
PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
175 OAK GROVE ROAD, PINE GROVE, PA 17963
AUGUST 6, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting was held August 6, 2009 at 7:30 PM to discuss the proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinances and other business brought before the Board.

Attending were Chairman Larry Zimmerman, Vice-Chairwoman Diane Tobin, Supervisors Allen Aungst, and Judith Lehman. Supervisor Jerry Wise was absent. Also present was Secretary / Treasurer Kathy Ferguson, Township engineer David Horst (Benesch) and resident Larry Hoffman.

Discussion was held on model ordinances for wind towers and communication towers reviewed by the Board of Supervisors at the last special meeting.

Communication Towers

- Communication antenna on a building will be allowed on any district.
- Communication towers will be allowed by special exception from the Zoning Hearing Board rather than conditional use which would be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.
- Height and setback of communication towers was discussed, with wording changes to refer to a maximum height of 200 feet and setback requirements based on the height of the tower.

Windmills / Wind Towers

- Definitions will be amended for windmill to show the purpose for use on the owner's property for providing energy for their own needs.
- The land use part will be added to the Zoning Ordinance without amending the SALDO.
- Section 2.B of the model ordinance will be changed by removing part of the last line and will read "There shall be no commercial use of the windmills for the generation of energy".
- Windmills / Wind Towers will be added as use permitted by right to all the "R" districts providing they can meet all the requirements.

Commercial Wind Facilities

- Definitions will be amended to show a wind energy facility as a commercial purpose with intent to sell energy to the grid.
- Wind Energy Facilities will be allowed as a use by right in all "C" districts and as a conditional use in the RP district.

Other Proposed Zoning Items

- Language will be added to restrict private airports to use by the owner only.
- § 644 – Tank farms are currently in I-2 district as a use permitted by special exception, the Board of Supervisors agreed with the placement of this item.

Public Comment

- **Larry Hoffman** asked the Board why they were not allowing the sale of electric back to the grid. Zimmerman said they are limiting the KW of the residential wind towers and Horst said a larger scale is needed for selling back to the grid.

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Other Business

- Aungst discussed waiving the permit fees for the Recreation Area bathroom facilities. Zimmerman moved to waive or pay all permit fees for the Recreation Area bathroom facilities. Tobin seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ferguson, Secretary / Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Supervisors 8/12/09.