

Watertown Township
Planning commission
Regular Meeting
June 21, 2012

Members Present: Ed Budzinski, Gary Fetting, Dale Schoen, Al Stoutenburg, Scott Franzel and Sheila Coats, also present Dick Henderson and Richard Honaman, Zoning Administrator. John Bezotte arrived later.

Members Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. All present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Al Stoutenburg called meeting to order and discussed thanking Ron Payne for his years of service. There was a board resolution to thank Ron Payne for 25 years of service.

There was a welcome to Scott Franzel who has agreed to serve on the Planning Commission Board.

Motion by Ed Budzinski

Second by Gary Fetting

Motion Carried.

Officer Election:

Chairman: Al Stoutenburg **Motion** made by Gary Fetting, **Second** by Ed Budzinski

Vice Chairman: Gary Fetting **Motion** made by Sheila Coats, **Second** by Dale Schoen

Secretary: Sheila Coats **Motion** by Ed Budzinski, **Second** by Gary Fetting

Motions Carried.

Appeal Board Appointments:

Appoint Dale Schoen **Motion** made by Al Stoutenburg, **Second** by Ed Budzinski

Motion Carried.

Discussion regarding John Bezotte's excellent service at maintaining minutes by Dick Henderson.

Discussed 5 year plan for VFW parking lot. Initially presented 5 year plan, Rich will monitor them as they proceed in the future. Dick discussed VFW will have no parking on road. VFW had contacted County, they said to contact the Township regarding parking on road. Rich will work with them on their plan to blacktop parking lot.

Chairman Stoutenburg asked that the minutes be read.

Motion by Gary Fetting to approve the minutes as read.

Second by Ed Budzinski

Motion Carried.

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Marijuana – should we pass anything at township level. Discussion – Gary Howell will let us know how it was taken care of at next meeting, regulatory ordinance.

Windmills – Suggest start at top and go down thru list, what do we like and possible additions to chart put together on “Wind Energy Issues Worksheet.” Ed suggested we use Elmwood as a guideline and make possible changes to theirs. Discussed bonding issues, 30-50 years life. Rich said on news County is trying to get out of bonding. Cost is 50,000 to 100,000 to tear down. Ed presented Elmwood, Gary said Township created overlay district. Township would declare where districts would be. No high ridges in Watertown Township.

D-1 Decommissioning if 24 months vacant – Use Ottawa’s decommissioning language.

Electromagnetic – Not allowed, Ottawa Twp

Erosion – Show compliance with State guidelines, soil erosion & sedimentation

Flicker – 30 hours per year require study, impact study lighting from FAA concerns.

Hub Height – Clearance from blade height, max height, clearance 75 , hub height 275

Human Health – skip over

Infrastructure – Travel Plan & repairing at their own expense by owner, operator

Large Wind Generation – difference of large & small wind generation.

Noise – discourage limiting, Use Bridgehampton

Property Values – Form – File a claim against windmill

Safety – Follow all Federal & State laws, gates, fencing, etc.

Setbacks – Hub height, or ¼ mile, or sign an easement.

Encourage Pooling – makes people happier & Define pooling

Setbacks Public Roads, Lines, Utilities – generally less 1 ½ hub height

Setbacks Property Line Participating – Use Structure Setbacks

Setback Structures Participating – 1 ½ hub height or 1000 feet

Small Wind Generation – Residential windmills, exempt from large windmill requirements, use Elmwood rules.

Utilities to Connect Point – Underground

Visual Impact – See Sheet, no change

Wildlife / Hunting – Submit on Avian Analysis

Regulation – Permit required, Site plan, Construction Bond, Plan Review.

Need to address Fire Protection, Watch and Burn, Clean-up / EPA, DEQ would handle.

Send to Gary Howell for review. All agreed, ready to submit.

Any comments: Solar Panel at Caulkins is quite noticeable. Next meeting is September 20, 2012, 3rd Thursday of September.

John Bezotte agreed to accept appointment to Board.

Motion to Adjourn by John Bezotte,

Second by Ed Budzinski.

Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm