

# **MEETING OF THE RIVES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **HELD AT 8682 LANSING AVENUE, FIRE STATION**

November 22, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Members present: Roger DeCamp-chairman, Dwight Carmer-vice-chairman, Christine Beecher-ex-officio member from Township Board (TB), Adam Williams-member, Jim Lindstrom-secretary.

Motion by Mr. Williams 2cd by Mr. Carmer to approve agenda. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Carmer 2cd by Ms. Beecher to approve minutes of October 25, 2021 regular PC meeting as written. All ayes. Motion passed.

Chairman asked for reports. Mr. Carmer reported that no ZBA meeting had been necessary. Ms. Beecher reported from TB special meeting that map changes proposed by PC after Public Hearing had been referred to the County PC and Region II. She also reported that TB had tabled CWA request from PC. No other member made any report.

### **BUSINESS:**

Solar Ordinance – The PC members proceeded to review and discuss examples of solar ordinances from other townships; Ida Township, Augusta Township, Blackman Township, Rives Township prepared by special committee of Debbie Miller and Michael Buiten 4-22-2019.

Discussion led to tentative headings of the following categorize for future expansion: a. Purpose and Intent, b. Criteria, c. Definitions, d. Permitted Uses, e. Conditional Uses, f. Application and Approvals, g. Escrow and Guarantees.

Discussion among members as to good points reviewed in various ordinances to consider including in the Rives Ordinance. Chairman handed out Michigan Habitat Planning Scorecard for Solar Sites and mentioned MDARD rules for PA116 property. He also mentioned MTA solar ordinance planning guide is now available.

Prior to next meeting chairman will provide each member with MTA planning guide and Sheridan Township solar ordinance. Secretary will provide each member with copy of 4-22-2019 Rives Township draft ordinance submitted by special committee of Debbie Miller and Michael Buiten.

Public comment was invited at 8:28 pm.

None was received.

Public comment was closed at 8:29 pm.

**Next regular meeting will be held December 28, 2021 at 6:30 pm at 8682 Lansing Ave., fire station.**

Mr. Carmer 2cd by Mr. Williams made motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm by mutual consent.