

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2010**

START TIME: 7:03 p.m.

END TIME: 7:57 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Buchanan
Larry Claycomb
Rod Groff
Steve Zeigler
Tracy Gleim
Jim Dries

STAFF PRESENT:

Margie Flatley-Carpenter, CMT, Secretary
Mark D. Carpenter, Zoning Officer

MEMBERS & STAFF ABSENT:

Tracey Gillespie
Bud Grove, Township Engineer

AGENDA:

1. APPROVE PAST MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2010
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. REORGANIZATION – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
ELECT CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR FOR 2010 YEAR
4. TPF 09-6 PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
NEW REGULATIONS FOR WIND TURBINE GENERATORS

MEETING MINUTES

Larry Claycomb called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVE PAST MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2010

Steve Zeigler made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010, meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Michael Buchanan and passed unanimously.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Claycomb asked for public comment and there was none.

**REORGANIZATION – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
ELECT CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR FOR 2010 YEAR**

Rod Groff made a motion that the officers stay the same as in 2009; with Larry Claycomb for Chairperson and Tracy Gleim for Vice-Chairperson. It was seconded by Michael Buchanan and passed unanimously.

**TPF 09-6 PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
NEW REGULATIONS FOR WIND TURBINE GENERATORS**

Larry Claycomb explained that he wanted to have this meeting because of the currently increasing costs for electricity and the subsequent increase in interest in alternative energy generation commercially and by individuals. He felt that this meeting should be held in order to move this issue along. Different opinions were expressed on both sides of the issue. Rod Groff expressed a concern about how it would look if there were windmills all over the township, but he recognizes that people are interested in having the right to use windmills.

Michael Buchanan made the following motion:

“I move that we provide the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment for New Regulations for Wind Turbine Generators to the Board of Supervisors and recommend their approval.”

It was seconded by Tracy Gleim and passed unanimously.

The Board of Supervisors will consider it at their next meeting, Friday, February 26, 2010. Larry Claycomb will attend that meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Larry Claycomb asked if the Zoning Hearing Board had approved the Ahn Lee request. Mark Carpenter explained that they had approved the request with a condition that they would not be allowed to operate at night. In regard to the Fine Line Auto Body special exception request, the Zoning Hearing Board hearing will be on Wednesday.

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There being no further business, Tracy Gleim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Zeigler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Margie Flatley-Carpenter, CMT
Secretary to the Planning Commission