

Cato Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2021

The Cato Township Planning Commission met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at the Lakeview Community Center. Members present included:

David Behrenwald
Phil Morrow

Kim Carr
Quanah Striker

Brandi Clark-Hubbard

Also present: Dave Kelsey, Cato Township Zoning Administrator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by chairperson, Phil Morrow.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the May 12, 2021, special meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by David Behrenwald and supported by Brandi Clark-Hubbard to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Phil Morrow opened public comment setting guidelines of 3 minutes awarded per person, speakers will state name and their residing township, guests will demonstrate respect for others, no clapping or booing and no side-bar conversations will be permitted.

There were 11 guests, of which 8 were Cato Township residents. Comments were received by 5 attendees. An attendance roster is attached to the original meeting minutes document.

Animal Noise Ordinance

A draft ordinance presented to the Commission was reviewed at length. It was noted that the 10-minute barking timeline is consistent with the Village ordinance. Discussion ensued around enforcement of said ordinance, the technicalities of responding to a concern and how to confirm timelines of such concerns. Redundancy or variations of instruction ordinances are believed to be unnecessary and confusing at this time. Motion was made by Kim Carr and supported by David Behrenwald to maintain the current practice of animal noise disturbance of which Village and County law enforcement would respond to such reported concerns. Phil Morrow will reach out to the Sherriff's department to inquire about their instruction for enforcement.

Wind Ordinance Review

Brandi Clark-Hubbard distributed a packet of information to members including:

- a working draft ordinance authored by her,
- setback support including Turbine manufacturer manuals (Nordex and Vestas) and a Wind Energy Journal article,
- Crop Dusting considerations including a letter from aerial application company to customers and Wisconsin law requiring compensation to affected farmers and

- A sample waiver process document.

Brandi explained that her recommended changes are noted in "blue".

The Commission proceeded with review of the current ordinance beginning on page 56, number 16: Guy Wires. Suggestions for change and/or notes made during this meeting went to Page 57, 19d. Setback and Separation.

Zoning Update

Dave Kelsey, Zoning Administrator, reported three zoning permits requested during the month of May including one new home and two pole barns. One of the two pole barn requests was denied.

Other Business

No other business presented.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, motion was made by David Behrenwald and supported by Brandi Clark-Hubbard to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Recorded by,

Kimberlee J. Carr
Recording Secretary
Cato Township Planning Commission