

WORTH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2023

6903 S. LAKESHORE RD., LEXINGTON, MI 48450

CALL OF ORDER: Chairman Wilson called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Members Present: John Cuppen, Byron Wilson, Boni Lillibridge, Barbara Millsap.

Also: Four people in the audience.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Ms. Millsap, supported by Mr. Cuppen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- May 3, 2023- Motion by Mr. Cuppen, supported by Mr. Wilson to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Ms. Lillibridge presented a letter from the County of St. Clair Planning Commission regarding the Planning Commission Master Plan Update-63-day Review and Comment Period. Ms. Lillibridge stated that the Notice of Intent letters for the Worth Township Master Plan Update were mailed on May 22, 2023, to the surrounding municipalities and utility companies. An announcement from Jennifer Marshall requesting that all of the Planning Commission members contact Hi-Tech to update their e-mail and passwords.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda Items only): None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Wind Energy and Solar Energy: Chairman Wilson and Ms. Lillibridge met with Norm Stephens for a 3-hour meeting concerning Wind and Solar Energy. Mr. Stephens has assisted 18 Townships put together ordinances for Wind and Solar. We have obtained an ordinance for Wind and an ordinance for Solar that has been adopted by the Charter Township of

Almer in Tuscola County, Michigan. The ordinances that have been adopted have more stringent decibel levels and larger setbacks from buildings. In the Solar ordinance, there are only small and large solar uses. The small being for home use and large for commercial use. Chairman Wilson suggested the Planning Commission to use the ordinance from Almer Charter Township and change the name to Worth Township, Sanilac County. Then present the ordinance to the Township Board to review. Chairman Wilson said that he would like to invite Mr. Stephens as a guest speaker to explain to the Planning Commission and the Township Board about Wind and Solar and explain some of the technical terms. The Planning Commission agreed to have Mr. Stephens come to speak. Ms. Millsap said that she would send a message to the Board and request a Special Meeting with both Boards. Ms. Lillibridge asked if the Planning Commission would like to withdraw the previous Wind Energy Ordinance that was proposed to the Township Board. Ms. Millsap said the Township Board did not like the previous Ordinance so the Planning Commission could submit this ordinance. The Planning Commission discussed some changes to the Almer Charter Township Ordinance to reflect the needs of Worth Township. The Planning Commission made the decision to take the Wind Energy Ordinance and the Solar Energy Ordinance home to read and discuss them further at the July Meeting. The Planning Commission will also request a Special Meeting with the Township board to invite Mr. Stephens.

NEW BUSINESS: None

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Millsap- Nothing to report.

Mr. Cuppen- Roadside Memorials. Mr. Cuppen spoke with MDOT(Amy) concerning roadside memorial. He was told the there are no laws on the books for roadside memorial. Mr. Cuppen also spoke with the Sanilac County Road Commission (Tiffany). The Road Commission said that no signs are allowed in the road Right-of-Way. Outside of the Right-of-Way has to be with the permission of the property owner.

The Planning Commission will ask the Township Attorney about making an ordinance for Roadside Memorial.

Mr. Wilson- Nothing to report.

Ms. Lillibridge-nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Prefer for the Special Meeting to be in the evening.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Cuppen, supported by Ms. Millsap to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Boni Lillibridge, Secretary

Worth Township Planning Commission