

Milton Township  
Planning Commission  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2008

Members present: Chairman Stilson, Geddes, Cole, Lockett, Hefferan, Stilson, McKimmy and Merillat

Weinzapfel arrived at 7:34pm.

Also present: 4 audience members.

Stilson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Approval of minutes dated May 8, 2008:

Change typo on Hefferan; Remove “next” on 2<sup>nd</sup> page.

Motion to approve with corrections by Geddes, seconded by Lockett. Motion carried.

Agenda:

Move Sentinel Ridge revision to #1.

Motion to approve the agenda by McKimmy, seconded by Cole. Motion carried.

Larry Smith discussed his development on Sentinel Ridge regarding making sure fire and emergency vehicles can access the development. A “hammer head” design for the private road end has been discussed and the drawing is dated July 30, 2008. This is in lieu of a cul-de-sac. This has been reviewed by Weinzapfel, however we currently do not have a letter of approval from Brian Howard, the Fire Chief. This is what is required to make the change to the PUD. This change to the road has not changed any other parts of the development. Geddes discussed the current wording of the ordinance which states that it must have a “cul-de-sac”. Geddes suggested looking at the new ordinance and making allowances for “hammerheads”. Merillat said the ordinance said “where a cul-de-sac is employed” and one is not employed here. Also, because it is a PUD, it can be allowed.

Motion by Cole to accept the revision dated July 30, 2008 of the hammerhead design in lieu of a cul-de-sac for Sentinel Ridge development once the letter from the fire chief is received. Seconded by McKimmy. Motion carried.

Lockett presented proposed language for the signs ordinance revision dated July 23, 2008. The new language was given to the commission members for their review and comment before the next meeting. The board discussed LED flashing signs.

Wind Turbine Subcommittee Report: Stilson said he read an article that the state is considering taking over the jurisdiction of wind turbines and taking it from townships. McKimmy stated that there were no changes to the language from the last subcommittee meeting. Merillat did re-structure the document, but that is all. McKimmy said they are ready to call for a public hearing.

Geddes asked regarding a specific application listed in the language. Merillat clarified that the application is a site plan review by the planning commission. Geddes asked about permitted uses. A person can put up a wind tower if it is less than 65 feet with 2 acres as a permitted use. Weinzapfel suggested calling for the public hearing in October because the state may take action tomorrow.

Motion by Hefferan to go to public hearing on wind energy systems proposed language updates for ordinance chapter 22. The proposed language is draft 6, dated July 1, 2008. This hearing is being requested for October 8 14<sup>th</sup> . Seconded by McKimmy. Motion carried.

Ordinance Review Subcommittee:

Geddes presented a report dated August 10, 2008. 62 meetings to date, the most recent was August 6. Geddes is passing out chapter 5 for comment. Next meeting date is August 19 at 8:30am.

Non Conforming Lots Subcommittee: The meeting is set for August 19 at 11 am.

Home Business Subcommittee Report: Cole said the board should continue to review and call for a public hearing next month if there are no changes. The subcommittee will meet again to look at signs and permitting fees on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Evan Private Cemetery Subcommittee: Luckett read from her report dated July 23, 2008. The subcommittee recommends waiver of criteria that is not applicable and pending the receipt of a compliance letter from the Antrim County Health Department and a copy of the trust agreement, this matter may proceed to a public hearing.

Motion by Cole to proceed to public hearing regarding the Evans Private Cemetery pending compliance letter from the Antrim County Health Department and a copy of the trust agreement. Seconded by Hefferan. Motion carried.

Cottage Cove Subcommittee: McKimmy said the committee met and discussed the proposed reconfiguration of his buildings. A public hearing will need to be held to make those reconfigurations. Unless there is further communication from Cottage Cove, no additional action will be taken by the subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat  
Secretary