

## **OID TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **OID TOWNSHIP OFFICE, BRANCH COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**March 1, 2022**

#### **MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

The Ovid Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Andy AcMoody at 6:00p.m.

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

Others present: Max Benjamin, Connor Podkul, Nick Alexander, Colin Kummerfeldt, Shelly AcMoody, Kent Dougherty, Steve Norton, Lynn Wachtman, Andrew Labadie, Sam Kilbern, Steve Littley, Kyle Macha

Chris Donbrock made a motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Tammi Schorfhaar; motion carried.

Chris Donbrock made a motion to approve the February 1, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting minutes; seconded by Andy AcMoody; motion carried.

#### Unfinished Business:

- a. Chris Donbrock made a motion to recommend that the Township Board distribute the updated Master Plan; Andy AcMoody seconded. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Chris Donbrock made a motion to table until our May meeting the vote regarding the approval of the final draft of the Sign Ordinance and the scheduling of a public hearing; seconded by Andy AcMoody; motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Zoning Report: See attached report provided by Matt Ashenfelter

#### New Business:

- a. Representatives from Apex Solar provided a Pre-Application Site Plan Review which included highlights of the solar project being considered for Coldwater and Ovid Townships. The proposed project would cover 609 acres in Ovid Township.

#### Public Comment:

- a. Lynn Wachtmann asked if the solar project is approved, what corridors, if any, will be blocked off from hunting? He also asked what percentage of APEX energy sales go toward peak energy demands?
- b. Steve Norton requested clarification on the layout of the proposed project.
- c. Andrew Labadie asked for information on what would happen after the life of the solar project is completed in 30 years.
- d. Max Benjamin asked for clarification on how many set-back reduction requests APEX will be submitting.
- e. Matt Ashenfelter (Ovid Township Zoning Administrator) brought attention to the on-going concerns of our citizens in Ovid Township who will be non-participating in this project and he suggested that APEX pay careful attention to the set-back requirements.

Chris Donbrock made a recommendation, under Section 15.38e, that we ask the Township Board for approval of the fees necessary to engage our Township attorney in review of the APEX solar project application should it be submitted; Andy AcMoody seconded. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 5 2022, at 6:00p.m.

Jim Snivley made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Chris Donbrock; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tammi Schorfhaar, secretary.