

# MEETING OF THE RIVES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

## REGULAR MEETING

### HELD AT 8682 LANSING AVENUE, FIRE STATION

April 25, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Members present: John Brennan – chairman, Dwight Carmer, vice chairman, Christine Beecher- ex-officio member from the township board (TB), Adam Williams- member, Jim Lindstrom- secretary.

Motion by Ms. Beecher 2cd by Mr. Brennan to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Carmer 2cd by Mr. Williams to approve agenda as printed. All ayes. Motion passed.

Chairman asked for reports. Mr. Carmer reported that no ZBA meeting had been necessary. Ms. Beecher reported from TB that annual budget had been approved and that she had attended Region 2 PC meeting which discussed roads. Chairman handed out portion of minutes from Bridgewater Township regarding solar ordinance and copy of notice from Jackson County PC that MP is available for public comment. No other member had report.

### BUSINESS:

1. Progress on new Chairman's education – Mr. Brennan stated he is interested in MTA workshop "introduction to Planning and Zoning" upcoming in May.
2. Update on 9075 State Rd property- Chris Watson will apply for change of zoning after property is split.
3. Discussion of Solar Ordinances from nearby Townships – Chairman Brennan discussed that he had reviewed Rives Township draft solar ordinance drafted by advisory committee in 2019 and was impressed by its thoroughness. Discussion that Chairman would contact Grant Bauman of Region 2 to get suggested wording to use in Rives Township MP to address solar energy. MSU / U of M Guide for "Planning and Zoning for Solar Energy Systems" was referred to as guide to be used by us when writing solar ordinance.

Public comment was invited at 7:06 pm

1. Stacy Stoner (resident) – a. suggested that chairman talk louder, b) asked if Brennan land will stay industrial, c) stated that she is not in favor of big solar.
2. Bryce Hammond – a) stated that he is not in favor of big solar, b) stated that MTA website has an article about solar energy systems.

Public comment closed at 7:15 pm.

Discussion among members that in future public comments should be accepted without response or discussion during public comment time.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm by mutual consent.

**Next regular meeting will be held May 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm at 8682 Lansing Avenue, fire station.**

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