

**October 6, 2021**  
**Huron County Planning Commission Minutes**

A meeting of the Huron County Planning Commission was held on October 6, 2021, 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, Bill Renn, J. Dean Smith, Julie Epperson, and Rich Swartzendruber. Members absent: Todd Talaski, George Lauinger, Jeremy Polega, and Caitlin Stone-Webber. Approximately 5 guests were in attendance.

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

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Member Smith made a motion, seconded by member Creguer to approve the September 1, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**3. Public Comment** (Open Meeting Act.): None

**4. Public Hearing:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**5. Communications:**

- A. Meade Township Planning Commission notice of public hearing regarding updating Meade Twp. Master Plan.
- B. The Detroit News article dated August 29, 2021 titled "Michigan utilities spent millions electing lawmakers who could probe outages" submitted by member Renn.
- C. Mass Audubon Advocacy Department document titled "Losing Ground 2020" submitted by Valerie McCollum.

**6. Report of Committees:** None.

**7. Unfinished Business**

- A. Huron County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Brief update given by Director Jeff Smith.
- B. Commercial Solar Energy Facilities Ordinance. Members review draft received dated 9-30-2021.

Decommissioning needs to be re-visited and added back into the draft in various sections.  
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All planning commission members are urged to re-read the draft ordinance in preparation of final draft language

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**8. New Business:**

A. PA 116 Enrollment Applications:

1. Long, Steven & Mary, Sec 21 Colfax Twp., 80 acres (62 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 10 yrs.
2. Weiss, Steven & Kristen, Sec 15 Huron Twp., 17.23 acres (17.23 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 90 yrs.
3. Weiss, Steven & Kristen, Sec 18 Rubicon Twp., 40 acres (33.81 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 90 yrs.
4. Braun, Larry & Leah, Sec 18 Rubicon Twp., 20 acres (12.7 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 50 yrs.
5. Volmering, Les, Sec 2 Sherman Twp., 77.44 acres (77.44 cultivated) 2 bldgs., 10 yrs.
6. Koroleski, Steven & Mitzi, Sec 22 Dwight Twp., 80 acres (80 cultivated) 2 bldgs., 10 yrs.
7. Goretski, Kevin, Sec 7 Dwight Twp., 78 acres (76 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 60 yrs.
8. Thomas Farms LLC, Sec 11 Grant Twp., 35 acres (35 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 90 yrs.
9. Thomas Farms LLC, Sec 22 Hume Twp., 119.84 acres (119.84 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 90 yrs.
10. Thomas Farms LLC, Sec 8 Winsor Twp., 34.04 acres (34.04 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 90 yrs.
11. Thomas Farms LLC, Sec 17 Winsor Twp., 78 acres (78 cultivated) 0 bldgs., 90 yrs.

Member Swartzendruber made a motion, seconded by Smith to recommend approval of the PA 116 Enrollment applications as presented. Motion carried.

**9. Final Public Comment:**

Dennis O'Neil made a comment about inappropriate signs.

**10. Final Planning Commission Comment:**

Jeff Smith comments regarding status of sign complaint in Rubicon Twp. Requested property owner remove signs, owner stated he does not intend to remove the signs and believes the signs are not offensive. Corporation council has been contacted, we are waiting for legal opinion from Christian Mullett, P.C. attorney at Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C. Some believe this complaint is more of a civil matter, however we will review the wording in the county ordinance. Smith provided overview of the civil infraction process.

Jeff Smith also informed the planning commission of a complaint received by the Huron County Board of Commissioners regarding the condition of four (4) properties in Section 13 and 24 of Meade Township, all parcels located west of the intersection of Filion Road and North Van Dyke. Smith stated Meade Township should be informed of the complaint, as Meade Township is self-zoned and also have their own dangerous building ordinance.

**11. Adjournment**

Being there was no further business to come before the Planning Commission, it was moved on a motion by Member Creguer, to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Member Smith. Motion carried. Adjournment was at 7:32 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on November 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., in Room 305.

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William Renn, Chairman

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Julie Epperson, Secretary

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