

WINDSOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
SOLAR ENERGY ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING
AND REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2020
MEETING ROOM – 7:00 PM
APPROVED

The regular meeting of the Windsor Charter Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Holtz.

Present: Holtz, Sabourin, Pray, Johnson and Pisano

Absent: Brija

Also Present: Asst. Chief Fabijancic, Lisa Rumsey (Clerk), Pete Preston (Consultant)

Johnson moved and Sabourin seconded to approve the agenda as amended, adding Election of Officers to New Business. Carried 5-0.

Pray moved and Pisano seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Carried 5-0.

The Public Hearing for Solar Energy Zoning Ordinance Amendment was called to order by Chairperson Holtz at 7:01 pm.

Jim Hein 4833 N. Gunnell Rd - Asked where a copy of the ordinance could be viewed. Response was given that copies are available at the Township Office, 405 W. Jefferson, Dimondale and on the home page of the Township's Website, www.windsortownship.com.

With no further comments or questions from the public, Chairperson Holtz closed the public hearing for Solar Energy Zoning Ordinance Amendment at 7:03 pm.

Reports:

Board of Trustees: None

Board of Appeals: None

Board of Review: None

Reports & Announcement: None

Hear Public present on agenda items: None

New Business:

Argil Properties Michigan LLC/Lake Life Farms representative, David Kotler, gave an update on the progress of construction and licensing of their medical marijuana facility for the renewal of Special Use Permit. Lake Life Farms is under state review for Phase II and are 60 days away from final review. He invited the Planning Commission to visit/tour the site. There was discussion on the ventilation system. **Holtz moved and Johnson seconded to renew Special Use Permit for Argil Properties Michigan, LLC/Lake Life Farms for another year as they have met requirements.**

Ayes: Sabourin, Johnson, Holtz, Pray, and Pisano.

Nays: None

Argil Properties Michigan, LLC/Lake Life Farms Special Use Permit Renewal Approved: 5-0.

Pray moved and Pisano seconded to schedule the Planning Commission next regular Meeting and to set Public Hearing for the Adult Use Marijuana Zoning Ordinance Amendment to February 5, 2020. Carried 5-0.

Johnson moved and Pray seconded to retain the current officers of the Windsor Township Planning Commission for 2020. Chairperson: Brian Holtz, Vice Chairperson: Jerry Brija, Secretary: Tim Sabourin.

Ayes: Pisano, Pray, Holtz, Johnson and Sabourin

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Unfinished Business:

Theravada Buddhist Association Michigan (TBAM) withdrew application for Special Use Permit.

Discussion was held on Solar Energy and the intent of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment. **Pray moved and Johnson seconded to recommend to the Township Board to adopt the Proposed Ordinance No. 46: An Ordinance to amend the Windsor Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to define Abandoned Solar Energy Systems, Photovoltaic Device, Solar Array, Large Solar Energy System, Small Solar Energy system, Unreasonable Safety Hazard, to include “Solar Energy Systems” and Large Solar Energy Systems” as uses permitted by Special Use Permit under the Agricultural Zone (A-1), the Light Industrial Zone (M-1) and the Heavy Industrial Zone (M-2), and to include specific criteria relating to allowing Large Solar Energy Systems by Special Use Permit.**

Ayes: Sabourin, Johnson, Holtz, Pray, and Pisano

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Work Plan:

Pete Preston, Planning Consultant, distributed Chapter 1 - Introduction to Planning and Chapter 2 - Background Studies, to the Planning Commission. Discussion was held on the Master Plan and the notifications to neighboring municipalities. **Holtz moved and Pray seconded to have Planning Commission Consultant send notice of Intent to Plan to neighboring municipalities. Carried: 5-0**

Hear Public present on any subject: None

With no further business **Johnson moved and Pray seconded to adjourn meeting. Carried 5-0.**

Adjournment: 7:35 pm.

Lisa A. Rumsey, Clerk
Windsor Charter Township