

Albany Township Planning Commission–February 14, 2012

The February 14, 2012 meeting of the Albany Planning Commission was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Gary Bloch at the Albany City Hall Council Chambers. Members present, Gary Bloch, Mike Noll, Jen Roering, and Mary Rosen. Also present Clerk Diane Noll.

1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2 APPROVE AGENDA. A motion was made by Commissioner Roering, seconded by Commissioner Bloch, to approve the agenda, motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES–January 10, 2012. A motion to approve minutes as reviewed from January 10, 2012 was made by Commissioner Roering, seconded by Commissioner Noll, motion carried.

4. Open forum

Tim and Mary Sauerer, (34835 County Rd 10, Albany MN) have concerns about the addition of an implement dealership to the Fleet Store, which is located across County Road 10 from their residence. Mr. John Peternell the owner of the Fleet Store is setting up used machinery in the lot south of the Fleet Store. There is concern of having left over seed in the drills that could cause an infestation of varmits. They also do not appreciate having to look at old farm machinery.

At this time the parcel is zoned as commercial and all permits will need to be requested through the county. There have been no requests to have this annexed into the city. They were advised to contact Environmental Services or our local County Commissioner.

5. Public Hearings

6. New Business

a.This is Jen Roering's final meeting. Thank you to Jen for your time on the commission.

7. Old Business

a. Review Planning and Zoning Ordinance/Chapter 6.35

All changes/additions were added to the ordinance and sent to members for review. Following are a list of recommended changes.

After reviewing Section 4 Administration the following motion was made.

A motion to recommend the Township Board appoint a Zoning Administrator to alleviate some of the responsibilities of the town board members and to be in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, was made by Commissioner Bloch, seconded by Commissioner Roering, motion carried.

4.18 Interim Use Permits--add the following section

4.15.5 Notice and Certification of Final Action

A. Finding of Fact. When conducting a public hearing on an Interim Use Permit application, the Planning Commission shall make a written finding of fact on each application.

B. Recording. After acting on an Interim Use Permit application, the board shall forward to the County the written finding of fact and their order regarding the application. The Clerk shall then file a certified copy with the Stearns County Recorder. After recording, a copy shall be set to the County Environmental Services.

6.35-6.59-Administered by county

6.60 Wind Energy Conversion Systems

6.60.1 Purpose

A. The purpose of this section is to set forth a process for permitting wind energy conversion systems (WECS) and meteorological towers (MT) not otherwise subject to siting and oversight by the State of Minnesota under the *Minnesota Power Plant Siting Act, Minnesota Statutes, section 216F.01-216F.081; or successor statutes.*

6.60.2 Procedures

A. lengthy Discussion was held on WECS and will continue at the April meeting.

8 Reports

A Further information on property at 34735 225 Ave

This area is zoned as commercial and has wet lands. All permits will be issued through the County.

9 Communications

March 13-Annual Meeting

March 26-Board Meeting

April 10- Planning Commission Meeting

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this meeting Commissioner Roering made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Noll seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane E Noll

Diane Noll, Township Clerk

Approved Minutes Signed: *Gary Bloch* April 10, 2012
Planning Commission Chair Date

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