

**Courtland Township  
Planning Commission  
Tues., June 16, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Courtland Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman, Matt McConnon.

**Roll Call:** Members present were McConnon, Davis, McAvoy and Moeggenberg. Absent was Wood. Also present was Township Atty. James Scales and recording secretary, Colleen Brown. Attendance of others is attached.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Moeggenberg, supported by Davis, to approve the agenda as presented. All yes, Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Davis, supported by McAvoy, to approve the minutes as presented for the Feb. 17, 2009 meeting. All yes, Motion carried.

**Open Comments: None**

**New Business: General discussion on Wind Generator Zoning Ordinance Language proposal.** Ordinances from Cannon Township and other Township's that have adopted a similar ordinance language were compared and reviewed. The types of towers, the amount of width and height regulations, noise levels, and placement were discussed. Members agreed it would be beneficial to have a representative from Consumers Power and maybe some other experts on the subject to come to the next regular meeting for further review on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**Zoning Administrator Report:** Buckley noted there is an Attorney General Opinion to rule that a member of the ZBA or Township Board Rep. may not vote on any ZBA matters that has been voted on before. Commission members noted they will have to remember that and follow it. A memo to the Township Board will be sent as a matter of information. General discussion was held to get an opinion from the commission on an applicant inquiry for the salvage yard on M57 and it's allowable uses, accessory buildings esthetics being compatible definition. The commission decided not to make any changes to the ZO regarding accessory building at this time unless it becomes a bigger issue down the road.

**Township Board Report: No new business to report per Davis**

**Zoning Board of Appeals Report:** Moeggenberg reported the ZBA had two variances to consider at their last meeting. The first was for a rear yard

setback on Loveless Dr. that was approved and the other was a request for third lot to be allowed on a private drive that was denied. The ordinance regarding private drives verses public road and splits allowed was further discussed in general.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 8:13 p.m.** by Chairman McCannon

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Brown, Recording Secretary