

PUBLIC HEARING
AUSTINTOWN ZONING COMMISSION
January 5, 2012

In accordance with Section 519.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Austintown Township Zoning Commission held a public hearing on Thursday, January 5, 2012, at the Township Hall, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio, for consideration of and recommendation to the Board of Township Trustees Zone Change Request 2011-04-Z.

The following Commission members were in attendance:

Atty. Robert Price – Chairman - Absent
Keith Marsteller – Vice Chairman
Brett Hendricks
Eugene Benyo
Bonnie Sovik

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:30 P.M. by Vice-Chairman Marsteller leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Court Reporter in attendance, complete transcript taken of the hearing.

Motion by Mrs. Sovik to **APPROVE** the minutes of the December 1, 2011 hearing.

Seconded by Mr. Benyo.

Roll call vote: Mr. Benyo – YES; Mrs. Sovik – YES; Mr. Hendricks – YES; Mr. Marsteller – YES.

Mr. Marsteller turned the hearing over to Zoning Inspector Darren Crivelli to conduct elections for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Zoning Commission for calendar year 2012.

Motion by Mr. Hendricks to nominate Atty. Price as Chairman of the Zoning Commission for calendar year 2012. Seconded by Mrs. Sovik.

Roll call vote: Mr. Benyo – YES; Mrs. Sovik – YES; Mr. Hendricks – YES; Mr. Marsteller – YES.

Motion by Mr. Benyo to nominate Mr. Hendricks as Vice-Chairman of the Zoning Commission for calendar year 2012. Seconded by Mrs. Sovik.

Roll call vote: Mr. Benyo – YES; Mrs. Sovik – YES; Mr. Hendricks – YES; Mr. Marsteller – YES.

AMENDMENT 2011-04-Z

The Austintown Township Trustees, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio, 44515, proposed amendment to the Austintown Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended through August 23, 2010, to adopt Article XXII-Small Wind Energy Project Regulations.

Zoning Inspector Crivelli advised that the Mahoning County Planning Commission recommended approval per the agenda at their meeting held on December 20, 2012. Zoning Inspector Crivelli referenced the resolution approved by the Trustees than presented a brief overview of the proposed regulations regarding windmills. He stated he does not anticipate a wealth of zoning applications to construct windmills in Austintown but advised there are stories in the media regarding noise concerns and structural concerns. He suggested this ordinance is a good starting point for Austintown and if needed, the Township can review the regulations sometime in the future and make any necessary adjustments if needed. He stated the highlight of the document is the conditional use aspect that allows for public hearings before the Board of Appeals for neighbors to express their views regarding proposed windmills.

Mr. Marsteller inquired as to where the regulations originated. Zoning Inspector Crivelli stated there is a basic ordinance being adopted throughout the state and this ordinance was based on that and one from a village in western Ohio, but it also consists of portions of other ordinances found on-line. He emphasized the proposed ordinance would prohibit commercial advertising on the structures. He also stated the Mahoning County Planning Commission was impressed with the ordinance with a member stating this is the most comprehensive ordinance they have reviewed.

No one in attendance to speak in favor of the request.

No one in attendance to speak in opposition of the request.

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Motion by Mr. Marsteller to accept the recommendation of the Mahoning County Planning Commission and recommend **APPROVAL** of the request. Seconded by Mrs. Sovik.

Roll call vote: Mr. Benyo – YES; Mrs. Sovik – YES; Mr. Hendricks – YES; Mr. Marsteller – YES.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the hearing was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

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Darren L. Crivelli, Zoning Inspector

APPROVED: _____
Atty. Price – Chairman

DATE: _____