

**HANDY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Planning Commission was called to order in the Handy Township Boardroom at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Redinger. Members present: Elliott, Towns, Limonoff and Eisele. Absent: None. Also present: Zoning Administrator- Call, Township Attorney- Kehoe, Carlisle Wortman Associates- Chris Atkin, Township Supervisor- Alverson and residents Fred and Cindy Krebs. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION ELLIOTT SUPPORT TOWNS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

Zoning Amendment 2019-1, Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance
Chapter 16, Special Uses, a new Section 16.6 BBB
7:00 P.M.

MOTION TOWNS SUPPORT ELLIOTT TO GO OUT OF REGULAR BUSINESS SESSION AND OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING AMENDMENT 2019-1, SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 16, SPECIAL USES, A NEW SECTION 16.6 BBB, AT 7:01 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion of sensitive areas like wetlands and if they could be used for solar energy facilities. Discussed pros and cons of using those areas and how the DEQ would regulate them. Also discussed Public Act 116 and how this act would affect use of certain farmland.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

MOTION ELLIOTT SUPPORT EISELE TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING AMENDMENT 2019-1, SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 16, SPECIAL USES, A NEW SECTION 16.6 BBB, AND RETURN TO REGULAR BUSINESS SESSION AT 7:25 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Brief Public Comments

None

Matters Pertaining to the General Citizenry

1. Business Session

A. Handy Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of 2-28-19.

MOTION EISELE SUPPORT ELLIOTT TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Old Business

None

3. New Business

A) Zoning Amendment 2019-1, Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance

MOTION ELLIOTT SUPPORT TOWNS TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF ZONING AMENDMENT 2019-1, SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 16, SPECIAL USES, A NEW SECTION 16.6 BBB, TO SEND TO THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR REVIEW AND COMMENTS, AND TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Communications

Discussed further training opportunities on May 30th in Jackson and an online course offered through MSU for anyone interested. Was updated on trash being dumped on Northeast corner of Cedar and Sargent Roads. Also mentioned Handy Township Board has decided to opt out of **recreational** marijuana.

5. Reports

As of now nothing for agenda in May. Quick update on MICA and Independent Dental progress.

Adjournment

MOTION ELLIOTT SUPPORT EISELE TO ADJOURN AT 7:48 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Morris
Recording Secretary