

Kinderhook Township Planning Commission

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Branch County Michigan

Kinderhook Township Hall

March 8, 2018

Present: Commission Members – Keith Harris Acting Chairman, Joe Spencer-Member, Jody Lewis-Board Representative, Larry Hinsdale-Member, Hal McCurley-Member

Zoning Administrator Ron Patch

Absent: none

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Keith Harris at 7:00 PM

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of February 8, 2018 approved with no additions or corrections

Citizen's comments

Township Board Correspondence:

Attorney Correspondence:

Zoning Administrator's Report: 1 permit issued, 1 reported zoning violation; Closed

Correspondence:

Old Business:

- Board requested the Planning Commission to review present Wind Turbine ordinance and Solar Ordinance. Discussion of present policy and tabled to access additional information from townships who have accommodations of wind turbines. Board placed a 2-year moratorium to disallow wind turbines.
- Also tabled to look at present ordinance on residential wind mills.
- Per research Member Hal McCurley stated Solar farms have to be within a short distance of a substation to collect the power.
- Administrator Ron Patch stated Wind Turbines will be coming as cost of building is going down and efficiency is going up.

- Change of climate, terrain, and long-term effects were discussed as the zoning of property to place these turbines.
- Planning commission asked Board Rep. Jody Lewis to follow-up with additional direction from Kinderhook Township Board on their expectations.

New Business:

- Received request from Dennis Fenstermaker from Bryan Ohio who is looking at property for a Commercial winery, growing and retail. Mr. Fenstermaker gave a detailed presentation of his desire of location and operations. The Planning Commission guided Mr. Fenstermaker in protocol that need to be in place. Said Commission voted in favor of moving forward siting a benefit to the community.
- Chairman Joe Spencer requested Keith Harris to temporally fill the position of Chairman until he is able to resume the position.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Jody Lewis