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Public Meeting of Casco Township Planning Commission
Wind Energy Ordinance
April 24, 2013, 6 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Barker, Louis Adamson, Dian Liepe, Dave Campbell, Paul Macyauski, and Judy Graff

ABSENT: Daniel Fleming is excused

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Ellingsen, Zoning Administrator; Janet Chambers, Recording Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Allan Overhiser, Supervisor; Jack Murdoch, Dan McNulty and 5 interested citizens

1. Call to order and review of agenda

There were no changes to the agenda

2. Reading of meeting noticed in the South Haven Tribune on March 31, 2013

Special Use & Site Plan Review for Jack Murdoch Winery Chairman Barker read public notice.

3. Comment Correspondence; From, Date Received & Subject

Letter from Alfred Ellingsen, received 4/22/13, regarding Murdoch Winery (attachment #1)
Letter & water flow sketch from Glen Pomp, Engineer, Allegan Co. Drain Commission, 4/24/13 (attachment #2)

4. Public Hearing on proposed application for winery & vineyard

Chairman Barker invited applicant, Jack Murdoch, 1666 Pinta Dr., Holland, Michigan 49424 to explain his plans. Murdoch's business, Little Man Winery, will be on approximately 37 acres, at 7143 107th Ave., South Haven, Michigan 49090 (Part of Parcel #0302-018-012-00). The winery would sit back off the road with a 1,700 ft driveway through his vineyard. He will have processing, storage, wine tasting and sales. He first started planting 5 years ago and will be harvested this year. His goal is to have a 4,000 or 5,000 case operation. Eventually he would like to have 15 to 20 acres of vineyard. He will raise 75% of his grapes and purchase 25% grapes in Michigan. He introduced Dan McNulty who will be his winemaker.

Chairman Barker asked if Federal and State licensing has been approved. Murdoch said they have been applied for and are waiting final inspection for after the building is done, and after township approval.

Graff asked if the business would be a seasonal. Murdoch said it would be open from March until November or December.

Chairman Barker asked about the time frame. Murdoch said the building should be started in May or June of this year. They could be selling wine in October or November. They expect to be open weekends in 2014, and full time in 2015. Hours of business would be from 10 AM to 6 PM. He will

Licensing has been done as far as it can be at this point.

Landscaping will be minimal because the vineyard is the main focus. There will just need to be something around the building.

The drive and parking will be crushed rock.

Signage will be to standards set forth by the township.

5. Resolutions requiring Planning Commission action; vote on special use and Site Plan Request

Motion by Barker, 2nd Campbell, to approve preliminary and final site plans with the conditions of Allegan County Drain Commissioner's review and approval; SHAES being given a copy of the plan for input regarding development of an emergency plan; and all licensing requirements being met. All in favor. Preliminary and Final Site Plans approved with conditions.

A motion by Adamson, 2nd by Campbell to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Minutes prepared by Janet Chambers, Recording Secretary

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