

Portland Township Planning Commission Minutes

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

Mark Simon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll was taken by Sue Van Lente.

Present: Sue Van Lente, Julius Platte, Clyde Woodman, Bill Manning, Mark Simon, Ron Carleton, Kami Brown

Absent: Bill Vallier, Geri Simon

Guests: Jeanne VanderSloot, Jerry Tiemann

Minutes of the November 2008 meeting were read and accepted. Motion by Julius Platte, seconded by Mark Simon to approve. All were in favor.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Review of Bylaws---Planning Enabling Act: Jean handed out sample bylaws from the MTA. We will review and plan to go over our existing bylaws at the November meeting.

Review Member Expirations---Mark Simon, Ron Carleton and Clyde Woodman's terms will expire in November. All three men would like to remain on the Planning Commission. Motion by Julius to recommend to the township board that all three be reappointed. Seconded by Bill Manning. All were in favor.

Wind Turbines---Discussion about the possibility of wind turbines becoming an issue in the future. Several other townships are addressing this now by adding language to their zoning ordinances. Danby Township has finalized theirs and is ready to take it to a public hearing. Jeanne will e-mail Danby's language. We will discuss further at the November meeting.

Future Meetings:

The next regular meeting will be held on November 4, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Mark Simon, seconded by Ron Carleton to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Van Lente, Secretary.