

**ROME TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**

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 and Rick VanAkin were all present. Matthew Zellen and Amy DeLine were absent. Please note Rick VanAkin arrived late.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** R. Yeider., P. Schaedler Rome Township Attorney, Will Kea, Cletus Brooks, and Scot Stephens

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Kevin Fisher made a motion to approve the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting minutes; Motion seconded by Jeff Elwell, motion carried 4-0.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Kevin Fisher made a motion to approve the agenda for November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 meeting, motion seconded by Jeff Elwell, motion carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Public Comment

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** The Rome Township Board held a special meeting to approve the Liquor License for Harold Lyons.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:** No Meeting

**ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:** 6 Calls, 2 New Buildings, Mr. Yeider also traveled around the Township and Identified 62-64 violations. He had also indentified at least 6 businesses that were operating in the Township.

**PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:** Nothing to Report

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Possible Issues regarding Wind Generation Ordinances and Enforcement:** Township Attorney Schaedler informed the Planning Commission that the WECS/ PWG and Outdoor Wood Stove ordinances approved earlier this year should be repealed as Rome Township General Law Ordinances and should be adopted as amendments to the Rome Township Zoning Ordinance. Attorney Schaedler informed that Commission that the Ordinances were sound, but if were to be appealed to the Circuit Court that there is a number of issues that would invalidate them. Matt Minnick and Attorney Schaedler will work on this issue further.
2. **Review Special Use Application for Will Kea:** Mr. Kea intends on constructing a 70' wind tower on his property on Burton Road to supplement energy at his residence. This structure will be a lattice type structure situated approximately 70' from his North property line. Mr. Kea had inquired about holding a special meeting to gain approval. The Planning Commission reviewed his application and took no exceptions to it.
3. **Review Special Use Application for Scot Stephen:** Mr. Stephen is asking to obtain a Special Use Application to build, sell and run wind generators on his property. The basic premise of this application is to allow Mr. Stephen to erect wind generators to "burn in" or confirm functionality of units prior to the units being delivered to customers. A lengthy discussion regarding the requirements of storing materials ensued. Mr. Stephens was informed that he needed to provide the Planning Commission with a Site Plan prior to his public hearing.
4. **Review Special Use Application for Cletus Brooks:** Mr. Brooks is asking to obtain a Special Use Application to sell equipment to support engineering services provided. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the need of said special use permit in regards to the operations of the business. After discussing with Mr. Brooks it was deemed a Special Use would be in the best interest of all parties involved.

**MEETING DATES:** The next Planning Commission Meeting will take place January 24<sup>th</sup> , 2012 at 7:00pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Comment

**ADJOURNMENT:** Kevin Fisher moved to adjourn at 8:47pm. Seconded by Jeff Elwell, motion carried 5-0.

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Matt Minnick  
Secretary  
Rome Township Planning Commission

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Mike Griffith  
Chairman  
Rome Township Planning Commission