

## Planning Commission Minutes

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January 19, 2009

Call to Order -- Vice Chairman Randy Stults

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Members present -- Randy Stults, Erma Backenstose, Jim Hilgendorf, Ken Arndt, Mike Colosimo, John Ernst, Mike Mang, Frances Nowak, Chuck Klee, and Ken Borton

Members excused: Chairman Don Tober

Public present -- Mike Kenny, Shirley Hawn, Herman Hawn, Bill Munson, Bernie Matelski, Mike Jones, Toni Brown, Jim Pagels, Don Nordeen

Approval of minutes from December 22, 2008 with corrections: Motion by Mr. Hilgendorf. Motion seconded by Mr. Klee.

Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Stults asked if there were any public comments for anything not on the agenda. No one commented.

Old business -- Master Plan

Mr. Ferrigan clarified why this was not a formal Public Hearing. This meeting was in the news paper as an article and not as an official Public Hearing notice. The Public Hearing will be held on February 9, 2009 after being properly notified in the paper. Mr. Ferrigan then read over the rules for public comment.

7:12pm - Mr. Stults opened the meeting for public comment.

Jim Pagels addressed the Board.

Mr. Pagels expressed his dismay concerning lack of "public input" to the Master Plan.

There were multiple discussions from Mr. Pagels addressed to the Board and discussion from Board members back to Mr. Pagels.

Don Nordeen addressed the Board.

Mr. Nordeen expressed his concerns that the Master Plan is not "fact based".

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There were multiple discussions from Mr. Nordeen addressed to the board and discussion from Board members back to Mr. Nordeen.

Public comment closed at 8:21pm

It was suggested that there be a copy of the future land use map be posted to the public in the County Library. Mr. Ferrigan stated that anyone can access the map on the County web site and he will have copies posted in the Library and in the Planning Commission meeting room the following day.

### Planning Commission By-Laws

Mr. Stults requested that the Planning Commission members be given an editable version of the By-Laws draft so they can address their concerns and recommendations at the next regular meeting on February 23, 2008.

### Wind Turbine Ordinance

Mr. Mang revisited the summary that he gave out at the December 22, 2008 meeting. He then talked about how WTG's are going to be big business in the near future. He thinks that the committee needs to relook at the ordinance in place, and revisit the way ours reads. He gave the members a web site to take a look at the wind areas in our region.

[www.landpolicy.msu.edu/wpt](http://www.landpolicy.msu.edu/wpt)

Mr. Mang will head up a sub-committee to review the wording in the current ordinance for WTG's. Mr. Hilgendorf and Mr. Colosimo will work with him on the sub-committee.

The meeting was opened for public comment at 9:09pm.

Herman Hawn addressed the board.

Motion made by Mr. Arndt to establish a sub-committee of the Planning commission to study the issue of residential wind turbine generators and to make recommendations for changes to our Ordinance consisting of Mr. Hilgendorf, Mr. Colosimo, to be chaired by Mr. Mang. Motion seconded by Mr. Ernst.

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Motion approved unanimously.

The next ZBA meeting will be on January 27, 2009.

The Gaylord Cooperative Planning Commission visioning session regarding signage will be on January 28, 2009.

Mr. Ferrigan gave the Land Use Services Monthly Report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21pm.