

PINE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

7900 W. Second Street, Stanton, MI 48888

MINUTES

Minutes of November 10, 2025 Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Christensen, followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Gary Christensen, Chair; Bob Andresen, Vice Chair; Jamie Gorby, Secretary; Darcy Krause, Board Liaison; Derek Buchholz; Dan Main

Absent: Chris Bell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Main, supported by Andresen, to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 13, 2025 MINUTES

Buchholz moved, supported by Andresen, to approve the minutes as written.

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn Sweet thanked PC for ordinance work, stressed the importance of good ordinances

Leslie Rydahl agreed with Sweet

Gorby read an email that had been sent by Shelly Grube, requesting that the PC adopt CREO

OLD BUSINESS

- **Noise Ordinance Review**

Twp. Supervisor Drews reported on the County junk ordinance meeting. The junk ordinance does not and will not include noise. Ordinances must be enforced at the township level first, then the Sheriff's Department can step in. The township attorney still represents the township as prosecutor in court.

NEW BUSINESS - PUBLIC HEARING – CREO ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Wind Ordinance:

Christensen presented his research on the State green energy program.

The CREO ordinance wording recommended by attorney Leslie Abdo was discussed.

Gorby moved, supported by Krause, to adopt the CREO amendment to regulate WECS.

Roll call vote: Yes – Andresen, Gorby, Christensen, Krause, Main, Buchholz

No - None

MOTION PASSED

Solar Ordinance:

Buchholz moved, supported by Andresen, to adopt the CREO amendment to regulate solar energy systems.

Roll call vote: Yes - Andresen, Gorby, Christensen, Krause, Main, Buchholz

No – None

MOTION PASSED

Battery Energy Storage:

Gorby moved, supported by Krause, to change the wording in the Leslie Abdoo proposed Battery Energy Storage Systems document to Pine Township, update section numbers to match the Pine Township ordinance, and to permit storage only in the light industrial district

Roll call vote: Yes – Andresen, Gorby, Christensen, Krause, Main, Buchholz
No – None

MOTION PASSED

Gorby moved, supported by Andresen to adopt the zoning ordinance to regulate Utility Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems, with the changes to the document as outlined in the above motion.

Roll call vote: Yes – Andresen, Gorby, Christensen, Krause, Main, Buchholz
No – None

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lindsay & Curt Simon emailed Gorby stating their support of CREO adoption.

Twp. Supervisor Drews spoke regarding farmland preservation.

Dawn Sweet stated problems with hiring enough deputies for the Sheriff's Department may affect ordinance enforcement, ordinances should be in place for when enforcement can occur

Leslie Rydahl thanked PC for their work

Vinnie Trierweiler asked whether the ordinances that were voted on need to be passed by the Township Board in order to take effect

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gorby, supported by Krause , to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 PM.

MOTION PASSED

The next quarterly meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jamie Gorby, Secretary

Minutes typed by Barbara Kaaikala, Recording Secretary