

**August 28, 2019**  
**Huron County Planning Commission Minutes**

A special meeting of the Huron County Planning Commission was held on August 28, 2019, in the Huron County Meeting Room, Room 305, County Building, Bad Axe, MI 48413.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert McLean at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the United States of America. Secretary Julie Epperson, called the roll of members: Roll call - Members present: Bernie Creguer, Julie Epperson, George Lauinger, Robert McLean, Jeremy Polega, Bill Renn, Bob Tenbusch, Dan Tighe and Ken Walker. Members absent: None.

Member Walker made a motion, seconded by Tighe to amend the agenda to switch agenda items 3 and 4. Motion carried.

Discussion followed. Lauinger and Creguer speak in disagreement of amending agenda. Tenbusch, Walker, Tighe and McLean speak in support.

**Roll Call Vote: Amendment of Agenda**

Bernie Creguer	Nay	Bill Renn	Nay
Julie Epperson	Yea	Jeremy Polega	Nay
George Lauinger	Nay	Robert McLean	Yea
Bob Tenbusch	Yea	Ken Walker	Yea
Dan Tighe	Yea	<b>5-Yea 4-Nay 0-Absent/Abstain</b>	

Smith questions the amendment to the special workshop procedural agenda, as said procedural agenda did not include a line item for amendments, which differs from the regular planning commission meeting agenda format. During past regular commission meetings, the PC has amended the agenda on numerous occasions to allow presenters/applicants the opportunity to present their information prior to normal agenda business.

McLean stated the agenda was not sent to him prior to distribution as prior directed.

Members begin to review draft solar ordinance, building code, and fire code provisions.

BOC Chairman Khoury states he is disturbed, the PC needs to be business friendly. There is no section on the procedural agenda that allows amendments to said agenda. Khoury directs the commission to following the posted agenda.

Tenbusch recommends to open up for public comment as it was skipped over.

**2. Public Comment** (Open Meeting Act.)

Paul Funk, DTE Energy, thanks the PC for allowing time on the agenda, a presentation regarding solar setbacks to follow.

Steve Vaughan, County Commissioner, comments agenda was sent to the Chairman for review on Friday, August 23, 2019, it was not responded to in a timely fashion. Action will be taken if needed.

McLean questions if the PC would like to continue with the agenda as amended or revert back to original.

Tighe and Tenbusch recommend continuing with the agenda as amended.

Lauinger and Creguer recommend continuing with the original agenda.

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Walker apologizes for making an amendment to the agenda when it was not listed on the agenda, does not want to continue with amended agenda if there are issues of procedure.

Epperson made a motion, seconded by Tenbusch to continue with the original agenda. Motion carried.

**Roll Call Vote: Continue with Original Agenda**

Bernie Creguer	Yea	Bill Renn	Yea
Julie Epperson	Yea	Jeremy Polega	Yea
George Lauinger	Yea	Robert McLean	Yea
Bob Tenbusch	Yea	Ken Walker	Yea
Dan Tighe	Nay	<b>8-Yea 1-Nay 0-Absent/Abstain</b>	

**3. Solar Energy Information**

A. DTE Energy—Solar Energy Presentation

Paul Funk, DTE Energy, gives a presentation on zoning setbacks of current DTE Solar Energy projects installed in Michigan.

Discussion followed.

B. First Solar Inc—Review/Comment on draft solar ordinance

Becky Campbell, First Solar Inc., provides overview and comment on draft solar ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Members review draft solar ordinance, specifically private solar regulations.

Members discuss adding possible amendments to the special meeting agendas along with final board comment.

**4. Adjournment**

Being there was no further business to come before the Planning Commission, it was moved on a motion by Member Julie Epperson, to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Member, Bernie Creguer. Motion carried. Adjournment was at 9:03 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on September 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Room 305.

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Robert McLean, Chairman

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Julie Epperson, Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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