

**Caseville Township Planning Commission
July 7, 2015**

Present: Doug Grates, Chairperson
Jim Kanary, Vice Chairperson
Jerry Platko, Secretary
Charles Morden
June Schram
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Michelle Stirrett, Recording Secretary

Also present: Paul Golsch.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Doug Grates.

Motion by Kanary second by Morden to approve the June 2, 2015 minutes. **Motion carried.**

MTA Planning & Zoning Seminar: Lundberg, Morden and Grates will attend the Planning and Zoning Seminar on August 11 in Frankenmuth.

Supervisor Correspondence: The May 15 newsletter from Attorney Fahey regarding how to regulate wind energy projects was reviewed. Discussion was held on the current ordinance, the fact that it mirrors the County Ordinance (currently a County moratorium on turbines), and the fact that it does not comply with Fish and Wildlife requirements for the three mile shoreline setback. Consensus was to leave as is and repeal current wording when the County adopts a new ordinance or adopt another set of standards at that time.

Zoning Administrator request: Britt's correspondence requesting the Commission better explain how yard space is defined when dealing with water front lots was discussed. His interpretation of yard space on water front lots is that there are two front yards, which he feels creates a hardship on those property owners when dealing with the parking of recreational vehicles. Consensus was that there the ordinance states that waterfront lots have two front yards. If there is no ordinance that applies to recreational vehicles, then deed restrictions or Association by-laws would be enforced by the Associations.

Ordinance Review: Lundberg stated Section 196 Outdoor Furnaces has been pit back into the ordinances with no revisions. The changes to the overlay districts have been incorporated into the ordinance. Article 11 Design Regulations was reviewed. It was decided that Section 220 Architecture could be eliminated. The Landscaping section plant size and recommended plant species could be deleted, but green belt and buffer zones should be included. The remaining sections of the ordinance will be reviewed at the August meeting.

Membership: **Motion** by Kanary second by Morden to leave the membership of the Planning Commission at 7 members. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments: Paul Golsch: Noted that Caseville Township faces similar problems as Lake Township.

Board Comments: Lundberg stated the draft ordinance is coming along and only the last few sections need to be reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Michelle Stirrett
Recording Secretary