

Hope Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

February 4, 2015

Members Present

Diane Vaughan, Marge Kobisa, Bob Davis, Wendy Faber      Rudy Turk Absent

Rodney Nanny and Andy Kobisa were also present.

Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7pm

Minutes were read from the last meeting, November 5, 2014 which was a regular meeting and public hearing.

Bob made a motion to accept the minutes and Wendy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All yes, motion passed.

Zoning amendments from the public hearing in November were sent to Midland County. They did a review of the proposed amendments.

Midland County staff report recommended eliminating language regarding cell tower section 4.11 A-1b take out "greater than ninety (90) feet in height" for Special Use Permit. Rodney agreed. It should read as in table page 4. The county also did not agree with the Medical Marijuana regulation with regard to caregivers. (One caregiver per lot) Section 4.20. This amendment will go to Township Attorney, Mr. Poznak for review. Medical Marijuana amendment is set aside for now.

Rodney gave a brief presentation on Wind Energy. Some issues are noise and flicker shadows. Township would want to allow wind turbines for farming and personal uses, but limit location and size and type of structures.

Energy issues are to be looked at in the Master Plan.

Solar panels are not noted in our ordinance, but could be permitted as accessory structures or as part of a roof design as long as building conforms. Commercial solar structures are not permitted now in zoning ordinance.

Rodney will start putting together solar and wind ordinance. He will also go through our Master Plan and get us a short report.

Meeting adjourned 8:27 pm

Next meeting May 6, 2015