

OVID TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

OVID TOWNSHIP OFFICE, BRANCH COUNTY, MICHIGAN

March 3, 2020

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

The Ovid Township Planning Commission was called to order by Andy AcMoody at 7:05 p.m.

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

Other present: Gregg Gemmill, Bob Hawley, various members of the public who stayed following the Public Hearing

Jim Snivley made a motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Sean Groves; motion carried.

Jim Snivley made a motion to approve the December 3, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting minutes; seconded by Sean Groves; motion carried.

Old Business: Sean Groves made a motion to approve the renewal of the Special Use Permit for the Angola Solar project as requested by Pine Creek Renewables; seconded by Tammi Schorfhaar; motion carried.

New Business:

1. Discussion took place regarding the EsaSolar project. This is a potential 1600 acre project which would be located in Ovid and Coldwater Townships, approximately 1200 of the acres would be in Ovid Township. We were expecting a presentation at the Public Hearing, which preceded our regular meeting, but the presenters of the EsaSolar project were ill and could not attend. Greg Gemmill and Bob Hawley have been in contact with the developers of this project and they have raised concerns about the Zoning Ordinances of both townships. Discussion was held with Chris Khorey of McKenna (who attended our meeting) about the possibility of eventually amending our Master Plan and other potential changes to the Zoning Ordinance. No action was taken at this time.
2. Jim Snivley made a motion to change the next meeting date to Tuesday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m. and to change all of our future meeting times to 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Tammi Schorfhaar; motion carried.
3. Bob Hawley brought up the question of making possible changes to the Zoning District names, in particular renaming Waterfront Residential and eliminating Village Center. Chris Khorey of McKenna will start to look into this and we will review the changes in the future.
4. Questions were raised about how to address the large number of ZBAs that are being brought forward.

Public comment: None

Zoning report: None

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 14th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Jim Snivley made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Andy AcMoody; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tammi Schorfhaar, secretary.