

Banks Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2009

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Acting chair Marv Rubingh at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll/ Recognition of visitors: Planning commission members present: Bill Austin, Sarah Essenberg, Dave Muladore, Marv Rubingh. Also present, Consultant Mary Campbell, sec'y Irene Shooks, ZA Andy Veenstra. Audience members: Dave Heeres, Rick Beemon, Gary Strange

3. Approval of Minutes: MMS by Essenberg, Austin to approve minutes of July 13, 2009 meeting. MC

4. Public Hearing: None scheduled

5. Public comment on non-agenda items:

Dave Heeres had a few questions on a potential project. Commissioners gave guidance as to procedure.

Rick Beemon stated his lawyer did not submit any language change, but would be doing so soon.

MMS by Rubingh, Muladore, to table discussion of 'cabin' amendment proposal until the next regular Planning Commission meeting, September 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. MC

6. Response and comment from commissioners: none

7. Reports:

Zoning board of Appeals: none

Zoning Administrator Andy had fielded questions on a private road issue. Because it is a private road, it is not a township issue. Amy Jenema submitted a recent split that had been granted, off Richardson road.

Township Board representative: the Phragmites estimates were lower than the Board thought they would be

Planning Consultant apart from "old business":

Review and discussion on comments received from the County Planning Commission, on the proposed Wind Turbine Generator text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

MMS by Rubingh, Muladore to reaffirm the Planning Commission recommendation to the Township Board for approval of the Wind Turbine Generator text amendment as drafted. MC

8. Old Business


Discussion of an Updating of Master Plan: Commissioners to continue plugging away at looking at the current Land Use Plan, and will be prepared to discuss necessary changes/corrections at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Zoning Ordinance: After looking at the lists of Permitted uses by zoning district versus uses allowed without any permit, commission will consider, as part of a future amendment, removing Hunting and Fishing from list of permitted uses, as this use would be allowed whether or not it is listed.

9. New Business/ announcements/correspondence:

Ag zoning and right to farm workshop, Sept 23rd, Emmet County Fairgrounds, sponsored by NWMCOG and MSUE

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m


Bill Austin, sec'y


Irene Shooks, rec'g sec'y