

# Conway Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes September 13, 2010

Agenda	Items Discussed	Actions to be Taken
<b>Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numerous residents present</li> <li>• Board Members present: Dennis Bowdoin, Cindy Dickerson, George Pushies, John Harless, Dennis Sommer, Scott Buell Londa Horton.</li> </ul>	
<b>Call to Order and Pledge to Flag</b>	Chairperson Dennis Bowdoin called the Conway Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:30pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.	
<b>Minutes from last meeting</b>	Minutes from the August 9, 2010 meeting were reviewed. John Harless made a motion to accept the minutes, Dennis Sommer second. All in favor, motion passed.	
<b>Call To Public</b>	none	
<b>Communications</b>	<p>Dennis Bowdoin reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate program for Michigan Citizen Planner offered online.</li> <li>• According to recent Court of Appeal rulings, unless something is specified in the ordinance, the Board cannot enforce it.</li> <li>• The Livingston County Road Commission is holding a Public Hearing 9/23/10 regarding driveways, banners, runoffs, etc. Go to <a href="http://www.livingstonroads.com">www.livingstonroads.com</a> for more information.</li> </ul> <p>Londa Horton reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ingham County is dealing with residents raising chickens in urban residential areas.</li> </ul> <p>Dennis Sommer reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pot clinics are criminal according to the LA County Sherriff</li> </ul>	
<b>Land Divisions</b>	none	

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<p><b>Old and New Business</b></p>	<p><b><u>Wind Energy Ordinance Public Hearing:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herm Yost pointed out errors in the Wind Energy Ordinance as reported in the <i>News and Views</i>.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ F1HI – location - occupied dwelling, define “occupied”</li> <li>○ B5 definition “to” misspelled</li> <li>○ F1 “sitting” is okay</li> <li>○ F1H “sighting”</li> <li>○ F1HIV – noise, should be 9:00am-9:00pm not am.</li> <li>○ 4ED commissioning, premises should be plural</li> <li>○ 4FII – charter, take out “is”</li> <li>○ 2A –site plan drawing, change to, “scale drawing with dimensions”</li> <li>○ 2A XIX – site plan documentation – “and that they are being followed”</li> <li>○ H2 – public inquiries, typo “complaint”</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Public Hearing closed at 8:00pm.</p> <p><b><u>Verizon Wireless proposal presented by Ben Meredith</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verizon Wireless is looking for a location not in line with the airport to erect a cell tower.</li> <li>• They request to erect a 250’ tower</li> <li>• With an aircard, coverage in the township for broadband would be cover a 4 mile radius, 6-8 mile radius for cellphones</li> <li>• Tower is secure for 4” ice and 90 mph winds before hinges collapse</li> <li>• Diameter is 35-40’ triangle</li> <li>• This would be a lease agreement between Verizon Wireless and the landowner. Taxes paid for by Verizon and Verizon would pay for taking down the pole and restoring the site upon non-use.</li> <li>• Limit of 6 co locaters</li> <li>• Commission advised Ben to request a hearing before the ZBA.</li> <li>• Commission advised Ben that a monopole is preferred over a grid tower.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Update from the Board</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cindy Dickerson reported that the Conway Township Board</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cindy Dickerson to take issue to Abby, the Attorney, to see if the ZBA approves this in a residential zoned area. Does it set a precedent and does it destroy our ordinance so we have to redo it?</b></p> <p><b>Cindy to ask Abby to investigate the legality of posting political signs in front of Conway Township Hall.</b></p> <p><b>Cindy to place special use permit for hobby kennel on</b></p>
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	<p>approved sharing the payment for the liaison officer at the school. The school pays 60% and three other townships share in the remainder paying up to \$10,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cindy also reported of an issue with the political signs being placed in front of the Hall. Abby is to investigate the legalities.</li> <li>• Special Use Permit for a hobby kennel requested by Marilyn Ballet. George Pushies motioned to table this issue since Marilyn was not in attendance. Second by Scott Buell. Motion passed.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Update from the Board - continued</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A deer blind issue was brought to the Commission. John Harless excused himself. Two hunters currently use the property for deer hunting from permission given by the landowner, who does not live on the property. A two story structure was erected on the property with windows, stove and a generator. They have reduced the size down to 96 sq. ft. with no poles holding the structure into the ground. The Commission advised that this is a landowner decision. Issue closed and John Harless returned to the Commission panel.</li> <li>• A letter from Abby was received specifying which items need Special Use Permits. George Pushies moved to request funding for Abby to draft a Home Occupation Ordinance similar to the Marion Township Ordinance. Second by John Harless. Motion approved.</li> </ul>	<p><b>next month's agenda.</b></p> <p><b>Cindy to advise Abby to draft a Home Occupation Ordinance similar to that of Marion Township.</b></p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>A motion was made by George Pushies to adjourn, John Harless second. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.</p> <p>Next meeting is: October 11, 2010.</p>	