

# **MEETING OF THE RIVES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **HELD AT 8682 LANSING AVENUE, FIRE STATION**

May 23, 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 Mr. Carmer 2cd by Ms. Beecher to approve agenda as printed. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Williams 2cd by Mr. Carmer to approve minutes of April 25, 2022 regular meeting as written. All ayes. Motion passed.

Chairman asked for reports. Mr. Carmer reported that no ZBA meeting had been necessary. Ms. Beecher reported that no TB meeting had been held since last PC meeting. She also reported that she hadn't been able to attend last Region 2 meeting. Mr., Williams asked Chairman to email agenda to each member in sufficient time before PC meeting so any research on topics could be accomplished and also suggested that sufficient copies be made available for public at meeting.

### **BUSINESS:**

1. Progress of chairman's education- Chairman stated that he has signed up for a virtual meeting by MTA named "introduction to zoning".
2. Update on State RD. property- chairman gave update.
3. Continued discussion of Solar Ordinances from nearby Townships, and comparison with our own township's drafted ordinance. Read Parma Township ordinance NO. 22-3 establishing a moratorium on large solar energy systems. Discuss communication with and a future meeting (in June?) with Region 2 head Grant Bauman, regarding our solar ordinance – The Chairman passed out to members the Parma Township ordinance establishing large solar energy systems moratorium. Chairman stated that he had talked to Grant Bauman, Region 2 planner who stated that there is no requirement that the Township MP address solar energy systems. The Chairman will contact Mr. Bauman to see if he will discuss this with the PC. The chairman asked the PC members to review the Rives Township draft ordinance and the Sheridan Township ordinance among others for discussion at next PC meeting.

Public comment was invited at 6:55 pm.

1. Bryce Hammond (resident) commented that solar farms should be built according to appropriate codes of construction.
2. Stacy Stoner (resident) asked how was Grant Bauman's comment that MP doesn't need to address Solar given.
3. Vercilla Hart (resident) stated that a lithium battery storage facility is being proposed for Tompkins Township.

Public comment closed at 7:00 pm.

Discussion proceeded among PC members. Mr. Carmer stated that page 3 of the MSU/U of M Guidelines for Solar Energy System handed to members in previous meeting stated that MP must include Solar Energy Systems. He stated his opinion that it should be in MP. Secretary discussed how Rives draft Solar Ordinance had been prepared by a citizens committee for the review of the PC.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm by mutual consent.

**Next regular meeting will be held June 27, 2022 at 6:30 pm at 8682 Lansing Avenue, fire station.**