

Watertown Township
Planning commission
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2012

Members Present: Ron Payne, Ed Budzinski, Gary Fetting, Dale Schoen and Sheila Coats, also present Richard Honaman, Zoning Administrator.

Members Absent: Al Stoutenburg and John Bezotte

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

First on the agenda was a discussion Higgins Mfg sign. Rich had discussed with Higgins and found out set back rules, did not want to set back into field as far as required. They withdrew their request.

Second was the discussion of wind energy ordinance development. Rich discussed whether we should allow or not allow; make rules unfriendly to possible sights "For any adjoining property 1320 feet from any properties." Rich compared the big items of issue. MSU says 40 db. Rich looked to Marion Twp of Delaware Twp to see their requirements. Look into variances and setback rules. Governor has decided from Personal Property Tax standpoint down to 30% value after 5 years. Ed presented a modified version of Elmwood Wind Energy Ordinance.

- Be restrictive:
 - cross road – have to repair road
 - corner reconstruction
 - drain on gravel in County

Ed presented his copy of proposed 85% in favor of new transmission line, many new jobs provided. Ron discussed height of Minden (300 - 400 ft was discussed).

It was decided to have a workshop on April 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Need to look into PPT rate, setbacks, height and decibels.

Gary has a 5 year plan from VFW parking lot expansion:

1. Clear out and gravel base
2. 1st layer of asphalt
3. Final level of asphalt

This year finalize lay out and plan future expansions. Clear any obstructions, core testing, provisions for drainage and topsoil. Up to 1 ft gravel and then crushed stone.

4. 2014 – base level or 2 phases
 - Phase 1 – do whole parking lot, base course and top course for 75 spaces
 - Next year 121 spaces

Motion to postpone by Gary Fetting

Ed Budzinski second
Motion carried.

Ron Payne provided a letter of resignation effective April 1, 2012, dated March 12, 2012 after 25 years of service. It was discussed that Rick Pangburn was interested in Planning Commission position. He would be notified of vacancy.

Motion to adjourn by Ed Budzinski
Second by Gary Fetting
Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:15 pm