

ISABELLA COUNTY  
PLANNING  
COMMISSION

July 13, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Isabella County Planning Commission was held on July 13, 2017 in Room 225 of the Isabella County Building, 200 North Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy White, Gordon Gilchrist, Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean (7:15 p.m.), Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy, Phillip Vogel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bob Campbell, Jim Horton

**SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT:** Timothy A. Nieporte, Community Development Director  
Ray Johnson, Zoning Administrator

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Murphy at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the commission.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Murphy requested that the agenda be approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Gilchrist supported by Mrs. White to approve the amended agenda.

Yes: Nancy White, Gordon Gilchrist, Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy, Phillip Vogel

No: None

Motion carried

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of the June 2017 regular meeting were circulated to the commission prior to the meeting for their review.

A motion was made by Mrs. Silker supported by Mr. Gilchrist to approve the minutes as presented.

Yes: Nancy White, Gordon Gilchrist, Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy, Phillip Vogel

No: None

Motion carried

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

Zoning Board of Appeals – None

Parks & Recreation – None

Board of Commissioners – None

## **TOWNSHIP CONCERNS**

Denver – None

Gilmore – Mr. Gibbs stated he appreciated staff sending the agendas and minutes via email.

Sherman – None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

### **Discussion on Mineral Extraction Industries**

Mr. Nieporte presented and discussed the language for a text amendment relating to mineral extraction industries. Board discussion occurred.

A Motion was made by Mr. Gilchrist supported by Mr. O'Neil to set a public hearing for a text amendment relating to Mineral Extraction Industries for August 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in room 225, 200 N. Main, Mt. Pleasant.

Yes: Nancy White, Gordon Gilchrist, Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy, Phillip Vogel

No: None

Motion carried

### **Discussion on Solar Farms**

Mr. Nieporte presented and discussed the language for a text amendment relating to solar farms. Board discussion occurred.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Silker supported by Mrs. White to set a public hearing for a text amendment for Solar Farms for August 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in room 225, 200 N. Main, Mt. Pleasant.

Yes: Nancy White, Gordon Gilchrist, Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy, Phillip

Vogel

No: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Garth Lawrence from Sherman Township asked about potential interference and energy collection types relating to solar farms.

Mr. Nieporte stated the amendment language will regulate potential interference and any design type of solar farm will have to comply with ordinance requirements.

**STAFF COMMENTS** – Mr. Nieporte reported about his duties on the damage assessment team relating to the recent flooding events within Isabella County.

**PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Bean to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Vogel at 7:35 p.m.

Yes: Nancy White, Gordon Gilchrist, Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy, Phillip Vogel

No: None

Motion carried

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Nancy White, Secretary  
Ray Johnson, Planner/Zoning Administrator