PLANNING COMMISSION
PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

May 2, 2011

MINUTES

Chairman Bob Stafford called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Bob Stafford – Chairperson; Kris Kranz - Vice Chair; Bob Peterson – Secretary; Bob Babcock – Township Board Representative; Marv Peska. None absent.

Others present: Rochelle Rollenhagen – Z.A.; Amy Cross – Recording Secretary

Many guests present.

Agenda approval: Motion by Peterson, support by Peska, to amend the agenda to add "Collaborative Master Plan and Implementation Strategy" indicating this is in effort to qualify for grant money; Motion carried.

Motion by Peska, support by Kranz, to approve April 4, 2011 minutes; Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator report given by Rochelle Rollenhagen.

New Business: Stafford discussed having Planning Commission board members investigate further into commercial wind turbine specifications, noting the moratorium is active. The following categories will be researched further by the listed individuals: "nationwide setbacks" - Peska, "blade flicker and shadow" - Babcock; "heights" - Peterson; "lighting" - Kranz. Motion made by Kranz, to have the board research as listed above, Peska supported, Motion carried.

Zoning Enabling Act workshop scheduled for Monday, May 16, 6-9 pm.

A discussion took place on having the notes from the Planning Workshop held April 25 turned into minutes. Rollenhagen will handle this task and present to the board for approval at the June meeting.

Motion by Kranz, supported by Peterson, to allow Rochelle Rollenhagen to update the industrial wind energy ordinance with the information from the November 2010 meeting.

Variances and setback changes for residential zoning – tabled.

Public comment open at 7:25 pm and closed at 7:53 pm.

Several letters addressed to the Planning Commission from individuals regarding potential "commercial wind energy systems" in Pleasanton Township were read by the board (letters are on file with the Planning Commission Chairperson.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Cross
Recording Secretary