

Montrose Township

Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 5, 2023

6:00 PM

Chairman Harry Powell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present: Harry Powell, Tom Tithof, Dave Badgley, Joe Boettger, Dave Wilson.

Absent: None, Bill Stroup and Chad Wysocki have resigned from their positions.

Staff Present: Bill McIlmurray - Building Official

Meeting Minutes – A Motion to approve meeting minutes for 9/7/23 made by T. Tithof supported by D. Badgley – All in favor, Motion Carries

Approval of Meeting Agenda: A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by T. Tithof, supported by J. Boettger. All members are in favor, Motion Carries

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: - None

New Business- J. Boettger made a **Motion** to add some discussion about the solar ordinance and referendum, supported by T. Tithof. There were two letters presented to the members by J. Boettger, the first was a Citizens Referendum of the Commercial Solar Ordinance of Montrose Township. This is requesting The Montrose Township Board of Trustees enact a Commercial Solar Development moratorium effective immediately should the voters choose to reject the current ordinance until such time as the Planning Commission has time to review the ordinance again and determine the best remedy to resolve the citizen's concerns. J. Boettger is concerned that the citizens will vote against the new ordinance thinking that will stop all solar from being built in Montrose Township and actually all the "No" vote does is revert the new ordinance to the previous ordinance which is not as strong as the new one in his opinion. The second letter discusses the issue that The State of Michigan is moving to take control of regulating solar and wind projects from the local Townships. This letter asks that the State of Michigan follow the voice of the Townships and not revoke their voice for convenience. New business closed, all in favor motion passed.

Old Business- None

Other Business- Discussion on Planning Commission By-Laws draft language. There were questions about how many members must be present to pass a motion. A **Motion** to table the draft of the By-Laws until the 11/2/23 meeting was made by T. Tithof and supported by D. Badgley. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comments – None

Adjournment

A **Motion** was made by D. Badgley to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m., supported by T. Tithof. All members present were in favor.

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

Respectfully,

P. Coomer

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