

July 6, 2022
Huron County Planning Commission Minutes

A meeting of the Huron County Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, in the Huron County Building, 250 E Huron Ave, Rm 305, Bad Axe, MI 48413.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Renn at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the United States of America. Julie Epperson, Secretary, called the roll of members: Roll call - Members present: Bernie Creguer, Julie Epperson, George Lauinger, Richard Swartzendruber, Jeremy Polega, and Bill Renn. Members absent: Todd Talaski and Caitlin Stone-Webber. Member J. Dean Smith arrived at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 4 guests were in attendance.

Member Swartzendruber made a motion, seconded by member Polega, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

Member Creguer made a motion, seconded by member Swartzendruber to approve the June 1, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment (Open Meeting Act.):

Paul Funk, DTE Energy, advised members that he is available to answer any questions regarding the draft commercial solar energy ordinance.

Gary Lilly, Sand Beach Township, in attendance to observe how the Huron County Planning Commission conducts business.

4. Public Hearing: None.

5. Communications:

- A. Letter from Beckett & Raeder, consultant for Sanilac County, stating Sanilac County will begin the process of writing a Master Plan pursuant to Public Act 33 of 2008, being the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.
- B. Meade Township provided a draft copy of the 2022 Meade Township Wind Energy Conversion Facility revised zoning ordinance.
- C. Sand Beach Township notice of public hearing regarding updates to the Sand Beach Twp. 2022 Master Plan.
- D. E-mail comment from DTE Energy, Paul Funk, regarding DTE's review/comment of the draft solar ordinance.

6. Report of Committees: None.

7. Unfinished business:

- A. Commercial Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance was discussed. Page 7 – Noise. Members review Section J. Noise and agree to change “Noise” to “Sound” Page 11- Glare. Members discuss glare and agree remove Section L and include Glare under site plan review process. Page 11 – Distribution, Transmission, and Interconnection. Members discuss minor revisions to language. Page 12 -13 Members stop review at Section R Inspection.

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8. New Business:

A. PA 116 Enrollment Applications:

1. Poelma Land Company LLC, Sec 17 Brookfield Twp., 76.52 acres (76.52 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 90 yrs.
2. Volmering, Richard & Wendy, Sec 35 Sand Beach Twp., 62.11 acres (62.11 cultivated) 0 bldg., 90 yrs.

Member Swartzendruber made a motion, seconded by member Smith, to approve the PA116 enrollment applications as presented. Motion carried.

9. Final Public Comment:

Gary Lilly, Sand Beach Township, pleased with how the entire planning commission participated.

Paul Funk, DTE Energy, thanked the planning commission for their deliberations regarding the solar ordinance and the considerations/respect provided to the land owners.

10. Final Planning Commission Comment:

Member Smith apologized for arriving late to the meeting.

Chairman Renn thanked member Lauinger for his work on the draft solar ordinance.

Zoning Administrator Jeff Smith informed the commission that Julie Adams no longer works in the building & zoning department and introduced the new administrative assistant Andrea Wrubel.

11. Adjournment

Being there was no further business to come before the Planning Commission, it was moved on a motion by Member Smith, to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Member Swartzendruber. Motion carried. Adjournment was at 8:33 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., in Room 305.

Bill Renn, Chairman

Julie Epperson, Secretary

Date: _____

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