

Watson Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2010

1. Call meeting to order

Chairperson David Carter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: All recited the pledge.

3. Roll call

Present: David Carter, Beverly McKinnon, Michelle Harris, Bruce Bos, Rod Zeinstra, Troy Baker, and Barbara Wrobleski. Visitors present: John Langlois.

4. Approval of Minutes

Rod made the motion to accept the September 22, 2010, minutes with corrections. Correction; Gary Davis should be Gary Davison and add an e to reference in new business. Seconded by Beverly. All approved.

5. Public Comments and Communications

None

6. Approval of Agenda

Troy made the motion to accept the Agenda. Seconded by Bruce. All approved.

7. New Business

1. Langlois Special Use Permit.

John Langlois has 107 acres on 121st avenue. He would like to build a 100x100ft. barn on this property. The area that he wants to build on is 7 acres. 220ft. By .25 of a mile. It is used for a driveway. He talked to Kurt at PCI and to Kevin Kutscher, the Watson Township Assessor. They told him he may need to rezone and get a Special Use Permit. So he came to the Planning Commission to ask what to do next. John has a heavy construction business. He would like to store some equipment in this barn. Also to work on the equipment there. In the future he would like to have cattle in the same barn. He would like to build a house on this farm in the future. He wants to build grain dryers on this same driveway. Discussion. The Planning Commission suggest that John only needs a special use permit. No rezoning.

Rod moved that the Planning Commission set up a special use permit Public Hearing at the next meeting on January 26th, 2011. Seconded by Michelle. All approved. John has to fill out the necessary papers with Kelli the township clerk, and do the paper work for a public hearing. He has to get the papers to the office

by the first week of January in order for the secretary to have time to let the newspaper and the property owners within 300ft. of John Langlois property know. If he fails to do this we will not have a public hearing.

8. Old Business

1. Review wind power/solar energy/wood burners zoning ordinance reference material

Rod told the planning commission about an article in MTA that there will be some Michigan zoning about wood burners soon. The Watson Township Board would like the rules to be township ordinances. Rod will E-mail all pc members a set of zoning about wood burners. We should review these before the January meeting. Dave suggested having Mark Sission come to a meeting and help us with the zoning rules.

9. Any other Business/on going Business

None

10. Adjourn Meeting

Michelle made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. Seconded by Bruce. All approved.



-Barbara Wroblewski