

Columbia Township
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 14, 2013

1) Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Roger Gaede.

2) Roll Call, Willerer, Jeffreys, Mahr, Gaede, Reynolds, McKay.
Absent Jarvis

3)Public Comments None

4) Approval of Agenda.
Motion by Reynolds seconded by Mahr.
Vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed.

5)Approval of May 7, 2013 minutes.
Motion by Willerer seconded by McKay.
Vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed.

6) Site Plan Application for Consumers Energy West Clark Lake Substation.

Gaede opened meeting explaining the procedures and rules for the site plan review.

Keith Southworth Planner for Consumers Energy and Arron Fisk Consumers Energy Representative opened meeting explaining project and that a 10 yr study had been done to locate the sub station at Clark Lake and to locate it on the Clark Lake Lions property.

Gaede discussed drawings dated July 1 2012.

Jeffreys questioned distance to the Clark Lake Trail, Southworth stated approx 210 ft to trail.

Discussion followed by members.

Gaede questioned foundation , Southworth stated it is concrete surrounded by stone, more general questions by Gaede followed.

McKay questioned fence height , stated it was 8 ft. More discussion on fence and the material used and weather or not it was partial dielectric.

Discussion held about safety and precautions taken to keep animals out of substation.

Mahr questioned more on animal protection for sub station.

Willerer questioned is this a standard designed sub station or a new design. Southworth stated it's a standard design and safe.

Gaede questioned drainage to wet land and has Drain Commissioner been advised of drainage. Southworth stated no but can be.

McKay asked how much area is concrete and no answer was available.

Discussion on the topography of the land, elevation and drainage held.

Gaede asked that Drain Commissioner be advised and approval given by him for drainage issues.

More discussion on drainage by members.

Discussion of rain water collection system held.

Discussion of Lighting for Sub Station, it was stated that lighting needs to be shielded from the neighbors.

Gaede questioned drive way material.

Willerer and McKay questioned adding scrubs or screening to area. Fisk stated none would be used and that Consumers Energy needs Sub Station visible for safety, police observation to prevent theft and for fire observation.

McKay made motion "To recommend to the Columbia Township Board Approval of the site plan for the Consumers Energy West Clark Lake Substation as submitted on drawings G-16, F-20, F-4 and contingent on the review and approval of the Jackson County Drain Commissioner. Motion seconded by Willerer.

Gaede called for a roll call vote.

Vote taken, Willerer Yes, Jeffreys Yes, Mahr Yes, Gaede Yes, McKay Yes and Reynolds Yes.

Motion Passed.

7) Commissioner Comments

Gaede explained that Jarvis had two root canals and is not feeling well.

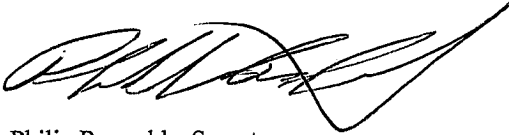
Gaede also informed Mahr and Jeffreys that Kathy had emails from Mark Eidelson for their review.

8) Adjourn

Motion by McKay seconded by Willerer to adjourn.

Vote taken Ayes All Motion Passed adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Reynolds", written in a cursive style.

Philip Reynolds, Secretary