

**Hope Township Planning Commission**

Re-scheduled meeting

Unapproved Minutes

**August 25, 2011**

**Members Present:**

Marge Kobisa, Bob Davis, Rudy Turk, Mike Braley

**Members absent:**

Diane Vaughn

**Guests:** None

Minutes from May were read and approved.

**Old Business:** Discussed Wind turbines and the need for a township ordinance regulating construction and placement. Rudy Turk said he has visited a wind turbine in Cadillac and found that the noise level was low, even when close to the structure. Also, commented that the shadow casting from the blades was similar to that of having trees around your home. He also said there was a problem with the wind turbines in California adding to the death of Eagles, other birds did not seem affected. We will check with Midland and surrounding counties to see what they have for ordinances concerning this.

**Snowmobile Ordinance:** Midland County is in the processing of passing an ordinance concerning off road vehicles on the road. Mike is going to check with Midland County and bring it up again at a later meeting to see if we need to have something for Hope Township. We had previously voted on allowing snowmobiles, ORV's or golf carts on public roads. The Sheriff's Department and the County Road Commission are against allowing this. Hope's ordinance still needs to be written up and made clear.

**Medical Marihuana** The State has banned Marihuana Dispensaries in Michigan. Rudy, Mike, and Diane attended a seminar concerning Medical Marihuana in Frankenmuth.

New Business: None

Next meeting – November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm