

MINUTES OF THE CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

April 6th, 2021

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Nancy Beck, at 7:00 p.m. at the Caledonia Township Hall, Spruce, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Chair	Nancy Beck	Present
Vice Chair	Jim Klarich	Present
Secretary	Jim Gilbert	Present
Member	Susie Morrell	Present
Trustee	Anthony Sobeck	Present

MOTION: by Sobeck the February 1st, 2021 Agenda be approved:

SUPPORT: by Gilbert, Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: none

MOTION: by Sobeck to approve the **March 1st, 2021 MINUTES** as submitted by email and reviewed at February 1st, 2021 meeting.

SUPPORT: by Morell, Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Zoning Board of Appeals— No Report.

Board of Trustees

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SOLAR ORDINANCES:

Solar Farm proposal was submitted for review.

Discussion

Klarich- Spoke about options to make it happen and see what we can do to support an Ordinance that benefits the township.

Gilbert- Recommended we look at options to make it a generic ordinance that says it is not conducive to the Township to have a Solar Farm.

Sobeck- Discussed needing to have a Public Meeting to make a decision.

Morrell- Discussed the visual aspect and the need for further discussion.

MOTION: by Klarich to have a public meeting to provide them the same opportunity to ask questions and get information about the plan prior to making a decision; May 3rd, 2021 at 6PM.

SUPPORT: by Morrell, Motion carried.

Township Barn Minimums

Ken Gibson wanted clarification on the size of the pole barns in the township.

Discussion

Beck- Stated it is already in the Township Ordinance book (Usage by right Page 5-7)

Gibson- Asked about a Barnminimum that will be a pole barn into a house that can be lived in.

Beck- Stated that as long as it did not exceed the 35% ratio it would be authorized with the appropriate permits.

Hubbard Lake Lot Size

Discussion

Nancy stated that we did not change the lot size and we kept the same standards as previously stated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Klarich- Improvement in the commercial district in the Township. Reinvigorate the improvement in the township business model to ensure a successful community. MSU did a study for improving the township for future use and growth. Infrastructure development.

Gilbert- This is part of the building of the community to have broadband internet to our township.

NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – May 3rd, 2021 at 6:00 for Public Hearing and 7:00 P.M
for Township Planning Commission.


PUBLIC COMMENT:

Topics for future discussion are as followed:

1. Towers are required to have a 250ft fall radius. New owners are requesting that they have a 50ft fall radius. We are not willing to change our fall zone for their needs as it is a public safety concern.
2. Powerline overhead requirements.
3. Fencing setbacks from the road
4. Upgrading Internet

MOTION: by Klarich to adjourn at 7:35 P.M.

SUPPORT by Sobeck; Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Gilbert
Secretary