PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

* Chairman Richard Karnatz led the Pledge of Allegiance

CALL TO ORDER

* Chairman Richard Karnatz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

* Members present: Richard Karnatz (Chair), Erin Nerychel (Secretary), Jessica Shearer (Board Liaison), Robert Hemmes (Commission Member), Jeff Dolphin (Vice Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals Liaison)
* Members absent: none

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

* Richard Karnatz added motor cycle club on lake and fuller road to agenda.
* Jeff Dolphin motioned to approve the agenda. Robert Hemmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

* Jessica Shear made a motion to approve the minutes with the removal of zoom meeting from header for the June 2, 2021 meeting. Robert Hemmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

* Question on residential duplex in commercially zoned district.

COMMENTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

* Robert Hemmes commented we should consider adding more meetings to discuss wind ordinance

NEW BUSINESS

* Motor Cycle Club Discussion
  + Concerns brought up about target shooting, noise and campers there longer than 30 days.
  + Discussed having Township Board send letter listing township ordinances and special land use permit for property.
  + Robert Hemmes motioned to send the Montcalm Township Board the special land use permit and recommend township board draft letter to land owner of motor cycle club. Jeff Dolphin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Set date for public hearing for Flat River Natural River Act proposed changes
  + Jeff Dolphin motioned to hold the public hearing for the Flat River Natural River Act proposed changes September 1st, 2021 at 7 pm. Robert Hemmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
* Discussion of hunting cabin classification, dimensions, pertaining to zoning ordinance
  + Discussed lowering the square footage requirement for a dwelling, temporary structures, increasing setbacks (100 ft min), buffer zones, zoning districts, if a new section in ordinance is required, zoning permits.
  + Discussed how to this could be difficult to enforce.
  + Mike Nelson Zoning administrator commented that he does not receive many requests for structures like this. To revisit topic when more requests.
* Review or discussion of wind energy zoning amendment
  + Dick Karnatz recused himself.
  + Investigate separating private and commercial wind turbines
  + Robert Hemmes made a motion to separate private and commercial wind turbines. Jeff Dolphin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously
  + Discussed revising current ordinance or start out with new draft. Planning commission members to bring sample drafts to next meeting for review.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

* Township resident commented on status of proposed draft amendment
* Robert Scott (Sydney Township) - provided copies of Pierson and Sydney township ordinances.
* Karen Baired - Comment that we have not had a geological study in our township. Recommend township investigate geology data.
* Jeremy Kwako – commented on waivers for wind turbines
* Pamela Hemmes – provided copies of the daily news with wind turbine article and commented health issues and setbacks
* Leslie Rydahl (Pine Township) commented on wind turbine (nuisance) court cases.
* Rachell Lentz – commented on protecting non-participating properties and including complaint resolution
* David Ellis – commented on hiring an outside group to provide information or help draft wind turbines ordinance
* Mike Riderama (Pine Township) – commented on sending a survey to get an
* \*\*\*\*commented on wind turbines and helicoptors and crop spraying
* Olivia Blumstrum - Comment on master plan review, number of chickens allowed and wind turbines
* Mike Nelson – commented on wind turbines and getting other townships involved if we do hire outside help and keep in mind what surrounding township are doing.
* Lindsey Simmon (Pine Township) commented on attending Pine Township to get an idea of what they are doing.
* Diane Fountain – commented on current wind ordinance

ADJOURNMENT

* Jessica Shear motioned to adjourn the meeting. Robert Hemmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Nerychel, Planning Commission Secretary