



DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2018 at Deerfield Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Wynes at 12:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Jim Wynes, Dan McGuire, Connie Lynch, Tom Kromer, Roger Lintemuth and Zoning Administrator Melissa Nelson.

ABSENT: Jonas Cook

ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Kromer, seconded by McGuire to accept the agenda as presented. Approved 4-0.

APPROVAL OF April 18, 2018 MINUTES: Motion by Kromer to approve as reviewed, seconded by Lintemuth. Approved 4-0.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Nelson noted that she had shared with the Planning Commission members a copy of a video presented at the Michigan Township Association Annual Conference in Traverse City last month. The video shared much information about wind energy and ordinances dealing with establishing wind farms.

Public comment on agenda items only: None

Old Business:

Master Plan progress. The reviewed and updated Deerfield Township Master Plan has been completed and passed along to the Township Board for further action.

Moratorium Order review. The Planning Commission members discussed the idea that a moratorium on new solar or wind commercial operations may not be necessary, recognizing the work and progress that has been made on both solar and wind issues and plans. Work is ahead of schedule and is expected to be completed by Fall.

New Business: The Planning Commission members worked on getting their proposed draft ordinance dealing with wind and solar energy generation into a final version. It was agreed to set a Special Meeting at noon on June 5, 2018 to have a final proof and set a public hearing for input and comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 12:57 pm. Motion was made by Kromer and seconded by Lynch. Passed 5-0

NEXT MEETING: Next Special meeting, Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at noon at the Deerfield Township Hall.