

Garden Township Planning and Zoning Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Frank Williams

Roll call was taken, present were Frank Williams, Tom Lang, Rosemarie Devora

Absent Jenna Silkworth and Jodi Williams

All recited Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business

1. The following changes need to be made to the January meeting minutes. Jenna needs to be added to the roll call, a comma is needed between the names of Frank and Tom.
 - a. Change Bay du Noc to Bay de Noc and the location of the drop box be clarified.
2. Approval of minutes with changes was motioned by Frank and seconded by Tom, motion carried.
3. Changes to minutes will be forwarded to Brenda Lester.

Discussion of Survey.

1. Was noted that parties interested in helping count the survey results should contact Jenna, this should be added to the survey.

Solar Draft

1. Tom suggested that we go ahead and add the changes to the original Solar Draft to be ready in case it is something we should have ready after the finalization of the State Mandate governing the Commercial Solar Industry.

2. Frank suggested that we listen to the podcast that Joe Maki sent out to understand the 3 options that townships will have about control of commercial solar energy based on the proposed Michigan state mandate. Frank feels strongly that the information in the podcast will give us direction on what to do with our original draft, and the changes proposed. The mandate may also address the farmland issue.
3. Discussed the implication of battery storage and the magnetic field sound requirements of the commercial solar farms which we did not directly address in the updated or original draft.

Master Plan

1. Survey questions were reviewed again, and Frank motioned to accept the survey, Rosemarie seconded, and the motion was passed

Public Comment

1. No public comments

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Frank seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2024

Rosemarie Maki