

Watson Township Planning Commission
March 28, 2012
Regular Meeting

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: Troy Baker, Bruce Bos, David Carter, Michelle Harris, Beverly McKinnon and Barbara Wrobleski. Absent: Rod Zeinstra was at a Watson Township meeting in the office. Also present was Mark Sisson.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Beverly to accept the February 1st, 2012 minutes with typing corrections. Seconded by Bruce. All approved.

5. Public Comments and Communications

None

6. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Michelle to accept the agenda. Seconded by Beverly. All approved.

7. New Business

1. None.

8. Old Business

1. General law ordinance related to installation and use of outdoor furnaces. Dave told the Planning Commission about comments made at the March 1st, Watson Township Board Meeting about the use of outdoor furnaces. The Township sent the ordinance back to the Planning Commission. Discussion with Mark about the comments made by the public and the township board. On #A second sentence ADD: An outdoor furnace may only be located within a yard fronting a street if it is screened by topography and or vegetation and therefore not visible from the street. NOTE: To Watson Township Board. #6. What it does--It allows the Watson Township Board to adjust or waive certain requirements without charging a fee or having a public hearing. Motion made by Beverly to send ordinance back to the Watson Township Board

with comments and changes. Seconded by Bruce. All approved.

2. Wind Turbine & solar panel ordinances.

Mark suggested that the Planning Commission focus should be on a personal basis, like your own property, and also some for commercial property. Discussion on Draft #1-10-11 Wind Energy System and the Wind Energy System from Leighton and Wayland City models. Mark will take the Planning Commission ideas and comments and reconstruct the Draft # 1-10-11 Wind Energy System. Mark passed out papers on Solar Energy to all Planning Commission members. At the April 25th, meeting the Planning Commission will work on finalizing the Wind and Solar ordinance. Maybe have a public hearing this summer.

9. Any other Business/On Going Business

None

10. Adjourn Meeting

Motion made by Bruce to adjourn meeting at 9:10pm, seconded by Troy. All approved.

-Barbara Wrobleski