



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

2012 MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 9th, 2012, **Time:** 7 PM, **Place:** Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Chair Connie Bieling, Vice Chair Guy Seifert Board Members, Roy Christman, George White, David Beers ,Christine Meinhart and Rick Mertz.

Solicitor, Michael Greek, **Secretary** Jeremy Barbosa

Excused: Board Member None

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	None	The Planning Commission began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Board Reorganization	The Board reorganization occurred tonight and to complete the process Christine Meinhart was nominated as temporary chair.	A motion was made by Roy Christman to nominate Connie as chair and Guy Seifert seconded the motion. A.I.F. Guy Seifert made a motion for Rick Mertz for Vice Chair, the Motion was Seconded by Christine Meinhart A.I.F
Approval of the Minutes: Approval of December 12 th , 2011 Towamensing Township Planning Commission minutes.	There were two typos noticed and corrections will be made.	Motion made by Roy Christman to approve the minutes, from December 12, 2011, with the corrections, and seconded by Rick Mertz. A.I.F.
Public Participation	None	None
Old Business: Emerald at the Shire,	The Planning Commission reviewed the update plans. The board went over the plans and after a discussion of what actions the commission took in October, and after review of the minutes from October it was determined that no action would be needed from the commission since they recommended conditional approval at that time	Motion was made by Guy Seifert to acknowledge the new revised plans and the Commission referred to the motion made in the October 8 th meeting, to recommend conditional approval pending a full review by Township Engineer. The Motion was seconded by Christine Meinhart
New Business: Zoning Changes	The Commission reviewed and discussed the changes to the windmill ordinance and change in wording allowing more than turbine on a lot, and not for the use of a wind farm business.	Motion was made Roy Christman to recommend the change to section 406 of the ordinance to allow for more than one on a lot. The motion was seconded by Christine Meinhart. AIF except for a dissenting vote by Guy Seifert.
Officials:	Roy Christman gave the Commission an update of the regional planning process. The Commission talked about having a	None

	<p>Workshop in January occurring on January 16th. Discussion occurred to have an agenda to keep the workshop on track due to large amount of information that is needed to be covered. The group discussed what they planned on discussing in the workshop.</p> <p>Roy then again discussed an article referring to spot zoning and the legality of it. Attorney Greek stated that he is working on studying up on the recent cases and will have more information in on how to proceed with the changes.</p>	
	<p>Board member Guy Seifert gave his resignation letter to the Commission and thanked them for working with him for three years. Guy resignation is due to his position as new supervisor and would be effective as January 9th, 2012.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Roy Christman to acknowledge Guy's letter of resignation, and thanked him for his service to commission, helping the commission update the zoning and SALDO, his dedication to the community, hard work and vast knowledge that he brought to every meeting. The Motion was seconded by George White, AIF.</p>
	<p>The board then discussed a replacement for Guy Seifert. The board discussed past board member James Shaffer, who has an interest in serving the community as planning member.</p>	<p>Motion was made by Guy Seifert to recommend to the Supervisors that James Shaffer fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by David Beers. AIF</p>
Adjournment	None	<p>Motion made by Guy Siefert to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Christine Meinhart. A.I.F. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm</p>