

Casnovia Township
Planning Commission Special Meeting
October 3, 2019
7:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
Jeannette Mansfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- II. ROLL CALL
Jeannette Mansfield, Rick Sible, Dan Winell, Craig Montgomery, and Kim Anderson – Present
Others present: Catherine Kaufman, Township Attorney and Emma Posillico, Township Zoning Administrator.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2019, motion by Rick Sible, supported by Craig Montgomery with the correction to add those who were absent from the previous meeting, Dan Winell was absent. Correction to Jeannette’s name spelling.
- IV. AGENDA
Agenda approved by Dan Winell, second by Kim Anderson, voted unanimously to approve the agenda.
- V. NEW BUSINESS – None
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VII. PUBLIC HEARING – Wind Energy Ordinance. – Open Public Hearing 7:06 PM. No comments from the audience.
Closed Public Hearing at 7:06 PM.
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS - Committee went into deliberation regarding the draft Wind Energy Ordinance text amendment. Jeannette wanted to discuss page 14, Dispute Resolution Process. Jeannette asked if it was standard procedure to have a third party on call all of the time. Catherine discussed options and ways that she has seen this set up in the past. A third party allows for no complaints to be overlooked but told the committee they can decide if they want to use the third party dispute resolution process or another method. Dan agreed the third party allows for less of a chance for the complaint to get lost, and allows the complaining party to feel the complaint is going to a neutral party. The third party will be a separate company that will have a contractual agreement with the Township but paid for by the wind energy company, per the draft ordinance. The Township can set up the parameters for the dispute resolution process. Planning Commission agreed that the current language is how the dispute resolution process should be set up. Currently all zoning complaints come to Emma and it would be a lot of work for her, the proposed process will allow for the complaint resolution to be addressed by the third party. Would like phone number, email address and website for the third party service to be put on the website and posted for the community to access when needed. Catherine confirmed that could be done once a third party is hired.

Page 13 – Ice detection – Rick suggested that the wording be revised to state that an ice “detection” system be installed, rather than “mitigation” system. Committee agreed to change the word in the ordinance.

Motion to approve sending the ordinance to the Township Board with the noted revisions: Rick, second by Kim, Roll Call Vote: voted unanimously to approve sending the ordinance to the Township Board.
- IX. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS – None discussed.
- X. ADJOURNEMENT
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM, motion by Dan Winell, second by Craig Montgomery

Jeannette Mansfield, Chairperson
Kim Anderson, Secretary