

PINE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, April 10, 2023 at 5:00 PM

A public hearing of the Pine Township Planning Commission held at the Pine Township Hall, 7900 W. 2nd Street, Stanton, Michigan 48888, for the purpose of discussing the proposed update to the Solar Ordinance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Millard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Scott Millard, Chair; Gary Christensen, Vice Chair; Jamie Gorby, Secretary, Tyler Nadeau, Township Board Liaison, Derek Buchholz, Dan Main.

Absent: Chris Bell

Buchholz left the meeting at 6:22 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nadeau moved, supported by Buchholz, to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nadeau moved, supported by Main, to approve the February 23, 2023 Minutes.

MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mike Rotter expressed appreciation for the Commission members

Judy Graham and Vinny Trierweiler had questions regarding the decommissioning timeline.

Main moved, supported by Buchholz, to add "not to exceed one calendar year" after the word "ordinance" at the very bottom of page 10, e, 1, v.

Roll Call: Christensen – Yes; Millard – Yes; Buchholz – Yes; Nadeau – Yes; Main – Yes;

Gorby – Yes

MOTION PASSED

Nadeau moved, supported by Gorby, to add the same wording to page 6, 4, i (following "A decommissioning plan")

Roll call: Gorby – Yes; Christensen – Yes; Millard – Yes; Buchholz – Yes; Nadeau – Yes;

Main – Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

Judy Graham had questions regarding surface requirements, insurance requirements, and noise level restrictions and thanked Commission members for their work on the ordinance.

Jamie Okkanen had questions regarding barriers/trees and industrial and agricultural zoning.

Leslie Rydahl showed the Commission a large picture taken 3/24/23 of recently installed solar panels in Shiawassee County that had been damaged by storms.

Shelly Grube expressed support for daytime noise level limits and thanked the Commission members for their work on the ordinance.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF SOLAR ORDINANCE AND FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Noise levels were discussed. Nadeau moved, supported by Gorby, to remove 12. i on page 10 and replace that with the wording of the Wind Ordinance page 10, Section 4, A and B, with A from Wind being i in the Solar Ordinance, B from Wind being ii in Solar, and what had been ii in Solar will become iii

Roll Call: Gorby – Yes; Christensen – Yes; Buchholz – Yes; Naeau – Yes; Main – Yes; Millard – Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

Gorby moved, supported by Main, to remove *Section 2.06* on page 1. MOTION PASSED.

Linda Waite asked about landscaping/berms in Level 2 and about Township ability to monitor noise levels.

Bill Drews asked whether a date had been set for a requested zoning change (addressed later in the meeting).

It was discussed that Gorby would make the changes that had been passed via motion to the solar ordinance document, then send the document to all Planning Commission members.

Nadeau moved, supported by Main, to authorize Gorby to make the updates to the document and send it to the Montcalm County Planning Commission, and to authorize Nadeau to inform the Pine Township Board of this at their meeting this evening.

Roll Call: Gorby – Yes; Christensen – Yes; Millard – Yes; Nadeau – Yes; Main – Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

The request of Ron Imhoff to rezone property to commercial status will be heard by the Planning Commission at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 22, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Shelly Grube desires that the noise ordinance be addressed before an annual 3-day music festival that disturbs the peace at her home takes place.

Nadeau announced that the Pine Township Clean Up Day will be held at Farnsworth Park from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 6, 2023 and encouraged volunteers to help.

ADJOURNMENT

Nadeau moved, supported by Gorby, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37M. MOTION PASSED.



Submitted by Jamie Gorby, Planning Commission Secretary
Typed by Barbara Kaaikala