

Banks Township Planning Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 8, 2002, 7:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Chair Sue Kessler at 7:30 P.M.

Since no documents have been received from Kevin Heard, the Dixie Ridge matter was continued until our next consecutive meeting, November 12, 2002.

PRESENT: Sue Kessler, Bill Austin, Nancy Ritsema, Marion Williams, Marv Rubingh

PUBLIC: Mary Campbell, Steve Smiley

Minutes of July Public Hearing and regular business meeting were approved as presented.
Minutes of September Meeting were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nancy presented some ideas from the Michigan Township Association website for us to consider: Oath of Office, chain of command, cross-referencing with Township Boards, ZBA's, and the planning commission.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT: No minutes available at this time.

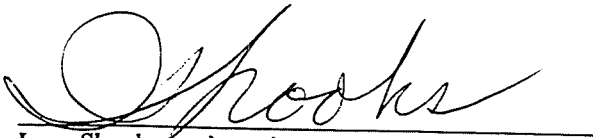
OLD BUSINESS:

WIND TURBINES: Steve Smiley, from Suttons Bay, from Bay Energy Services, which specializes in Wind Energy, was present to give some guidelines on wind energy. He prefaced his presentation with the fact that he, at this time, does not have a commercial interest in Banks Township, but could in the future. His objective was just to get information on the industry to local government officials so that they could make informed decisions. His information was concise, and he had an excellent presentation. He pointed out what were the major complaints of the public, and gave some great insight in how to word the ordinance to provide the protection for the land use.

ORDINANCE LANGUAGE: Mary Campbell presented some ordinance language for the Open Space Amendment. She will schedule a Public Hearing for November 12, and will do the noticing for that.

SURVEY: The Sub-committee had a sample list of questions written up for consideration. Mary is still looking at figures of a ball-park cost. Her recommendation was that the response choices be: Strongly agree, Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree, to give the public a way to indicate their reaction, other than just yes or no. Her suggestions were just a "tweaking" here and there. In November, we will vote on the format of the survey.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.



Irene Shooks, rec'g sec'y