

FINAL

Douglass Township Planning Commission
3521 West McBride Rd
Stanton, MI 48888
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Special Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2023

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Rick Baldwin at 7 pm.

Pledge Of Allegiance

Roll Call

- Mike Swan absent
- Eric Tester present
- Kathy Craig present
- Rick Baldwin present
- Meilissa Bannen present
- Matt Moorman present

In addition to Planning Commission members, six members of the community were in attendance.

Approve agenda

- Eric Tester made motion to approve agenda as written, seconded by .Matt Moorman.
Voice vote Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion passed

Approve minutes of Feb. 22, 2023 public hearing and special meeting

- Eric Tester made motion to approve minutes of the Feb, 22, 2023 Public Hearing minutes as written, seconded by Rick Baldwin.
Voice vote: Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion passed.
- Eric Tester made motion to approve minutes of the Feb, 22, 2023 Special Meeting minutes, as written, seconded by Kathy Craig.
Voice vote: Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion passed.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Resident	Agenda item	Comment
Robert Scott	WECS	Reviewed edits to draft ordinance, including setback from city of

		Stanton as one mile, section 5a.
Kay Scott		Comments on WECS

New Business

- **Master Plan Discussion:**

The Planning Commission has reviewed the Master Plan and is not recommending any changes. Kathy Craig made motion to accept the current Master Plan with no changes, seconded by Eric Tester.

Roll call vote:

- Eric Tester yes
- Melissa Bannen yes
- Rick Baldwin yes
- Matt Moorman yes
- Kathy Craig yes

Motion passed.

- **Wind Ordinance Discussion:**

The PC received the draft back from Foster Swift with several minor typographical errors, which were corrected. Adding language regarding setbacks from the city of Stanton was discussed.

Eric Tester made motion to accept the WECS ordinance with the setback of one mile from the city of Stanton, and to schedule a Public Hearing for April 26, 2023, seconded by Melissa Bannen.

Roll call vote:

- Melissa Bannen yes
- Matt Moorman yes
- Eric Tester yes
- Rick Baldwin yes
- Kathy Craig yes

Motion passed.

- **Solar Ordinance Discussion:**

Kathy Craig recused herself from the residential/private solar discussion. The Planning commission discussed rooftop and ground mounted systems, lake residential, height, coverage area, greenbelt, and abandonment. Commercial solar discussion included financial security, runoff, retention ponds, sound, lot coverage, and environmental concerns.

Old Business

- No old business

Public comment

Resident	Comments
Kay Scott	Concerns on glare, screening of solar panels/projects

Bob Scott	PC should check the Pine township ordinance
Gina Moorman	Concerns about setbacks and glare
Christa Baldwin	Pine township PC is meeting Monday at 5, finishing up their solar ordinance, worth checking
Linda Reynolds	Would like to see the wind and solar ordinances in the books, and appreciates the online availability of documents

Further commission discussion

Rick Badwin reports that there may be more special meetings to work on solar, and that a ZBA meeting is coming up. Kathy Craig reported that Melissa Bannen is fulfilling the term vacated by Becky Sowles, and Matt Moorman is fulfilling the term vacated by Jack Jeppesen.

Adjourn

- Eric Tester made motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathy Craig. .
Voice vote: ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Craig
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