

Rives Township Planning Commission

January 30, 2023

To: Rives Township Board

From: Rives township Planning Commission

Re: 2022 annual report summary

Planning Commission (PC) members

1. Chairman – Roger DeCamp – January through February
2. Chairman – John Brennan – March through August
3. Chairman – James Lindstrom – starting September
4. Vice chairman – Dwight Carmer – January to November
5. Secretary – James Lindstrom – January to September, acting October to YE
6. Ex-officio member from TB (with full -voting rights) Christine Beecher
7. Member - Adam Williams resigned prior to November meeting
8. Member – Zach Rogers appointed starting for September meeting
9. Member Frank Adamczyk appointed starting for December meeting
10. Member Jon Hoffman appointed starting for December meeting

2022 Goals

1. Update the commercial district ordinance
2. Proceed to complete a Solar Energy ordinance
3. Review MP with help from Region 2
4. Have a joint workshop with the TB/PC to foster communication
5. Conduct annual review of CUP status

January 24, 2022 Regular Meeting

1. 2022 PC officers elected
2. 2022 meeting dates and times established
3. Review 2021 goals and set 2022 goals
4. Discussion of Solar ordinance continued

Length of meeting – 1 hour 23 minutes

1 person made public comment – 0 hours 1 minute.

February 28, 2022 Regular Meeting

1. Owners of 9075 State Rd. discussed with PC members what they need to get approval to build and operate storage building business.

Length of meeting 0 hour and 32 minutes

No public comment received.

March 28, 2022 Regular Meeting.

1. Chairman DeCamp resigned prior to meeting.
2. New member John Breenan was appointed by supervisor and approved by TB. PC elected him chairman.
3. Continued discussion of 9075 State Rd. inquiry
4. Discussion among PC members to inform new chairman of active topics.

Length of meeting – 0 hours 40 minutes

1 person made comment – 0 hour 5 minutes

April 25, 2022 Regular Meeting

1. Chairman reported on progress of his PC education
2. Rezone of 9075 State Rd will be needed for proposed purpose
3. Chairman stated he was impressed with thoroughness of advisory committee draft solar ordinance. He suggested that MSU/ U of M Guide for “Planning and Zoning for Solar Energy Systems” be used when writing solar ordinance.

Length of meeting 0 hour 54 minutes.

2 people made public comments 0 hour 9 minutes.

May 23, 2022 Regular meeting

1. Chairman reported on progress of his PC education.
2. Chairman gave update on 9075 State Rd
3. Members continued discussion of Solar Ordinance.
4. Comment by vice-chairman that MP should address and include Solar Energy Systems

Length of meeting 0 hours 40 minutes

3 people made public comment 0 hour 5 minutes

June 27, 2022 Regular Meeting

1. John Brennan resigned from PC due to family health.
2. PC discussed application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at 2992 Henry Rd. for a catering kitchen preparation use. Date of July 25, 2022 was set for public hearing for this CUP.

Length of meeting 0 hour 31 minutes

1 person made public comment 0-hour 3 minute

July 25, 2022 Public Hearing

1. Vice-chairman described the CUP application for a catering kitchen at 2992 Henry Rd. This had previously been an approved use at this site but had expired due to inactivity for greater than 6 months. PC members reviewed the site plan and information submitted.
2. 3 people made public comment.
3. After discussion among members, PC recommended to the TB approval of CUP with conditions.

July 25, 2022 Regular Meeting

1. PC members continued discussion Renewable Energy Systems update to MP
2. After considerable discussion, PC passed a motion to recommend to TB language for an amendment to the MP to allow Renewable Energy Systems in Agricultural zoning district subject to special land use approval and site plan review.
3. Public hearing of this proposed amendment was set for August 22, 2022.

Length of meeting 0 hour 50 minutes

2 people made public comment 0 hour 2 minutes

August 22, 2022 Regular Meeting

1. Public hearing for amendment to MP cancelled due to notice guidelines.
2. Continued discussion of Renewable Energy ordinance. After extensive discussion, 14 conclusions were made to the draft proposed Solar Ordinance by mutual consent among the members.

Length of meeting 1 hour 31 minutes

1 person made public comment 0 hour 1 minute.

September 25, 2022 Regular Meeting

1. Notice of Intent of amendment to MP was sent out as instructed by Township attorney
2. Jim* Lindstrom was elected chairman of PC.
3. Adam Williams was elected secretary of PC.
4. Zach Rogers was introduced as new member of PC
5. Language supplied by the Township attorney was approved by the PC and forwarded to the TB
6. Continued discussion on Solar energy ordinance. After extensive discussion among the members, 13 conclusions were made to the draft proposed Solar Ordinance by mutual consent among the members

Length of meeting 1 hour 55 minutes.

5 people made public comment 0 hour 12 minutes

October 24, 2022

1. Chairman reported that language for the MP had been provide to the TB for their review and action.
2. Chairman provided to PC members red line copy of proposed draft ordinance changes conclude by PC members at August 22 and September 26 meetings.

Length of meeting 0 hour 27 minutes

1 person made public comment 0-hour 1 minute.

November 29, 2022 Regular Meeting

1. No meeting conducted due to not having a quorum.

Length of meeting 0-hour 1 minute

No public comment was invited.

December 26, 2022 Regular Meeting

1. Prior to meeting Mr. Carmer resigned due to health reason.
2. Prior to meeting Mr. Williams resigned due to job change.
3. Frank Adamzyck attended as new PC member.
4. Jon Hoffman was announced as new member. Due to previous commitment, he wasn't in attendance.
5. Date of January 23, 2023 was set for public hearing for an amendment to MP to allow certain Renewable Energy Systems subject to special land use and site plan approvals.
6. Continued discussion of Renewable Energy Systems.

Length of meeting 0 hour 45 minutes

7 people made public comment 0 hour 12 minutes.