

June 27, 2018

## Huron County Planning Commission Minutes

A special meeting of the Huron County Planning Commission was held on June 27, 2018, 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 7:05 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, Carl Duda, Julie Epperson, Terry Heck, George Lauinger, Robert McLean, Dan Tighe, Bob Tenbusch and Ken Walker. Members absent/excused: none. Others present: There were approximately fifteen (15) people in attendance, including: Jeff Smith, Planning/Building & Zoning Office Director and Mickayla Bischer, Recording Secretary.

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

Steve Purcells, Huron City, addresses the board with concerns regarding solar setbacks and speaks in support of commercial solar.

Sami Khoury, Board of Commissioner, addresses the board regarding a motion the BOC approved to direct the Planning Commission to transition the wind committee into a solar committee to draft solar ordinance prior to any wind energy revisions.

Don Koglin, Sherman Township, presented the board with information regarding solar.

Robert Gaffke, Bloomfield Township, addresses the board with concerns regarding the complaint resolution process.

### **3. Spicer Group to continue review/update of Huron County Master Plan**

Alan Bean, Spicer Group, gives an overview of the Master Plan and update for new members on the commission. Mr. Bean provided draft policy statements for wind and solar, revised solar feasibility maps, in addition to draft future land use maps.

Member George Lauinger questions setbacks and states the commission does not want to be too arbitrary.

Members discuss various setbacks and recognize that the setbacks should not be too specific in the master plan, but in the actual solar ordinance. Members also discuss addressing the difference between residential solar and commercial solar in the master plan. Mr. Khoury recommends incorporating something into the master plan regarding decommissioning of commercial solar.

Mr. Bean and members discuss setting another meeting date on August 22, 2018 at 7 pm.

Members discuss creating a separate solar committee and Mr. Khoury recommends using the same committee members as the wind committee, but focus efforts on solar regulations prior to wind energy.

### **4. Adjournment**

Being there was no further business to come before the Planning Commission, it was moved on a motion by Member Terry Heck, to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Member, Bob Tenbusch. Motion carried. Adjournment was at 8:55 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on July 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Room 305.

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Robert McLean, Chairman

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Julie Epperson, Secretary

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