

MEETING OF THE RIVES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

HELD AT 8682 LANSING AVENUE, FIRE STATION

December 28,2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

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

Motionby Mr. Carmer 2cd by Ms. Beecher to approve agenda. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Williams 2cd by Ms. Beecher to approve the minutes of the November 22,2021 regular PC meeting as written. All ayes. Motion passed.

BUSINESS:

1. Establish January meeting date. The 4th Monday of January will be meeting date. January 24, 2022 was established as meeting.
2. Year end Business- Mr. Lindstrom reported that he will present at the January meeting the annual summary recap of the 2021 meetings held, also the meeting schedule for 2022 will be established and the 2022 goals of the PC will be discussed.
3. Solar Ordinance – The chairman lead discussion regarding our work on the proposed solar ordinance for the Township. He referred to the MTA “Planning and Zoning for Solar Energy Systems” guide he had provided to the PC. He also led a discussion as to where solar energy fit into our Code of Ordinance and the Township updated Master Plan. In the MP the following pages were referenced and discussed in this regard: 2-8, 3-2,3-6, 3-8. It was determined that solar systems were appropriate in agricultural and residential land uses. The chairman will contact the Township attorney to verify if a solar ordinance follows the Master Plan.

Public comment invited at 7:39 pm

1. Stacy Stoner -resident- a) stated that a solar ordinance should address disposal of panels, b) suggested that response from Township attorney should be written, c) she is opposed to large use.
2. Vercilla Hart-resident- a) she states the 2016 Land Use map should be updated b/c a lot more residential has been built, b) questioned electric generation plant need for solar farm, c) stated she is not opposed to residential solar use d) she questioned how will solar energy benefit Rives Township.
3. Bryce Hammond – resident- a) stated that if solar farms are allowed the ordinance needs to require bond and guarantee for cleanup and restoration, b) he asked about sewer district along Rives Junction Rd and ordinance requirement of 1.5 acre minimum.

Public comment ended at 7:48 pm.

Ms. Beecher 2cd by Mr. Carmer made motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm by mutual consent.

Next Regular meeting will be held January 24,2022 at 6:30 pm at 8682 Lansing Avenue, fire station.