

Monterey Township Planning Commission Minutes  
Work Session – Monday, April 12, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.  
Monterey Township Hall

Call to Order: At 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: All members present.

Agenda: Approved, all ayes.

Approve Minutes: March 16, 2010 Minutes approved. All ayes.

Visitors: It was another full house of interested residents, both pro and con.

Proceeding: Chairman Kerber first explained the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Process. She informed the audience what the next step would be – the Public Hearing. The Ordinance can still be changed, approved, or denied at the hearing. Then it goes to the Allegan County Planning Commission for their approval or denial. If the County passes the Ordinance it goes to the Monterey Township Board for approval or denial. If it is approved it becomes the rule. If denied it goes back to the Monterey Township Planning commission, etc.

Nathan Steffen, a Monterey Township resident and an Acoustic and Safety Professional, performed a sound test using a recording of a working wind turbine. He demonstrated the sound level at 45 dBA inside the build and 48 dBA outside the building; with and without the windows closed. Another Environmental Health and Safety Specialist, Jeff Fussie from a Grand Rapids Co., FTCH, was provided by resident Albert Green to corroborate the test. The test provided a realistic illustration.

The review of our wind ordinance continued. More changes were made. It was decided to make the sound level at a non-associated house 35 dBA. And a change to Section 10:18 of our Zoning Ordinance was proposed – “If a WECS project is to be developed in phases, each phase is subject to a Special Use Permit.” **It was reiterated that no WECS shall produce any humanly perceptible vibrations.**

Public Comment: Comments from the audience still remained the same even with the new changes.

Adjourn: At 9:17 P.M.