questions arose regarding Junk vehicles. Matt was trying to enforce this; he even went to the Prosecutor's office for further discussion. It was noted that we can't enforce due to our definition. Matt

asked for a new definition of Junk Vehicles. The Prosecutor's office sent us exactly the same definition we had prior and already have. I guess we could ask Planning Services for some definitions and put together something and take before the Prosecutor's office for review, noted Chairman Sturdevant.

Update on Wind Energy Systems

Chairman Sturdevant advised of an update on the Small Wind Energy Systems. It was noted the trustees will not be allowing any homemade units but will stay with a Wind Study Assessment being done anything over 35 ft. which is our maximum building height. Chairman Sturdevant asked one of the trustees if they would be willing to provide an update to members.

Mr. Gary Harris spoke to the members and advised the reason for the study is that the trustees cannot enforce height restrictions due to the lay of the land, location, elevations etc., and were advised of this by the Prosecutor's office. It was noted that this would need to be done if a wind system would be over 35 ft and it would be necessary to have a study done in order to obtain a permit. Questions arose to who does it and it was noted that as long as this study is done by an industry professional it would not matter. It was noted that setbacks also would control height. It was noted that the cost of the assessment would be in line with the purchase of the system. The company selling the system should do the study.

The next public hearing will be August 20, 2012 in addressing Wind Energy Systems. A public hearing on September 6th will be addressing Woodburners.

Next scheduled zoning commission meeting will be September 11, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

With no further business to discuss it was asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **A motion was made by Jill Kemp to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Scott Anderson. All members were in favor.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Sherry Clarkson, Zoning Secretary

Heather Sturdevant, Chairman

Date

Jill Kemp, Co-Chairman

Date



9/11/12

Scott Anderson, Member

Date



9/11/12

Greg Brezina, Member

Date



9/14/12

Dennis Hoops, Member

Date