



# Charter Township of Monitor

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## WINDMILL FACT SHEET

**Is Monitor Township adopting a new ordinance tonight that would allow wind turbines or windmills in the township?**

No, our ordinance has been in place since 2009.

**Is there any wind turbine or windmill ordinance before the township board at this time?**

No, the new proposed zoning ordinance that contains the current wind turbine or windmill ordinance is still with the planning commission.

**Does the wind turbine or windmill ordinance need to be updated?**

Yes, there is a great deal of information available today about wind turbines and windmills that was not available in 2009.

**Will Monitor Township be updating the wind turbine or windmill ordinance?**

Yes, the planning commission has committed itself to reviewing the current ordinance and sending their recommendation to the township board.

**Will these meetings be open to the public?**

Yes, all the planning commission meetings and township board meetings are held in public and listed on our website. A public hearing would be required to be held by the planning commission before a new ordinance is changed and sent to the board for consideration.

**Can the township ban wind turbines or windmills?**

No, we cannot ban wind turbines or windmills. Only the legislature has the power to grant townships the authority to ban wind turbines or windmills. We do have authority to regulate them in order to protect our residents.

**Can a wind turbine be constructed immediately?**

No, even if the township board took no action to halt construction of wind turbines or windmills until a new ordinance was in place, anyone wanting to build a wind turbine would still first have to get a permit from the township planning commission. Before a permit is issued there would first be a public hearing where neighboring residents would have to be notified.