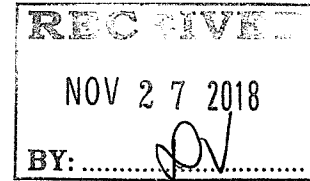




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Dana Vitale, Township Secretary
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RE: Review File No. 1298.175 - Wind Turbine Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Dear Mrs. Vitale,

The Carbon County Planning Commission has again reviewed the proposed amendments to the Penn Forest Zoning Ordinance regarding Wind Turbines in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC - Act 247 of 1968 as reenacted and amended).

Based on our review, the Carbon County Planning Commission again believes that the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments regarding Wind Turbines are consistent with many of the recommendations set forth in the Model Ordinance for Wind Energy Facilities in Pennsylvania and those of surrounding communities who have adopted their own ordinances regarding wind turbines and wind energy facilities.

Many of our recommendations from our review on July 17, 2018 have been taken into consideration and have been incorporated into the amended Zoning Ordinance. We, however, again believe that revisions/additions are required to Section 402.A.54 of the Penn Forest Zoning Ordinance regarding Wind Turbines are necessary to establish consistent standards for conformance for the installation of wind turbine facilities located in Penn Forest Township.

Areas in the proposed Zoning Amendment that we again believe need closer review/revision are:

- Certifications/Licenses/Permits - Copies of the approved permits and licenses from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utility Commission should be required to be provided to Penn Forest Zoning Board prior to receiving any building permits. There are no provisions in the Penn Forest Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance requiring these permits to be submitted with the land development plan. Unless the Township is going to revise the SALDO to require these permits they should be a requirement of the Penn Forest Township Zoning Ordinance.
- Applicant should provide documentation of the response to the Notice of Proposed Construction Form required to be submitted to the FAA and the PA DOT Bureau of Aviation. The Notice of Proposed Construction Form is required to be completed to provide for pilot hazard awareness with low altitude flight requirements. Example: The wind mill facility located near Mahony City is registered location and shown on a map provided by the PA DOT Bureau of Aviation.

Section 609 of the MPC specifies the Public Notice & Public Hearing requirements that must be followed for adoption of the Amended Zoning Ordinance. After enactment, please forward one (1) official copy of the revised Zoning Ordinance within thirty (30) days of adoption to the Carbon County Office of Planning & Development for our records, as required per Section 609 (g) of the MPC.

Dana Vitale, Township Secretary
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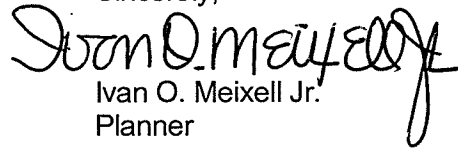
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This review again precludes any recommendation for approval by the Carbon County Planning Commission at this time. We, are providing our above noted comments for review and discussion by Penn Forest Township officials before adoption of the proposed Zoning Amendment.

Thank you for providing the Carbon County Planning Commission the opportunity to review and comment on this document. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office at (570) 325-3671.

Sincerely,


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