

Chairman Denhof called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other members present: Helen Dietrich, Paul Herremans, Chuck Lane and Norm VanDyke. Zoning Administrator Brian Werschem was also present. Dale Fedewa and Troy Goodno were absent.

Agenda Approval-

Motion by Lane to approve the agenda as amended. Second-VanDyke, motion carries.

Public Comment-

A question was asked regarding drains which was referred to Ottawa County.

Approval of Minutes-

Motion by VanDyke to adopt the minutes of 9/24/2018 as presented. Second-Herremans, motion carries.

Unfinished Business-

Conklin Classic-the special use permit for this business is being considered for revocation due to unpermitted construction projects. The property owner did not attend the meeting, and a complete permit application has not been received. Motion by Lane that a final extension be given. If a completed permit is not provided by Friday, November 9, 2018 the special use permit for that business will be revoked and operations must cease. Second-Herremans, motion carries.

New Business-

Public Hearing-Kurt Dufendach

A special use permit for warehousing with outdoor storage has been requested for property at 3685 Miller. The public hearing was opened. Comments were taken requesting fencing be required where the property abuts the bike trail, and that the property be well maintained for safety and aesthetic reasons. The public hearing was closed. Motion by VanDyke that due to the fact that the applicant did not attend the hearing, the item should be tabled until he is at a meeting so that he can address questions raised. Second-Herremans, motion carries.

Planning Commission Discussion-

Wind Energy Ordinance-Dietrich asked that a review of the existing ordinance regulating wind energy systems (Section 1910) be reviewed for possible updates. Sample ordinances will be researched and provided.

Solar Ordinance-the final draft of a sample ordinance will be reviewed by commissioners prior to the November 26 meeting. If approved, a public hearing will be scheduled for the next meeting.

Zoning Administrator-current ZA Brian Werschem introduced Emma Posillico. Emma will be replacing Brian as our zoning administrator. Both work through the firm of West Coast Planning. Brian will be available for additional projects if needed and to help with the transition.

Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Janice Redding

Chester Township Clerk

(Any document referenced in these minutes is on file in the Clerk's office)