

Hope Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

May 4, 2011

Members Present:

Mike Braley, Diane Vaughan, Bob Davis, Rudy Turk, Marge Kobisa

Minutes from February were read and approved.

Old Business: Mike invited Mark Ryal from "The Wind Store" to give the commission information on wind turbines. Information provided was about guide wires, wattage, noise levels, vibrations in the ground. Rotar span length, reflective glares or shadows. Concrete curing time was mentioned. Electrical permits and mechanical inspections will need to be done upon installation.

Solar panels systems were briefly discussed. Rudy also found if wind turbines are buried deep in cement noise is reduced and birds are rarely affected. Turbine farms would be limited to commercial or planned development.

Snowmoblie Ordinance:

Mike reported after doing research in West Branch, Gladwin and St Helen that these areas have not had problems with snowmobiles, ORV's or golf carts.

Vote was taken to allow snowmobile ordinance (allowing snowmobiles, ORV's and golf carts to drive on Hope township roads) for a one year trial period.

Vote taken:

Diane-No Bob=yes Mike=yes Rudy=yes Marge-No

Next Meeting-Medical Marijuana

Meeting adjourned 8:44 pm