

Report of the **Town Wilson Long Range Plan [LRP] Ad Hoc Committee** meeting held Monday, October 25, 2010 in the Town Wilson Office Building.

Agenda for this meeting was posted at the TW Office, TW Maintenance Building and TW Fire Department on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 between the hours of 8:30am and 9:15am.

Meeting convened at 6:30pm. Present: Co-Chairs Bob Werner and Marge Pearce. Kevin Struck – UW Extension. Nancy Z. Schreiber, Gerald Bertsch, and Jim VanTreeck.

#### **Status Reports.**

State Legislative Committee is currently holding hearings on the PSC Wind Siting Rules. It is evident those persons who were on the PSC Committee (which originally drafted the rules) are taking this opportunity to have their opinions and dissatisfaction with the final draft heard. Main issues they (and others) are raising relate to effect on health, setbacks and property values. Based on media and other reports, there is a possibility changes may be made by the Legislative Committee before The Rules are scheduled for Legislative vote.

Based on TW Board Minutes, there would appear to be no progress in the matter of TW Cemetery boundaries and improvements. Town hall drainage issues and handicap accessibility continue to be on the TW Board meeting agendas

Pearce appeared at the Budget Preparation meeting held prior to this meeting and reiterated the LRP recommendation for construction of weather warning sirens with the priority being one in the south portion of TW.

#### **Task Assignment**

**Wind and Solar Energy.** Pearce met with the TW Plan Commission on October 11<sup>th</sup> to present the background and recommendation to 'tweak' the TW Zoning Ordinance 8.00 and 8.04 to include the Rules as adopted by the Legislature. See Report of September 27, 2010 LRP Meeting. Plan Commission voted to 'table' any action at this time and to wait for the final rules as adopted by the Legislature. At that time to send the Rules back to the LRP for review.

**Working Lands Initiative.** Team spent an hour discussing the various aspects of the proposed farmland preservation program versus that which is currently in-place. In doing so they compared the map of those TW parcels currently eligible as shown in the Long Range Plan [page 11-9] versus what could occur under the new rules based on Long Range Plan Map [page 2-13] and a large TW plat map provided by Struck. Included in the discussion were pros and cons, options, the need to clarify the entire program and how to proceed with getting this information out to TW ag land owners and operators. It was pointed out the individual at the State level who first introduced the program has died and no one has stepped forward to take his place in this endeavor. There is, also, the possibility of a complete change of attitude based on the results of the November Election and Legislative Committee Assignments. It was decided to 'hold off' on determining how to proceed until the January Meeting when there may be answers on which to base further action.

**Next Meeting. Monday, January 24, 2011.** TWLRP does not meet in November and December due to conflicts with deer hunting, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Agenda to include: Legislative update on PSC Siting Rules

Legislative update on Working Lands Initiative

Review of letters used by Struck in other townships regarding informational meetings and survey on the Initiative

Decision on whether and/or how to proceed with the Task Assignment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Marge Pearce and Bob Werner. TWLRP Co-Chairs. 10.26.10