

Douglass Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2022

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Recite Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - a. Jack Jeppesen – present
 - b. Tammy Sweeris – present
 - c. Becky Sowles – present
 - d. Rick Baldwin – present
 - e. Patrick Althoff – present
 - f. Todd Wells – present
 - g. Paul Olson – absent
 - h. Also attending : Ron Redick and Paul LeBlanc
4. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Need to move vote section to old business
 - i. Motion to approve amended minutes made by Tammy
 - ii. Supported by Becky
 - iii. Voice vote unanimous, motion carried
5. Public Hearing
 - a. Public comments
 - i. Linda Reynolds – Douglass Twp
 - ii. Christy Williams – Douglass Twp
 - iii. Brandy Bunting – Douglass Twp
 - iv. Keith Millaire – Douglass Twp
 - v. Melissa Bannen – Douglass Twp
 - vi. Eric Tester – Douglass Twp
 - vii. Harvey Schick – Douglass Twp
 - viii. Holly Hough – Douglass Twp
 - ix. Kelly Jeppessen – Douglass Twp
 - x. Lynne March – Douglass Twp
 - xi. Rick Harris – Douglass Twp
 - xii. Kristy Deburgray – Douglass Twp
 - xiii. Ben Reynolds – Douglass Twp
 - xiv. Scott Carr – Douglass Twp

- xv. Wendy Switala – Douglass Twp
- xvi. Kathy Craig – Douglass Twp
- xvii. Pam Hemmes – Montcalm Twp
- xviii. Renee Smith – Evergreen Twp
- xix. Cindy Schick – Douglass Twp
- xx. Kevin Murphy – Winfield Twp
- xxi. Jenny Ehle – Douglass Twp
- xxii. Kathy Pearson – Douglass Twp
- xxiii. Robert Scott – Sidney Twp
- xxiv. Dave Bean – Pine Twp
- xxv. Leslie Rydahl – Pine Twp
- xxvi. Kim Bell – Douglass Twp

b. Debate WECS Ordinance

- i. Todd asked to have more local lakes added to the list, specifically Lakes Christina and Hemmingway. Also noted that Clifford Lake has recently been designated as a float plane airport by the FAA, discussion about the regulations regarding clearance needed due to that new information.
- ii. Discussion regarding how RF signals from turbines may disrupt signal for internet/cell phone towers in area.

c. Close Public Hearing

- i. Motion to close by Becky
- ii. Supported by Tammy
- iii. Voice vote unanimous, motion carried

6. Regular Meeting

a. Public Comment

- i. Kathy Craig – Douglass Twp
- ii. Brandy Bunting – Douglass Twp
- iii. Melissa Bannen – Douglass Twp
- iv. Ben Reynolds – Douglass Twp
- v. Christy Williams – Douglass Twp
- vi. Rick Harris – Douglass Twp
- vii. Dan Bunting – Douglass Twp
- viii. Ron Finegood – Douglass Twp
- ix. Cindy Schick – Douglass Twp
- x. Linda Reynolds – Douglass Twp
- xi. Eric Tester – Douglass Twp
- xii. Holly Huff - Douglass Twp
- xiii. Wendy Switala – Douglass Twp
- xiv. Robert Scott – Sidney Twp
- xv. Leslie Rydahl – Pine Twp
- xvi. Renee Smith – Evergreen Twp

b. Old Business

- i. Rick brought discussion to remove section 2 which is the 2017 ordinance wording from the second ordinance
 1. Motion by Rick
 2. Support by Todd
 3. Voice vote unanimous
- ii. Items of discussion
 1. Need a map overlay of the FAA regulations due to new Clifford Lake designation
 2. Add additional lakes
 3. Ron to get with Spicer group to defend their sound information provided rather than ask board to hire another sound group, regarding sound measurement requirements in ordinance
 4. Todd to email Clifford Lake FAA designation info to Ron to save research time
 5. PC is requesting information from the board/township regarding liability insurance
 6. No second public hearing required due to these being minor changes to ordinance
 7. Tabling the discussion until we get this information back.

c. New Business

- i. Master Plan review to be done at July PC meeting. Paul to go over it and find/recommend issues to review
- ii. PC members to each recommend some changes we wish to see, as we have brought up issues but unable to address them as of now due to lengthy WECS discussions. Need to send to Paul before July 1 so we can address at July meeting.
- iii. Need to hold special meeting to go over the new information for WECS ordinance when it is received from Spicer Group and Ron
 1. Motion by Todd
 2. Supported by Rick
 3. Voice vote unanimous
 4. Special meeting to be held May 25 7:00 p.m. at Township Hall

d. Public Comment

- i. Kevin Murphy – Winfield Twp
- ii. Christy Williams – Douglass Twp
- iii. Robert Scott – Sidney Twp
- iv. Kathy Craig – Douglass Twp
- v. Melissa Bannen – Douglass Twp
- vi. Cindy Schick – Douglass Twp
- vii. Harvey Schick – Douglass Twp

- viii. Brandy Bunting – Douglass Twp
- ix. Jessie Bailey – Douglass Twp
- x. John Bailey – Douglass Twp
- e. Next Regular Meeting to be July 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Township Hall
- f. Close Meeting
 - i. Motion to adjourn by Becky
 - ii. Supported by Tammy
 - iii. Voice Vote unanimous, motion carried

Meeting Adjourned 10:23 p.m.