

ATTICA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION

March 22, 2018

At a regular meeting of the Attica Township Planning Commission held on the 22nd day of March, 2018, at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI 48412.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Penzien at 7 p.m. The following members were PRESENT: Dave Penzien, Phil Madeline, Mark Ochadleus, Kent Gierman and Maureen Lemons. ABSENT: Two (Geri Berry and Bob Stockwell). ALSO PRESENT: Planner Caitlyn McGoldrick, Attorney Chris Strittmatter and the public per the attached sheet.

REVIEW MINUTES:

The Board having reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2018 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes and there being no corrections, additions or deletions:

MOTION by Lemons, seconded by Gierman to approve the February 22, 2018 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Two (Berry and Stockwell). **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion and Motion for the Revised Site Plan for Total Marine Technologies:**

Planner McGoldrick reviewed her third review of the Total Marine Technologies Site Plan. There was discussion regarding the wall requirement and substituting with a greenbelt.

MOTION by Lemons, seconded by Ochadleus to recommend to the Attica Township Board approval of the revised Site Plan of Total Marine Technologies with the stipulation that two additional trees will be added as proposed by the Site Plan. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Two (Berry and Stockwell). **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Discuss Wind Ordinance:

There was lengthy discussion regarding the height restriction, participating property lines, fall zones, sound decibels, decommissioning and minimum lot size in the wind ordinance draft.

MOTION by Ochadleus, seconded by Lemons to table taking any action on the wind ordinance until items discussed are resolved. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Two (Berry and Stockwell). **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Hobby Farm Definition:

Attorney Strittmatter discussed the hobby farm ordinance and the fact that there is not a definitive description of a hobby farm except in the case of a farm being commercial in nature indicates that it is not a hobby farm. Attorney Strittmatter went on to discuss the Michigan Right to Farm Act and Hobby Farms.

2. Change Date of April Meeting:

MOTION by Ochadleus, seconded by Lemons to change the date of the April Planning Commission meeting to April 19, 2018. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Two (Berry and Stockwell). **MOTION CARRIED.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.

PLANNER'S REPORT: None

PUBLIC TIME: Resident, Stanley Cydejko, of 3015 Peppermill Road voiced his concerns with the possibilities of windmills in the township.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, **MOTION** by Gierman seconded by Ochadleus to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Two (Berry and Stockwell). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Maureen Lemons, Secretary of the
Planning Commission

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary