

Portland Township Planning Commission Minutes

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Ross Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll was taken by Sue Vanlente: Present: Mike Kolp, Ross Schneider, Andrew Huhn, Evelyn Walkington-Jensen, Marcy Lay, Tony Dixon, and Sue Vanlente

Motion by Marcy Lay, seconded by Mike Kolp to approve the minutes from the last meeting. All were in favor.

There were no changes to the agenda or public comments concerning items on the agenda.

Representative Gina Johnsen attended the meeting and spoke to the group about her support of local control and about the importance of the upcoming election.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parking Lot Requirement at Proposed Township Hall

Information has been given to the Township Board.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ERICA FELDPAUSCH HOME BASED BUSINESS:

The public hearing was called to order at 7:06 p.m. Erica submitted an application to operate a spray-tanning business in her home. Nic reviewed the application and all criteria have been met. No neighbors were present. Motion by Mike Kolp, seconded by Marcy Lay to approve the application. All were in favor. The public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application from Darryl Spears for residential ground-mounted solar system

Mr. Spears submitted an application to erect a ground mounted solar system on his property at 3737 Lyons Road, Lyons, MI. Nic reviewed the application and all criteria have been met. Motion by Marcy Lay, seconded by Andrew Huhn to approve the application. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR DARRYL SPEARS GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR SYSTEM

The public hearing was called to order at 7:12 p.m. No neighbors were present. Motion by Tony Dixon, seconded by Andrew Huhn to approve the project. All were in favor. Public hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADDITIONAL PC COMMENTS:

Nic asked the PC to consider changes to the Zoning Ordinance, in regards to small residential ground-mounted solar systems. He suggested that some carefully worded changes could make the process of applying for a permit faster and less complicated for our residents who want to build small arrays on their own property in the AG district. More research will be done.

The next regular meeting will be on September 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Andrew Huhn, seconded by Tony Dixon. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.