

MINUTES GOLDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2005

7:30 PM Meeting called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll was taken; Present: Carl Fuehring, Avery Wilson, Helen Lefler, Leo Terryn, Terry Wiegand, Bill Kolenda, & Steve Marciniak. Absent: Terry Wiegand, Brad Whitney, & Jake Whelpley

Approval for the Minutes of the last 3 meetings will be held off until next months meeting due to copy machine difficulties. Motion by Marciniak, second by Wilson.

At the last meeting the members of the planning commission were polled for conflict of interest in regards to wind turbines and Carl Fuehring was absent. Lefler asked Fuehring if he had a conflict of interest. Fuehring stated that at this time he did not have a conflict of interest in regards to wind turbines.

Lefler next discussed the requested 1 year Moratorium. She stated that she was given a petition signed by over 130 Golden Township residents. The commission indicated that during the moratorium other approaches to farmland preservation would be discussed, including Purchase of Development Rights, Transfer of Development Rights, Easements, and stricter zoning ordinance provisions regarding development of agriculture areas. The amended Master Plan will come up for approval at the next Township meeting. The moratorium will require Planning Commission approval under chapters 9.2 , 9.3, 12.2 and 12.3 and land divisions requiring Township Board approval. "Motion to recommend to the Township Board a 1 year moratorium on construction of wind turbines except for the owners personal use and on any other development in the AG/Res. Zone which would require Planning Commission approval under chapters 9.2, 9.3, 12.2, 12.3 and land divisions in the Ag zone requiring Township Board approval" by Marciniak. Second by Kolenda. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Carl Fuehring recently toured Europe. He discussed the rows of wind turbines, advanced recycling units, the limited water, high cost of housing, and conservation of energy and heat.

Fuehring also discussed the issue of bonding when and if the companies come in with the wind turbines and possible damage roads and such. Ted Cushna from Pentwater offered his experience on bonds and suggested the board look into Reclamation Bonds.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.