

MEETING MINUTES OF THE
GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
APRIL 6, 2009
REVISED

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Sheffield called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Planning Commission to order at 7:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Ransford, O'Neal, Sheffield, LaMourie, Ralya

Members absent: French, Redick, Williams, Worthington

Also present: Community Development Director Waterman, Attorney Sullivan and Recording Secretary DeVerney

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by LaMourie supported by Ralya to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 meeting. **Which motion carried.**

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Wind Energy Turbine Ordinance – Discussion on Revised Version

Waterman gave an overview of his memo dated March 27, 2009. He also noted that the ordinance has been amended per the direction of the PC at their March 16th meeting.

Comments and concerns from the committee members to Waterman and Sullivan:

1. The WET ordinance will be changing and growing as we proceed in the future so we need to get this ordinance on the books as soon as possible so Meijer and others can benefit.
2. Pg.15, Letter I – The fourth line should be changed to STMWET.

Responses to comments from Waterman and Sullivan to committee members:

1. Meijer is waiting on the adoption of this ordinance. If motion is made tonight, it will proceed for a first reading at the Township Board meeting on Monday, April 13, 2009.

2. Question about “buildable area”. Waterman stated this is the area within all required setbacks.

Motion by O’Neal and supported by Ransford to recommend to the Township Board approval of the proposed wind energy turbine ordinance, with the correction to Pg. 15, Letter I, as drafted (draft date 3/17/09).

**Roll Call – Ayes: Ransford, O’Neal, Sheffield, LaMourie, Ralya
Nays: None
Absent: French, Redick, Williams, Worthington**

Which motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. REPORTS

A. Attorney Report.

None.

B. Staff Report.

Wal-Mart/Murphy Oil – PUD amendment. They were proposing a 4 X 7 storage building (*i.e. steel shed*). Waterman reported that the PC Chair and Township Supervisor requested them to “dress it up”, and they have chosen to put the project on hold for now. There also may be some altering signage in the near future.

Waterman noted that we will have guest speaker, Greg Raad from Nederveld, at our next meeting. He will give a presentation on TNDs.

C. Other

None.

XI. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ransford and supported by Ralya to adjourn the meeting. Which motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi DeVerney
Recording Secretary