

Montrose Township

Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 2, 2023

6:00 PM

Chairman Harry Powell called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present: H. Powell, T. Tithof, D. Badgley, C. Wysocki, D. Wilson, J. Boettger

Absent: B. Stroup

Staff Present: Bill McIlmurray - Building Official

Meeting Minutes – A **Motion** was made by T. Tithof, to accept the meeting minutes from 1/5/23 as submitted, with support given by D. Badgley 6-0 motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: - James Coon, 9322 Sheridan Rd. New Lothrop, MI 48460 (Montrose township), Mr. Coon shared that his goal is to keep the integrity of his historical home. He wants to make sure that the wind and solar ordinances are strong enough to keep the integrity of the community. He feels that Montrose Township should line up its ordinance to be similar to Flushing Township's ordinance.

Mike Fejes, 12112 Frances Road, Flushing, MI 48433 (Montrose Township). He wanted to share his feelings with the Planning Commission about making sure that all the options are considered so that all the township residents are represented when considering the ordinance.

New Business- None

Old Business- Input Discussion on Commercial Solar Energy Systems- Solar Farms. There was discussion among the Planning Commission about the current ordinance and also the possibility of changing the ordinance. Several members shared their thoughts and concerns and made suggestions. There was discussion regarding several properties and scenarios about future solar projects regarding setbacks, landscaping, buffering, and a decommissioning plan.

Public Comments – None

Adjournment

A **Motion** was made by T. Tithof to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, supported by D. Badgley. Motion Carries 6-0

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 6 pm.

Respectfully,

P. Coomer-Recording Secretary