

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2023

held at

Washington Township Hall, 8989 S. Baldwin Rd. Ashley, MI 48879

1. Introduction of Planning Commissioners by Howard Whaley, Twp. Supervisor
Call to Order by Doreen Summer, Planning Commission Chair at 6:05pm
2. Pledge of Ailegiance
3. Roll Call

Present: Eric Whitford, Kim Diffin, Charles Misenhelder, Doreen Summer

Absent: Carl Kilpatrick
4. Approval of Agenda
Motion to accept the agenda as presented by Eric Whitford, 2nd by Charles Misenhelder,
Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2022
Correction: Minutes were Respectfully submitted by Eric Whitford, Planning Commission Secretary as
prepared by Barbara Hoffer, Washington Township Clerk. Motion by Eric, 2nd by Kim to accept the
minutes as corrected, all in favor, motion carried
6. DTE (Solar Informational)
 - A. Presentation by DTE (Theresa Hannath, Jim Scheloske, & Dan E.)
 1. Handouts
 - a.) DTE: Polaris Solar Project, Washington Township, January 20, 2023
 - b.) DTE Special Use Permit Application – Polaris Solar Project
 - c.) Polaris Solar Project photos (existing conditions, proposed at planting, proposed at 5 yrs
from planting, proposed at 10 yrs from planting)
 - d.) Full Size Maps (of those included in binder)
 - e.) Questions & Answers
7. Ordinances
 - A. Add a Noise Ordinance
A noise ordinance request was made by a resident. 4 samples were submitted.
Motion was made by Eric, 2nd by Charles to have Kim review the samples and present a draft for
consideration, role call vote, all in favor, motion passed

B. Review Ordinances

- 1.) An electronic copy was made of the 1971 Zoning Ordinance 7.22.1971 for each Planning Commissioner to review.
- 2.) Copies of the following were made and handed out to each Planning Commissioner to review:
 - a.) 2022-02 Amendment Re: Solar Energy
 - b.) 2022-01 Special Land Uses
 - c.) 2021-03 Special Land Uses (replaced by 2022-01)
 - d.) 2021-02 Amendment to Zoning Ordinance (replaced by 2022-02)
 - e.) 2021-01 Special Land Uses in Ag Zoning for Wind (to replace 2013-02 Wind Energy Facilities)
 - f.) 2019-01 Recreational Marijuana Establishments
 - g.) 2016-01 Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise
- 3.) Motion by Eric 2nd by Kim to table the discussion so ordinances can be reviewed by the planning commissioners prior to the next meeting, roll call vote, all in favor

8. General Public Comments - none

9. Next Meeting

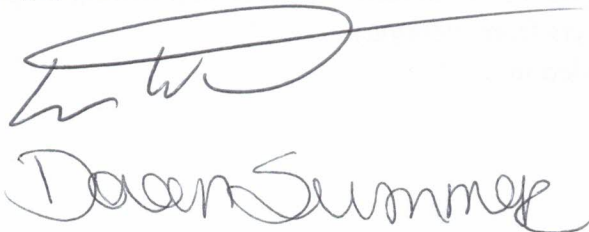
Scheduled for February 21, 2023 at 7pm

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Eric, 2nd by Kim, all in favor, adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Eric Whitford, Planning Commission Secretary
as prepared by Barbara Hoffer, Township Clerk

Passed as written Feb. 21, 2023.


Daren Summer