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Douglass Township Planning Commission
Public Hearing Minutes
Feb. 22,2023

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairperson Rick Baldwin.

Pledge Of Allegiance

Roll Call

- Mike Swan present
- Eric Tester present
- Kathy Craig present
- Rick Baldwin present
- Tammy Sweeris -Rick Baldwin reported Tammy Sweeris resigned.

Purpose of Public Hearing

Rick Baldwin read the purpose of the Public Hearing.

- Consider Resolution No. 23-R01 which contains amendments on repealing sections of the zoning ordinance pertaining to wind and solar energy systems, as well as moratoriums on permits, licenses, approvals, or construction of commercial wind and solar projects.
- Resolutions on Moratoriums were available for review in January 2023, by appointment, at the Douglass Township Offices, 3521 West McBride Rd, Stanton, MI 48888, (989)762-8014.

Rick Baldwin asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked.

Public Comments:

Rick Baldwin read the procedure for Public Comment

Per the Douglass Township Bylaws section 8 b.(5): All persons commenting shall state their names and addresses for the record. Persons commenting shall address the chairperson only. The chairperson may refer questions to the applicant or other persons present. Members of the public shall limit their comments to the subject of the hearing. All comments shall be given in a courteous manner and all persons shall refrain from offensive or disrespectful remarks. The chairperson may set a reasonable time limit for each speaker, to ensure an equal and fair opportunity for comment by all speakers within the allotted meeting time.

Public Comments

Public Comments were opened at 7:07 p.m:

Resident	address/township	comments
Steve and Sheila Crooks via email read by Kathy Craig	3948 N. Holland Rd Stanton MI 48888 Douglass Township	Support moratoriums on wind and solar until new ordinances can be adopted, support repealing 2017 ordinance, as was not legally noticed *see attached letter
Jack Jeppesen	5648 Derby Rd NW Stanton MI 48888	Asked why the Public Hearing notice was not published in the Daily News, as it has to be two weeks prior. (With

	Douglass Township	permission from Rick Baldwin, Kathy Craig clarified by reading an email from Alyviah Mason at the Daily News that Public Hearing Notice was published on Feb. 1.) Jeppesen then asked why it was not posted on the marquee out front. Kathy Craig clarified that it was posted on one side of the marquee, as Holly Huff (township clerk) did not have enough letters for both sides.
Linda Reynolds	Stanton MI 48888 Douglass Township	Thankful for repealing the 2017 ordinance, supports one year moratorium on wind and solar.
Melissa Bannen	4397 Kendaville Rd Stanton MI 48888 Douglass Township	Is representing Ehles, Beans, Johnsons, Chris Bannen, other relatives, friends and neighbors. All are happy the 2017 ordinance is off the books, excited to be moving forward with a safe, protective ordinance.

Chairperson Rick Baldwin closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Further commission discussion

Motion made by Eric Tester to send to the township board the resolution(s) on moratorium(s).

Motion seconded by Kathy Craig.

Voice Vote: Ayes 3 Nays 0 Abstain 1

Roll Call vote:

Eric Tester yes

Mike Swan abstain

Rick Baldwin yes

Kathy Craig yes

Motion passed.

Adjournment

- Eric Tester made motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Swan.

Voice vote: Ayes 4 Nays 0

Motion passed.

- Public Hearing adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Craig

Douglass Township Planning Committee Secretary

