

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP  
*ESTABLISHED 1849*  
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
July 20, 2009 7pm

1. **Call to Order.**  
Jerome Bush called the meeting of the Fillmore Township Planning Commission to order and opened with prayer.
2. **Roll Call.**  
Members present: Jerome Bush, Chuck Schaap, Fred VanTubergen, Daniel Seymour and David Brink.  
Public Attendance Roster: Keith Potter, Fillmore Township Supervisor and Kenneth Dettloff, AICP, PCP.
3. **Fillmore Township Planning Commission Minutes.**  
A motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred VanTubergen to approve the June 15, 2009 minutes as presented. PASSED 5-0.
4. **Fillmore Township Planning Commission – Zoning Ordinance Amendments.**  
Discussion continued from the meeting of May 18, 2009 and June 15, 2009:
  - a. Should on-site Wind Energy Systems be permitted in all zones?  
Ken Dettloff AICP, PCP presented a proposed amendment to pages 16-28. The proposed amendment expands the allowance of wind turbines into non-agricultural zones by Special Use Permits. It also changes the setback requirements from 1.5 times the total height to 110% the total height from all structures, property lines and road right-of-ways.
  - b. Is Article J on page 15-2 consistent with the original intent as adopted on August 8, 1991?  
The above article concerns the splitting of a farmstead off the parent parcel in the agricultural zones.  
Ken Dettloff AICP, PCP presented a proposed amendment to Article J on page 15-2. The proposed amendment uses the date of August 8, 1991 rather than October 5, 2005 as the effective date of allowing a one-time split of a farmstead from the parent parcel. The proposed amendment also changes the minimum frontage of the farmstead from 330 ft to 200 ft.
5. **Public Hearing.**  
The Planning Commission scheduled a Public Hearing for the two proposed amendments at the quarterly meeting on August 17, 2009.

**6. Michigan Wind Energy Resource Zoning Board.**

Keith Potter, Fillmore Township Supervisor will send a letter in response to a proposed report from the Michigan Wind Energy Resource Zoning Board. The Planning Commission received and reviewed this report at the June 15, 2009 meeting. The letter will state that Fillmore Township is favorably receptive to Wind Energy Systems. The Township is:

- a. Geographically located in a favorable wind area with over twenty square miles of agricultural land usage.
- b. Transmission lines traverse the Township.
- c. The Ordinance includes provision for Wind Energy Systems.

**7. Next Meeting date.**

The next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission is August 17, 2009 at 7p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Brink, Secretary  
Fillmore Township Planning Commission