

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Members Present: Gaede, Hayes, Jarvis, Raczkowski, Wahr

Members Absent: McKay, Willerer

Visitors: Don Watkins, past PC member

Donald Oswald, Chairman of the ZBA

Chairman Gaede called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jerry Hayes, a new member, was introduced and then each member, as they were introduced, gave a short history of themselves and their involvement in Columbia township.

A motion was made by Wahr, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jarvis to approve the Feb. 2, 2010 minutes, Ayes all.

A motion was made by Jarvis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wahr to approve the April 27, 2010 minutes. Ayes all.

Don Oswald talked about the ZBA. The ZBA is the only board that can legally change a township ordinance for individual cases. The minutes must always be exact. ZBA meets only when there is a variance request.

A motion was made by Wahr, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gaede to appoint Pam Jarvis to the ZBA. Ayes all.

Gaede handed out material on various ordinances.

1. McKay's draft on Wind Energy Turbines. (WET)
2. Napoleon's Wind Energy Turbines ordinance.(WET)
3. Napoleon's Outside Wood Burner ordinance.
4. Region 2's information on Waterloo Township's zoning ordinances.
5. Region 2's information on Spring Arbor's ordinances.

Discussion followed on the pros and cons of the value of rigid ordinances.

The question was raised about contacting Region 2 about having some basic training meetings for Planning Commission members or contact Napoleon and Norvell Townships about a joint meeting. The exact date could be decided at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2010.

A motion by Raczkowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hayes to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Ayes all.

Acting Secretary

Beverly A. Wahr

