

**ROME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

January 31st, 2012
Rome Township Hall

Chair, Mike Griffith, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Mike Griffith, Jeff Elwell, Kevin Fisher, Matt Minnick, Amy DeLine and Rick VanAkin were all present. Matthew Zellen was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: R. Yeider Rome Township Zoning Administrator, B. Halliwill, H. Warrick Rome Township Trustee, B. Hunt, Bill Frantz, Germaine Binns, and Eric Martis from Ogden Citizens Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kevin Fisher made a motion to approve the November 22nd, 2011 meeting minutes; Motion seconded by Jeff Elwell, motion carried 6-0. Amy DeLine made a motion to approve the December 13th, 2011 meeting minutes; Motion seconded by Kevin Fisher, motion carried 6-0. Kevin Fisher made a motion to approve the December 30th, 2011 meeting minutes; Motion seconded by Rick VanAkin, motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jeff Elwell made a motion to approve the agenda for January 31st, 2012 meeting, motion seconded by Rick VanAkin, motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comment

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: The Township Board approved the Special Use for Will Kea. The Board is also working on creating Permit Fee Schedule for the Township.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: No Meeting

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: 1 New call, mostly repeats.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT: Nothing to Report

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Public Hearing for Scot Stephen:** Kevin Fisher made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for Scot Stephen; Jeff Elwell seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Scot Stephen is seeking approval from the Planning Commission to obtain permitting to build, sell and run in wind generators on existing property at 7905 Burton Rd. Scot Stephen had asked the Planning Commission that the electrical permit be removed from the application process. Mr. Stephen was informed by the Commission that this was not something the Planning Commission could do/ had no authority to do and he was told to attend the next Township Board Meeting. Amy DeLine inquired as to the height of the “test tower” and why he was not submitting a special use permit for that tower in addition to the current application. Mr. Stephen informed the Planning Commission that the “test tower” was 33’ and per the ordinance is not required to have a permit, he was asked if this height was changing and he responded with a no. Amy DeLine inquired about the sign(s) that were in front of the business. Mr. Stephen was informed that normally a separate permit would be required for signs and that also a building permit would be required. Mr. Stephen informed the Commission that the signs are not going to be installed into the ground. They are only being held up by stakes in the ground. After lengthy discussion regarding the Special Use Permit and the Planning Commission completing the Special Use Application Checklist, Kevin Fisher made a motion to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting; Amy DeLine seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Amy DeLine made a motion to grant approval of a cottage industry at 7905 Burton Rd. to build, sell, and test wind generators. A sign is included in this special use permit, along with granting the maximum number of employees under a cottage industry (2) without resubmission. Matt Minnick seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

- Rick Van Akin (YES)
- Kevin Fisher (YES)
- Amy DeLine (YES)
- Jeff Elwell (YES)
- Matt Minnick (YES)
- Mike Griffith (YES)

Motion Carried 6-0; with Matthew Zellen absent.

2. **Public Hearing for Cletus Brooks:** Amy DeLine made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for Cletus Brooks, Rick Van Akin seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Chairperson Mike Griffith made a motion to recess the public hearing until a call of the Chair when Mr. Brooks can attend the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
3. **Renumbering of Rome Township Zoning Ordinance to incorporate WECS/ PWG and Outdoor Wood Stoves:** Matt Minnick asked the Planning Commission how they would like the ordinances incorporated into the Zoning Ordinances per direction from the Township Attorney. It was decided that the new ordinances would be new articles at the end of the Zoning Ordinance.

MEETING DATES: The next Planning Commission Meeting will take place March 27th , 2012 at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Frantz, Germaine Binns, and Eric Martis asked questions about the wind generation ordinances and informed the planning commission that they felt the ordinances were insufficient in comparison to new ordinances in Ogden and ordinances at the State level.

ADJOURNMENT: Amy DeLine moved to adjourn at 9:07pm. Seconded by Jeff Elwell, motion carried 6-0.

Matt Minnick
Secretary
Rome Township Planning Commission

Mike Griffith
Chairman
Rome Township Planning Commission