

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Public Hearing

**April 14, 2019-6:30 p.m.
Crump Conservation Club
781 W. Prevo Road, Linwood, MI 48634**

1. Meeting called to order by chairperson, Lee Deary at 6:30 pm
2. Pledge was recited.
3. Roll call was taken: Lee Deary, Gregory Jacobs, Kathleen Niemiec, Leroy Day
4. Attendance: 36
5. Chairman Lee Deary opened the meeting for public comment re: amending township zoning ordinance regarding wind energy conversion systems:
6. Public Comment:
 - A. Sheryl Protasiewicz-would like the safety manual to be unredacted for each type of wind turbine with copies to be kept at the Garfield Township Hall (Planning Commission) and the Garfield Fire Department should they get a call regarding a fire. They would then know what they are dealing with. She also questioned what about site insurance. Chairman Lee explained about our attorney prepared this ordinance and felt confident that it was done properly. Commission agreed. She also asked about no distribution restrictions which she then asked that Eric Koch explain. (see copy of Norman Stephens suggestions for the wind ordinance which refer to safety manual and site insurance.)
 - B. Eric Koch-Referred to attorney, Josh Nolan who suggested that ordinance have no distribution restrictions which means that the safety manual for each turbine can be handed out, posted and not restricted. He also thanked the Planning Commission for an outstanding job on drafting the ordinance. His comments were also endorsed by Sheryl Protasiewicz.
 - C. Mark Wahl-Thanked the Garfield Planning Commission for all their hard work. They did their homework and the voices of the residents were heard.
 - D. Matt Wagner, manager, renewable energy development-written letter: His comments: “Non-participating

parcel line setback of 2000 feet is excessive.”

“Depth for underground collection lines is excessive”

“Lmax sound pressure level metric is excessive”

“Prohibiting shadow flicker at non-participating property lines is excessive”

(see copy of letter)

7. Planning Commission secretary read the entire proposed ordinance with the exception of the definitions.
8. Discussion followed to take a vote regarding ordinance.
9. Motion/support: Niemiec/Jacobs to vote on adopting wind energy conversion systems ordinance that was submitted to the commission from Garfield Township attorney. Motion carried. Vote: 4 yeas, 0 nays
10. Planning Commission will send the minutes of the public hearing to the Garfield Township Board with their recommendations to adopt the amended wind energy conversion systems ordinance.
11. Motion/support:Day/Niemiec to adjourn public hearing. Motion carried. Hearing adjourned at 7:33 pm

Public Hearing Minutes submitted by Planning Commission
Secretary-Kathleen Niemiec