

OVID TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

OVID TOWNSHIP OFFICE, BRANCH COUNTY, MICHIGAN

October 1, 2019

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

The Ovid Township Planning Commission was called to order by Andy AcMoody at 8:05p.m.

Members present: Andy AcMoody, Chris Donbrock, Sean Groves, Jim Snivley, Tammi Schorfhaar

Other present: Gregg Gemmill, Russ Jennings, Jared Necamp, Mary Fisher, Allison Tyson, Max Benjamin, L.A. Rocholl, Larry Omo, Roberta Kritzer, Merle Donbrock, Tom Walker, Jim Davies, John Lounds, Neva Lounds

The Agenda should be amended so that item #1 under New Business reads "Review lots on Pearl Road, for possible re-zoning to Waterfront Residential." Chris Donbrock made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended; seconded by Sean Groves; motion carried.

Chris Donbrock made a motion to approve the September 3, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting minutes; seconded by Andy AcMoody; motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Review lots on Pearl Road, for possible re-zoning to Waterfront Residential from Rural Residential. After a lengthy conversation amongst Board members, Chris Donbrock moved that we do not rezone these properties from Rural Residential to Waterfront Residential. Motion died due to lack of support. After additional discussion, Chris Donbrock moved that we only rezone property #200-006-04 from Rural Residential to Waterfront Residential; Jim Snivley seconded; motion carried.
2. Review request to allow a Solar Farm on East Pearl Road as requested by petitioners Thomas and Lynn Cranson. Sean Groves made a motion to approve the site plan for the solar farm on East Pearl Road (known as Woodley Solar) once the interconnection documentation from Consumers Power is received; Jim Snivley seconded; motion carried.
3. Review the zoning requirements for Recreational Vehicles. Russ Jennings will reach out to Chris Khorey at McKenna with a few questions. Our ordinance (Section 14.14C), as it is currently written, is not enforceable.

Zoning Report: Russ Jennings presented the September 2019 Zoning Report.

Public comment: Max Benjamin said that he took the concerns he raised at the September Planning Commission meeting about rural blight to the Ovid Township Board but he did not feel that they were able to give him much direction in how to appropriately address these concerns. Greg Gemmill told Max that his concerns about rural blight should be brought to Greg's attention via a written letter/complaint.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:00p.m.

Tammi Schorfhaar made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Jim Snivley; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tammi Schorfhaar, secretary.