

Minutes of the Meeting of the Avon Township Planning Board
January 26, 2010
Avon Township Hall

Call to Order: Chairman Mergen called to order the regular meeting of the Planning Board at 7:30 P.M. in the main Chamber of the Town Hall.

Pledge: Clerk Saupe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Ken Mergen, Roger Nelson, Gerry Kremers, Lowell Rushmeyer, Stephen Saupe.

Approval of Agenda: Added to the agenda were: (a) discussion of septic issues at the Avon Mobile Home Park; and (b) County meeting to discuss zoning. Mergen moved to approve the agenda as amended. Rushmeyer second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes: Kremers moved to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2010 meeting as written. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: none

Business:

- 1. Straley WECS Project** – Mr. Joseph Straley appeared to seek a Conditional Use Permit to erect a 10 kW Jacobs wind turbine on his property in Section 27. This discussion was a continuation of the December Public Hearing to give Mr. Straley time to complete the WECS application. Maps obtained by Rushmeyer at the County suggested that this project is not in the Town but part of the Urban Expansion area. If so, the request for the CUP would be heard by the Joint Powers Board, not the Town. Rushmeyer will contact the City to sort this out. In the event that the project is in the Town, to spare Mr. Straley the hassle of returning again, the Planning Board went through the findings of facts concerning the project. The Planning Board agreed that the project: (a) causes no excessive burdens on existing parks, schools, or other public facilities; (b) is sufficiently compatible with and separated from adjacent land; (c) will have not adverse effect upon adjacent properties; (d) use is compatible with existing land use; (e) is consistent with zoning; (f) is not in conflict with the Town land use plan; (g) will not create traffic hazards; (h) is consistent with existing ordinances (9.15.6R); (i) has addressed potential environmental impacts through the permitting process; (j) conforms to the comprehensive plan; and (k) has a decommissioning plan as per County regulations. Nelson moved to recommend to the Supervisors to approve a Conditional Use Permit for Mr. Joseph Straley for a Wind Energy Conversion System (10 kW wind turbine), contingent upon the project actually being in the Town. Kremers second. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 2. Open House** – Saupe announced that the Open House for the Town Hall & Maintenance Facility is scheduled for Sunday February 13, 2011 from 1-4:00 PM. Chairs and tables have been reserved, food has been ordered, and there will be short ceremony at 1:30 PM. Volunteers are requested to help with serving, parking, etc. Contact Steve or Kelly if you are available.

- 3. Planning Board Members** – The terms of Rushmeyer and Saupe will expire this year.
- 4. Avon Mobile Home Park** – A resident contacted Saupe to complain about septic issues at the Mobile Home Park. She said that bathtubs, toilets and sinks in residents' homes were backing up, especially in homes in the back of the park. She said sewage was overflowing into the ditch and that it smelled bad. She also said that they have asked management repeatedly to fix the problems but they have refused to do so. The resident was asked to contact John Tracy. Saupe also contacted him.
- 5. Planning Meeting** – Rushmeyer indicated that Heidi Winskowski from the County would like to meet with us to begin going through the new ordinance and see what changes are necessary. Rushmeyer will see if she can attend the next meeting.

Announcements:

- **Avon Hills** – Rushmeyer announced that the last meeting of the Avon Hills Initiative was primarily for planning for the upcoming conference.
- **CAPX2020** – The Town and St. John's have jointly hired a College of St. Benedict graduate to go through the public testimony to summarize pertinent passages related to the Town. She is doing a job.

Adjournment: Rushmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Mergen second. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is February 23, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Saupe, Clerk

Minutes amended & approved: