

**MORTON TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 21, 2010**



Call to Order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman, Bruce Fredrick  
Pledge of Allegiance by all  
Members Present: Bruce Fredrick, Alan Sackett, John Burkle, Gary McCollum  
Members Absent: Carol Novak, Dave LaLonde  
Others Present: Tom Ruelle- Ordinance Control Manager, Vicky Esch- Recording Secretary  
List of Public present: Merrie Burkle, Joe Lanz

Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2009, Regular Meeting  
Motion by: John Burkle  
To approve the November 19, 2009, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.  
2nd by: Gary McCollum  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Election of Officers  
Motion by: Alan Sackett  
To postpone the election of officers at least one month until all board members are present.  
2nd by: John Burkle  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Old Business

1. Review and clarify ordinance changes/additions to Subsection #3 of Section 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 per request of the Morton Township Board of Trustees.

John Burkle, Morton Township Trustee and Planning Commission member addressed the Board with the concerns that were brought up at the township board meeting. Discussion included the size of the storage shed to be allowed.

Motion by: Alan Sackett  
To Recommend to the Morton Township Board of Trustees to approve the amended changes to Sections 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 of Subsection #3 as submitted.  
2nd by: Gary McCollum  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

2. Wind Generated Electrical Systems Ordinance update:

Tom Ruelle, Ordinance Control Manager, presented the Board members with a copy of the proposed ordinance text which he had received back from the township attorney. The Board members reviewed the recommended changes and suggestions by the township attorney. The Board made a motion to have the Recording Secretary prepare an updated draft and email it to the Board members. Upon their review, Tom will then forward it on to the township attorney, with the intent to have a final review at the next board meeting.

Motion by: John Burkle  
To have the Recording Secretary prepare an updated draft of the Wind Generated based on comments suggested by the township attorney and amended by the Planning Commission. She will then email a copy to the Board members for review. Upon review, it will be forwarded to the township attorney for further recommendations.  
2nd by: Gary McCollum  
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

New Business

1. Municipal Civil Infractions

Tom Ruelle addressed the Planning Commission about the need for a municipal civil infractions ordinance to enforce township ordinances. Tom will further look into the issue and bring back to the Board a civil infractions ordinance draft for them to review.

Remarks from citizens in attendance

Joe Lanz commented that he would like to see the Morton Township Junk Ordinance available on the website.

Reports – Tom Ruelle, Ordinance Control Manager

1. Sesti Appeal: Updated the Planning Commission that Mr. Sesti is going forward and appealing the ZBA decision to a higher court.

Correspondence

None

Adjourn Regular Meeting

Motion by Alan Sackett

To Adjourn regular meeting

2nd by: Gary McCollum

Vote: 4 Ayes            0 Nays            2 Absent            Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 8:15 P.M.

*(The entire meeting was taped and is on file at the Township Hall.)*

Respectfully Submitted:

*Vicky Esch*

Vicky Esch, Recording Secretary