

Approved Minutes
Grass Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Special Called Meeting
August 21, 2018 @ 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson, Hinkle, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Members present: Jere Hinkle, Rob Doerr, Jim Warbritton, and Roger Memmer. Members absent: Ken Elliott, Tom Brennan, and Lacey O'Quin.

ALSO PRESENT: Doug Lammers, Township Zoning Administrator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Warbritton and supported by Doerr to approve the agenda. All ayes. Three absent. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Doerr and supported by Warbritton to approve the June 21, 2018 meeting minutes. All ayes. Three absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Solar Ordinance discussion.

A revised proposed zoning ordinance amendment was presented and reviewed. The proposed amendment was revised by the Township's attorney based on the Planning Commission's comments from the June 21, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.

After discussion, the following modifications were suggested:

1. Reduce the maximum output of small solar systems from "150 kilowatts" to "**75** kilowatts" and change the output of medium solar energy systems from "greater than 150 kilowatts but not exceeding 1 megawatts" to "greater than **75** kilowatts but not exceeding 1 megawatt".
2. Sections 13 and 14: Make minor changes in the order of sub sections/items for consistency and in order to alphabetize.
3. Sections 17 and 18: Make minor changes in subsection numbering to make the numbering consistent.

Motion by Warbritton and supported by Doerr to accept the proposed Solar Ordinance Amendment, with the above changes, and present the proposed ordinance at a public hearing at the next meeting. All ayes. Three absent. Motion carried.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION: None

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Due to conflicts, it was proposed that the September and October Planning Commission meetings be moved from the third Thursday of the month to the second Thursday of the month.

It was decided that the September meeting will be held on Thursday September 13, 2018 and the October meeting will be held on Thursday October 11, 2018.

Business for the Thursday, September 13, 2018 meeting to include a public hearing regarding the proposed Solar System Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Warbritton and supported by Doerr to adjourn meeting at 6:37pm. All ayes. Three absent. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Roger Memmer, Secretary
Grass Lake Charter Township Planning Commission

