

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting

JANUARY 22, 2019-6:30 p.m.
Garfield Township Hall
1138 West Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order by chairperson, Lee Deary at 6:30 P.M.
2. Pledge was recited.
3. Roll call was taken: PRESENT: Lee Deary, Greg Jacobs, Kathleen Niemiec
4. Attendance: 13
5. Motion w/support: Jacobs/Niemiec to approve minutes from meeting of January 8, 2019. Minutes approved with correction of 6 months moratorium vs. 3 months. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment: Motion w/support: Niemiec/Jacobs. 3 Comments
7. Unfinished business: Motion w/support: Niemiec/Jacobs
 - A. Wind Turbines:
 1. Responses to questions from attorney are as follows:
 - Question 1: Motion w/support-Jacobs/Niemiec to allow WECS-Utility grade in agricultural, medium residential, commercial & industrial. Vote: 3 yeas, 0 nays Motion carried.
 - Question 2: Motion w/support-Deary/Jacobs to leave section 4.55 as is with exception of 75 feet height. Vote: 3 yeas, 0 nays Motion carried.
 - Question 3: Motion w/support-Deary/Niemiec, owner/operator will have liability. Vote: 3 yeas, 0 nays Motion carried.
 - Question 4: Motion w/support-Jacobs/Niemiec, refer to our attorney as to recommendations regarding public liability insurance. Planning Commission recommends a minimum of \$2 million dollars per turbine per occurrence. Vote: 3 yeas, 0 nays Motion carried.
 2. Planning Commission reviewed ordinance draft from attorney-“clean version”. Motion w/support-Jacobs/Niemiec to

send recommendations back to attorney regarding sections vs. chapters, typo's, etc. Vote: 3 yeas, 0 nays Motion carried.

3. Secretary will send reminder to attorney regarding height of residential wind turbines.

8. New business: Motion w/support-Deary/Niemiec

a. Chairperson to check with supervisor regarding appointing new member on Planning Commission.

9. Report from zoning administrator: No report

10. Next Planning Commission meeting is February 5, 2019

11. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Planning Commission Secretary-Kathleen Niemiec