

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

January 8, 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 6:34 p.m.
2. Pledge was recited.
3. Roll call was taken: 3 Planning Commission Members present: Lee Deary, Gregory Jacobs, Kathleen Niemiec and Zoning Administrator
4. Attendance: 25
5. Minutes from previous meeting of December 18, 2018 were approved.
6. Public Comment:
12 Comments
7. Unfinished business:
 - A. Wind Turbines:
 1. Motion with support to send ordinance draft of utility grade wind turbines to attorney. Jacobs/Niemiec Vote:3 yeas, 0 nays. Secretary will send to supervisor an electronic copy of draft for him to forward to township attorney.
 2. Michigan Tall Structure Act was discussed regarding local airport in regards to wind turbines. Much discussion followed. Will keep ordinance as is with an amendment to follow if other townships draft ordinance with restrictions for wind turbines as they apply to local airports.
8. New business:
 - A. Chairperson to contact supervisor asking for extension of moratorium for 3 months with regards to wind turbines.
 - B. Officers for 2019. Secretary would like to assume another role on PC. Chairperson will ask supervisor if we can delay the officer assignments for a few months.

C. Motion with support Jacobs/Niemiec to amend residential wind turbines to include a maximum height on sight of 75 feet from height of vertical blade. Section 4.55, paragraph g. Vote: 3 yeas, 0 nays. Secretary will include the above amendment forwarded to supervisor/attorney.

D. Recreational marijuana (tabled for now)

E. Radio, Cell, TV Towers (no ordinance-will research for info)

F. Oil and Gas Leases (More research)

G. Commercial Solar Farms (More research)

H. Planning Commission will request January 22, 2019 and February 5, 2019 meeting dates.

9. Report from zoning administrator-no new permits.

10. Next planning commission meeting is tentative for January 22, 2019

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Planning Commission Secretary-Kathleen Niemiec