

DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 26, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig, Donaldson, Hayhoe, Leaf, O'Hara, Weaver, Zietlow
MEMBERS ABSENT: Goodall, Warfield
STAFF PRESENT: Malone, Miller

Chairperson Craig opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Amendments to Agenda: None

Approval of October 12, 2009 Planning Commission Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Donaldson and seconded by Commissioner Zietlow to approve the October 12, 2009 meeting minutes with the correction of the typo in "existing" signs.

Voice Vote: All Ayes

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items): None

Case 09-863, Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance – 39.155 – Wind Energy Text Amendment

Ms. Miller reviewed the information that was presented in the packets and explained the new ordinance language. She indicated that it was her intent to provide the information to the PC members tonight and ask that they think about the issues presented and be prepared for more detailed discussion at the next meeting. In particular, she is looking for feedback regarding how and where, within the township's different zoning districts, the different types of towers should be permitted. Her initial recommendations on this matter are outlined in the spreadsheet provided in the packet.

Vertical-axis wind turbines were discussed by Commissioner O'Hara.

Commissioner Donaldson brought up the idea of keeping green space and woods and not allowing the clearing of land to put up a wind turbine.

Commissioner Donaldson wondered who is Delhi Township's expert to read and understand the reports furnished as examples. It was agreed that at some point in the future, if a large Utility Grid Wind Energy System were proposed, the Township would need to hire experts to review the materials presented by an applicant.

Discussion:

The Delhi Township Christmas Tree lighting is December 2, 2009 and the "Cedar Street walkability" public discussions will be December 1st and the 3rd at Charlar Place, 4230 Charlar at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Goodall
Secretary