

Portland Township Planning Commission Minutes

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

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, Mark Simon, Ron Carleton, Bill Vallier, Geri Simon, Bill Manning, Kami Brown

Absent: None

Guests: Jeanne Vandersloot, Jerry Tiemann, Don Remboski

Minutes of the November 2009 meeting were read and accepted. Motion by Julius Platte, seconded by Geri Simon to approve. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Wind Energy Conversion (WEC) Systems---Members began to review and discuss the WEC ordinance from Danby Township. The first four pages were covered, with much discussion and a few suggested changes made. The remaining portion of the ordinance will be discussed at the next meeting(s), before a recommendation is made to the township board.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Officers were elected for the next calendar year.

Secretary: Sue Van Lente, nominated by Mark, seconded by Geri, all in favor.

Vice President: Bill Vallier, nominated by Mark, seconded by Ron, all in favor.

President: Mark Simon, nominated by Ron, seconded by Clyde, all in favor.

Rezoning of Goodman Property: A public hearing will be held at the May meeting to assign a zoning designation to the Goodman property to Agriculture. The property recently was detached from the City of Portland and annexed into Portland Township.

Number of Meetings Per Year: The township attorney gave an opinion that the Planning Commission is required to hold four meetings per year, whether there is anything on the agenda or not.

Public Comments:

Jeanne gave a list of Citizen Planner classes that are upcoming around the state.

Jeanne spoke about a possible infraction by residents on Maynard Road, who are running an internet business out of their house. She will contact them and continue to investigate.

Planning Commission Member Comments

Future Meetings:

The next regular meeting will be held on May 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Julius Platte, seconded by Bill Vallier to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Van Lente, Secretary.