

Frankenmuth Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2013

Present: Haubenstricker, Scherzer, Grueber, Frahm.

Absent: Reid

July planning commission meeting minutes approved with minor corrections.

July 23rd joint PC meeting minutes approved with correction to 2.39 acres.

Discussion of questions related to residents keeping farm animals on residential property in township. It was noted that the zoning ordinance allows up to one large animal per acre. GAAMP's can be used to define large animal, and equivalent number of smaller animals. There is a requirement that animal housing must be 50' from a lot line. It was further noted that township does not have areas zoned exclusively for residential use, land is primarily A1 or A2 agricultural zoned with residences permitted.

Comments on Wind Energy System draft have been received from the township attorney. Some additional conditions for site planning were suggested, for example identifying roads to be used. Generally few other changes are suggested. Discussion tabled for next month with full commission.

Secretary Reid is working on formal bylaws for the planning commission, and will submit for review when a draft is completed.

Commission discussed recent court and legislative activities on medical marijuana. Recommend that we continue with moratorium on dispensaries while the issues are being clarified.

Frahm to contact township attorney about the possibility of adding a general statement in the zoning that would prohibit activities that are contrary to local, state, or federal law.

The next meeting is September 10, 2013 at 8:00 PM.

No other business, so the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Frahm