PINE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, April 12, 2021, 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Scott Millard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, held at the Flat River Conservation Club Building.

**NOTE: LOCATION CHANGE:**

**The meeting location for the April 12, 2021 Pine Township Planning Commission was moved to the Flat River Conservation Club Building/300 S Greenville Rd/ Greenville MI 48838. The Conservation Club Building is approximately ½ mile south of Dickerson Lake Rd on the east side of M-91. MDHHS is now allowing “in person” meetings with social distancing and masks required. Everyone attending will be signing an attendance sheet and including name and phone number and will have their temperature checked. Anyone with temperature exceeding 99.8 degrees will not be allowed at meeting.**

Present: Bob Behrenwald, Chris Bell, Gary Christensen, Scott Millard, Tyler Nadeau, Steve Fisk, and Rosemary Witt

Absent: none

Scott expressed our appreciation to the Flat River Conservation Club and their staff for allowing the Planning Commission to meet at their facility.

Moved by Bob and supported by Tyler to approve the agenda as presented. All yes, motion passed.

Moved by Tyler and supported by Gary, to approve the February 2, 2021 minutes as presented. All yes, motion passed.

Several residents of the township and surrounding townships addressed the Planning Commission with their comments about turbines and the proposed wind farm from APEX Clean Energy Systems and wanting to have the current wind ordinance revised.

Discussed preparing and mailing out surveys to Pine Township households. The intent of the survey is to gain more information from residents in the township regarding the proposed wind farm and our current township ordinance. Moved by Steve and supported by Chris to do the survey and re-visit the current township ordinance on Wind Energy Systems, Chapter 19. YES: Behrenwald, Bell, Christensen, Millard, Nadeau, Fisk, and Witt. ALL YES, motion passed.

Moved by Tyler and supported by Rosie, to rescind the current wind ordinance, effective immediately. YES: none NO: Behrenwald, Bell, Christensen, Millard, Nadeau, Fisk, and Witt. The motion failed.

Moved by Tyler and supported by Rosie, to place a six-month moratorium (pause) on wind energy permits, effective April 12, 2021, to give time to review the current wind ordinance and review the survey results. YES: Behrenwald, Bell, Christensen, Millard, Nadeau, Fisk, and Witt. The motion passed.

Joe Petershiem presented a special use permit request for a sawmill on his property located at 7101 W Briggs Road, Stanton (Pine Township). Township Zoning Administrator, Steve Buchholz reported that the property is already zoned as commercial. Scott requested additional information for a site plan and set-back description. A special meeting/public hearing will be scheduled at a later.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 12, 2021.

Moved by Rosemary and supported by Tyler, adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM. All yes, motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Rosemary Witt, Secretary, Pine Township Planning Committee