

CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

September 20, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Larson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Walter Kohnke, Art Samson, Don Kramer, Sue Balkema, Karen Wagar and Phil Larson. Also present: Jim Whitehead

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA: Samson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Kohnke. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Samson moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Balkema. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: Wind Energy Text Amendments

Larson moved to recess the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. Samson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Samson commented that the public hearing was conducted with proper procedures. There being no more comments, Larson moved, seconded by Samson to close the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting at 7:13 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Larson moved to recommend that the Township Board adopt the text amendments as written by the attorney in his letter of September 11, 2011 concerning wind energy devices. Balkema seconded. The vote was 5 to 1. Samson voted nay.

CITIZENS TIME: No comments.

MEMBERS' TIME: Larson discussed medical marijuana, changes to the Ross Township Master Plan and future consideration of a home occupation ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. upon the motion of Larson/Samson.

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