

The Fremont Plan Commission held their regular scheduled meeting on January 5th, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Jonathon Brown.

Members attending were: Glenn Wells, Ray Lauer, Jonathon Brown, Susie Swager, Kathy Parsons, Steve Vaughn, and Tom Abernathy. Kenny Crandall arrived later, DeWayne Schaffer was absent.

Zoning Administrator Chris Snyder attended the meeting, as did Zach Michels with the Steuben County Planning Commission, along with Steve Brown, President of Fremont Town Council.

SWEAR IN BOARD MEMBERS: *Three seats had expired in 2009 and Members were re-appointed by the Fremont Town Council. Clerk-Treasurer Kathy Parsons swore in Steve Vaughn, Susie Swager, and Jonathon Brown for another four years.*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: *Glenn Wells moved to nominate the current Officers for another year, Jonathon Brown as President, Kenny Crandall as Vice-president and Kathy Parsons as Secretary, second by Steve Vaughn, all in favor.*

MINUTES: *Jonathon Brown asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion was made by Steve Vaughn to approve the minutes, second by Glenn Wells, all in favor.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Wind Ordinance: Steuben County Wind Ordinance- *Chris Snyder introduced Mr. Zach Michels of Steuben County Plan Commission to discuss and answer questions about the recently approved Wind Ordinance for Steuben County. The County Plan Commission passed the Ordinance in late 2009, after months of review and the County Commissioners voted in favor of the Ordinance in early 2010. The Ordinance was provided to the Fremont Plan Commission members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Michels was invited to address the Fremont Plan Commission to discuss their thoughts and concerns and answer questions for the possible future adoption of the version of this Wind Ordinance for the Town of Fremont's zoning area. Discussion followed and Jonathon asked questions on items related to sound, decibel scales and levels, depths of restoration of land on removal of turbines, and on the disruption of service to cell phones, television signals, etc. and who and how they are mitigated. Steve Brown asked about the possible requirement of making sure small wind applications are installed properly, requiring engineered specifications to prevent damage to structures and neighboring properties. He also inquired about adding yearly maintenance requirements, making it mandatory for the owner to submit what was done. Mr. Michels answered questions and will do some research to address the concerns and provide modifications to the Plan Commission for the next meeting in April 2010.*

Other Business: *Jonathon still does not like the Noise Ordinance that is in place. He did not feel the Sanders should need to go to court to have an ordinance enforced. He was wondering if a suggestion should be made to the Council to have this ordinance looked at by the attorney. Steve Vaughn made a motion to see what the County does with their ordinance, in regards to fines and go from there, second by Glenn Wells, all in favor.*

With no other business to come before the Plan Commission, Glenn Wells made a motion to adjourn, second by Steve Vaughn, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Jonathon Brown, President

Kenny Crandall, Vice-president

Ray Lauer

DeWayne Schaeffer

Susie Swager

Glenn Wells

Tom Abernathy

Steve Vaughn

Attest:

Kathy Parsons, Secretary