

# Westfield Township Trustees

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Public Hearing-Small Wind Energy Systems

September 6, 2012

6:30pm

Trustee Harris opened the Public Hearing to consider a text amendment to the Westfield Township Zoning Resolution for Small Wind Energy Systems at 6:30pm.

**Trustees Present: Gary Harris, Ron Oiler, and Jim Likley**

Please see attached Sign In Sheet

Trustee Harris opened the meeting up to the public for comments or questions.

As no one wanted to speak, Trustee Harris closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

Trustee Harris stated that he believed that all Trustees had a copy of the Prosecutors assessment of the language that was sent to them. The rest of the board confirmed that they did have that assessment. This assessment came from David Folk and has not been seen by the Zoning Commission. The Zoning Commission had included an assessment from Bill Thorne in the Trustee's certification packet. Trustee Harris stated that the assessment from Mr. Folk was more in depth than the one previously reviewed.

Trustee Oiler stated that he had the opportunity to speak with Susan Hirsch from the Department of Planning Services and they have gotten together with the Prosecutor's office and put together a model text language for Small Wind Energy Systems. This language will be available to the Townships in two weeks. This language has already been reviewed and approved by the Prosecutor's office.

**Trustee Oiler put forth a motion to deny the language for Small Wind Energy Systems presented to the Board of Trustees on May 1, 2012, Trustee Harris seconded the motion.**

Trustee Harris stated that he noticed that what was reviewed by the Prosecutor's office appeared to be different from what was reviewed by Planning Services.

Trustee Likley stated that after reading the latest response from the Prosecutor's office and seeing the concerns expressed with our final draft which had been revised considerably from the original, he agreed with the motion presented. He did ask how the procedure would take place on the new language that comes out from Planning Services in two weeks. He stated that with this public hearing process closed and with a decision to deny the current language, his take on the situation would be that if they initiated the adoption of that language, it would still have to go back to the Zoning Commission for a public hearing in order to proceed. While that's not a bad process, he feels that the new language would be very easy to implement in a continuation of this public hearing. His suggestion would be to review that language when it comes in and make any changes necessary and approve it without going back through the process. In order to do that they would simply continue the public hearing and not vote on the current language. The new language would not then have to go back through the process.

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**Trustee Oiler withdrew his motion to deny the Small Wind Energy Language as presented to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Harris agreed to withdraw his second to the motion.**

The Board of Trustees agreed to continue the public hearing for Small Wind Energy Systems until October 1, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Approved September 17, 2012