Minutes of Bengal Township Planning Commission July 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairperson Lori Pung.

Members in attendance: Lori Pung, Nick McDonald, Tom Miller, Duane Pung and Brenda Zlotek

Public present: Deb Schafer

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Lori Pung and seconded by Tom Miller to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2015 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Lori Pung and seconded by Tom Miller to approve the amended minutes of the June
25, 2015 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

No public comment

Unfinished Business:

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Reviewed, compared and contrasted ordinances from Centerville Township, Northshade Township, Portland Township, Dallas Township and Clinton County.

Prior to the next meeting in September, all members of the Planning Commission will review the current By Right versus Special Use permissible uses for A1,-A2 and Industrial parcels in Clinton County. Furthermore, the members of the Planning Commission will also review the same for Centerville, Portland and Dallas Townships in order to provide a balanced comprehensive approach to developing an Interim Zoning Ordinance in Bengal Township that reflects the current Master Plan.

Additionally, discussion and tasks agreed upon to be achieved before the September 2, 2015 Bengal Township Planning Commission Meeting, will be as follows:

Brenda Zlotek will research fire and rescue capabilities of Dallas Township, St, Johns Fire Department and Clinton Area Ambulance Services for confined space rescue and fire suppression related to Industrial Wind Turbines and Tall structures in Bengal Township.

Nick McDonald will research the US Fish and Wildlife's current concerns and recommendations related to Wind turbines in relation to wildlife conservation and protection.

Lori Pung will contact Huron County for a status report on their current Wind Energy Conversion Systems Ordinances.

Lori Pung will call Centerville Township to obtain and copy of their Zoning Ordinance in a "Word Doc."

Lori Pung also informed Planning Commission Members of upcoming training sessions though the Michigan Township Association, in particular a seminar on "Wind Inequities in township Ordinances".

Future Business

Discussed once the Interim Ordinance is established possibly addressing other zoning issues that may come up i.e., Drones and medical marijuana which are emerging zoning issues in other Michigan townships.

Solar panels

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:50 pm by Brenda Zlotek Seconded by Tom Miller Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted by: Brenda Zlotek Bengal Township Planning Commission Secretary 07/31/2015

Pending Approval-

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