

WES Meridian Wind Park

Mt Haley ZOOM Meeting September 2, 2020

Planning members present – David Wassmann, Ken Brown, Irene Peck, Deanna McClintic, Rod Kitzmiller.

Absent – None.

Others – Richard Keenan, Emily Palacios, Leonard Breasbois, Kyle O’Meara, Bill Fahey, Shanee Thayer, Tim Bebee, Steve Krotzer, Anthony Warren, Chris Patterson, Colleen Miller, Peter Sinclair, Paul Funk, Brittany Headley, Heather Betts, and Jason Hannath.

Zoom meeting was called to order by Planning Chairman, Wassmann at 6:46 pm. Pledge to the Flag was recited.

The meeting was turned over to Fahey and Bebee. Procedure for speaking was stated. Agenda was reviewed and there were no additions or corrections.

Wassmann stated the first meeting would be on the (WES) Wind Energy System. The Planning Meeting will open following the closing of the WES meeting.

McClintic asked about Conflict of Interest. Fahey stated the Conflict of Interest was added to the Bylaws draft and the reasoning. No future questions.

Motion by Brown seconded by Kitzmiller to approve adding Conflict of Interest to the Bylaws and submit all as Planning’s current Bylaws. Roll call vote. Peck-yea, Kitzmiller-yea, Wassmann-yea, McClintic-yea, Brown-yea. Bylaws with addition were approved.

Zoom – public comments.

Sinclair – Midland Resident – What the board has done is greatly appreciated. Wind Energy will benefit the area, boost the local economy and financially help farmers.

No other public comments.

Fahey said at each meeting the Planning Board members should be asked if anyone has a conflict of interest. He then asked each Planning member if they had a conflict concerning the evening’s meeting

Wassmann – none.

Peck - some turbines will be close to me but I have no conflict.

Brown – relatives have leased land but they will get no money as they just work the land and the land Brown owns is in the Township has no wind contract. He has no conflict.

Kitzmiller – Mother lives in Jonesfield Township, owns land there, but does not live with me. No conflict.

McClintic – no conflict.

Fahey talked on the Special Use Public Hearing to be held September 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. There was a notice put in the Midland Daily News, one on the hall bulletin board and notices sent with the date and Zoom information. September 23, 2020 at 7 pm on Zoom Site Plan Reviews and Laydown will be discussed. On October 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Site Plan Reviews will continue, if we don’t finish on September 23rd. No questions.

Bebee then covered Special Land Use Permit to requirements listed in Mt Haley Wind Energy Zoning Ordinance.

Following is a list of required items we still need for the Special Permit.

- ii. Need a list of items that are not requiring permits, outside approval or Mt Haley approval.
- iii.
 - a. Scale of 1”=800’ needs to be clarified.
 - b. Need tower measurements, sketches and dimensions.
 - c. Will Laydown need a fence and/or security?
 - d. Size and construction of temporary structures.
 - e. Cross section of drive contents. Are roads 16’ or 16 ½’, why not the same?
 - f. Need more details on drainage plan and Laydown run off.
 - g. No agreement between Road and Drain Commission and no grades.
- iv. Liability Insurance – DTE asked for waiver but no details.

- v. Waivers from property owners missing. Easements Bebee has but Planning has not.
- vi. Sound does not meet ordinance specifications. How will DTE comply and have it in writing for Planning and our engineer.
- vii. * Federal, State, and County requirements – need a registered letter from DTE by an individual of authority stating regulations and how they will be followed.
- viii. Need more detailed Laydown drawings or pictures.
- ix. Drain Commission and EGLE Water Resources Division will give us the environmental reports.
- xi. Shadow Flicker – more details on the DTE plan to decrease flicker and test analysis.
- xii. Are there safety sheets explaining how they refer to the Laydown area?
- xiii. Sheriff Dept and Fire Dept reports will come after they have their meeting.
- xv. Salvage and Decommissioning – we need a 20year out estimate of costs. Bond can not be based on today's numbers.

Some of the above items may become condition items in the Site Plan Review.

Conclusion: At this time there are still too many questions unanswered and reports not filed with Planning.

Peck – if home TV reception is affected, how will DTE approach problem if caused by turbine?

McClintic – how are cables crossing streams and ditches. She was told they would be put underground.

Wassmann – asked about Laydown and Bebee said it will come to Planning later. He just received the information. Is there going to be anyone living temporarily in the trailers at the Laydown during construction and/or permanently?

Road impact – Saginaw County will handle Tittabawassee Road and Midland County Meridian.

Is there a check list for the Building Inspector?

Brown – what is our next step?

Fahey – DTE and Bebee will discuss the September 2nd meeting list, resolve what they can and report back to Planning. If we can not decide on the Special Use Permit after the September 9th hearing Planning will not need another hearing before deciding. Fahey said we need another hearing if we change the concept of the reason for the Special Use.

Bebee – will get us information on Laydown and how it fits our ordinance.

Fahey – do you have amended Appendix A for your report?

Bebee – yes.

Thayer (Shanee) – items she did not see were – 1) work hours of construction. 2) security for any area of the site, not mentioned.

While McClintic was surprised to not see any fencing, Fahey says it is included on a more recent hand out.

Peck – will there be a need for a traffic light at the intersection of Tittabawassee and Redstone where they meet Meridian Road? There will be a lot of traffic in that area during construction.

Fahey – probably won't be a traffic light. Placement is usually based on the number of deaths happening at an intersection.

Krotzer – where will the cement plant be located? No one knows for sure which corner by Meridian but will probably be not far from the Laydown.

Keenan – in reference to the Laydown security, what will keep people from taking fuel?

Fahey and Bebee – state regulates size as related to fire hazard and theft.

Wassmann – showed pictures of a Laydown area where he traveled and took pictures. It looked "like a small city".

Palacios (Emily) – Thank you. The Laydown is taken care of by a business that runs that part of the construction.

Wassmann – When shall we meet again? Consensus – 2 weeks (Sept 23) after the September 9th hearing, as we have a lot of information coming to us to read.

Fahey – 1. Decommissioning was discussed.

2. Air Craft – FAA wants the lights on top of towers to come on when an aircraft is near.

Mt Haley Wind Ordinance refers to us wanting them, also.

3. What is the Building Inspector expected to inspect?

McClintic – we already have ADLS system in our wind ordinance to be used as soon as we have government clearance.

Fahey – lights of this type are being used in North Shade Township and in Tuscola County.

Wassmann – how does the cost compare?

Fahey – is it reasonable? If we say, applicant must comply.

Discussion – will we need a meeting between hearing and September 23rd?

Palacios – we need a little time off. Need time to address questions from the hearing. It was the consensus of the group we will have no September 16th meeting.

Motion to adjourn by McClintic, seconded by Brown. Roll call vote – Peck-yea, Kitzmiller-yea, McClintic-yea, Wassmann-yea, and Brown-yea. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Irene Peck, Secretary