

August 7, 2019
Huron County Planning Commission Minutes

A meeting of the Huron County Planning Commission was held on August 7, 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 7:02 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, Robert McLean, Jeremy Polega, Bill Renn, Bob Tenbusch and Ken Walker. Members absent: Dan Tighe.

Motion made by Bob Tenbusch, seconded by Bernie Creguer to approve the agenda with amendment to allow First Solar to have additional time during public comment. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

Member Renn made a motion, seconded by Tenbusch to approve the July 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Member Epperson made a motion, seconded by Tenbusch to approve the July 17, 2019 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment (Open Meeting Act.)

Steve Vaughan, County Commissioner, recommends the PC visit solar sites, residential and commercial.

Becky Campbell, First Solar Inc., provides an overview of First Solar Company, solar panel manufacturing process, and solar panel recycling.

4. Public Hearing

SAP 2019-03 Telecom Towers special use permit request to alter existing cellular tower in Fairhaven Twp., or construct new tower adjacent to existing to accommodate future cellular providers.

Public Comment:

Steve Vaughan, County Commissioner, questions revised environmental study, equipment on tower and NEPA.

Finding of Fact: Meets elements in ordinance provisions.

Member Renn made a motion, seconded by Creguer to conditionally approve site-plan option 1 with the provision that additional leased area be obtained and an engineer certification of fall zone. If option 1 is not feasible due to lack of additional lease area, then option 2 is approved with engineer certification of fall zone. Either option will require submission of NEPA report.

Roll Call Vote: SAP 2019-03

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	Absent	8-Yea 0-Nay 1-Absent/Abstain	

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5. Communications

A. Huron County Directory 2019-2020.

6. Report of Committees: None.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Huron County Master Plan. Clark Hill opinion pertaining to renewable energy. Tenbusch addresses his concerns with the Clark Hill opinion. Mr. Tenbusch is questioning if all correspondence was passed to Clark Hill. Smith states the opinion is based on the original request from the BOC.

B. Huron County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
Randy Miller, 911 Director, provides brief update.

C. Apple Blossom Wind LLC c/o Sempra U.S. Gas & Power. Apple Blossom Wind LLC to provide additional compliance report in 2019.

D. Commercial Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance. Continue...

Workshop meeting scheduled for August 28, 2019 at 7pm.

E. Huron County Planning Commission By-laws.

8. New Business

A. PA 116 Enrollment Applications:

1. Leipprandt Brothers LLC, Sec 13 Chandler Twp., 77.75 acres (77.75 cultivated), 0 bldgs., 10 yrs.
2. Schuette Brothers LLC, Sec 28 Chandler Twp., 55 acres (55 cultivated), 0 bldgs., 10 yrs.

Creguer made a motion, seconded by Polega to approve the PA 116 applications as presented. Motion carried.

9. Final Public Comment:

Paul Funk, DTE Energy, recommends the PC visit existing DTE Solar projects.

10. Final Planning Commission Comment: None.

11. Adjournment

Being there was no further business to come before the Planning Commission, it was moved on a motion by Member Bob Tenbusch, to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Member, Julie Epperson. Motion carried. Adjournment was at 9:00 p.m.

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

Robert McLean, Chairman

Julie Epperson, Secretary

Date: _____

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