

Milton Township
Planning Commission
Approved Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2009

Members present: Stilson, Hefferan, Merillat, Kingon, Luckett, Cole and Kopkau

Also present: Weinzapfel and two audience members.

Stilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of past minutes dated December 9, 2008.

Wind Energy Subcommittee Report: check spelling of "leery."

Motion to approve as amended by Cole. Seconded by Luckett. Motion carried.

Meetings and Announcements:

Please see the agenda for upcoming meetings.

Two new members are present. Terrie Kopkau and Bob Kingon.

Cole said the two new members were approved by the Township Board at their meeting last night.

Luckett said the ZBA did not meet this month.

Jim McKimmy has resigned due to health concerns.

Approval of Agenda:

Remove #4: Getting a Planner.

Add: Subcommittee creation for new business in the Village of Kewadin.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Cole. Seconded by Kingon. Motion carried.

Wind Energy Systems Subcommittee Report

McKimmy has resigned and a new person is needed. Stilson will become the third person. The next meeting date will be January 19th at 5:15pm. Luckett said the proposed ordinance is not very user friendly. Have the members looked at a better way to present the information for an individual? Any way to simplify it? The subcommittee will look into this.

Home Business Subcommittee Report

Cole said it would be best to meet in a work session with the full planning commission to explain what is in the proposed ordinance and why. The work session of the full board will meet January 20th at 6 pm. The draft currently under review is #15, Nov. 17, 2008.

Ordinance Review Subcommittee Report

Cole said there are about one or two meetings left before a consultant will need to be brought in to finish things off. At that point, we can put out some bids once we know exactly what we want that person to do. The subcommittee now consists of Cole and Merillat and Weinzapfel is assisting. Stilson will also step in and serve as the third member. The next meeting date is January 26th at 9am.

Non-Conforming Lots Subcommittee Report:

Cole provided a draft of the proposed ordinance. He requested that the board members review this and give feedback. Cole gave a brief history on the necessity for this ordinance. Cole said there would be no fees involved for applicants. Luckett asked what “ground floor” was. It includes house and any accessory structure(s).

Keith Termaat asked regarding height. Cole said height is addressed.

Bylaws Subcommittee Report

This will be discussed next month.

Signs Subcommittee Report

Luckett said the subcommittee met on December 18th. The group decided to take a fresh look at the proposed ordinance and discussed some of the changes. This updated draft will be sent to the full board for review at the next meeting.

Set Meeting Dates for Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

The March meeting time will be changed to 8 pm to accommodate training.

Election of Officers:

Motion by Cole to have Stilson serve as Chair, Hefferan as vice chair and Merillat as Secretary. Seconded by Kingon. Motion carried.

Special Use Permit in Village Zone Subcommittee (Abacus Tax Service and Blackmore Property Maintenance) Hefferan has a conflict of interest as he is related to the owners of Abacus Tax Service. Kingon, Luckett and Cole will meet on January 20th at 4 pm.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat
Secretary