

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY 7 PM JANUARY 28, 2021
BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP HALL
10990 CLINTON RD.
MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 7:04PM
- II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – Present (electronic): Horney, Messing, Barbu, Oliver. Iwanicki absent.
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA – Moved Horney, second Messing.
Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Moved Horney, second Messing. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
 - A. November 16, 2020 Planning Commission meeting
- V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – Meeting was electronically attended by Mr. Wilson of Invenergy
- VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None
None Scheduled
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Industrial solar (PV) generation – Mr. Nanney gave a short summary of a draft ordinance for solar energy facilities and devices in the township. There was discussion around locations of small solar devices intended for home or farm use and for areas suitable for commercial scale solar facilities. There was discussion around restrictions on the locations for commercial scale solar facilities in order to preserve the rural character of the township. There was discussion around the meaning of “lot coverage” in the draft ordinance and Mr. Nanney will clarify that in a subsequent draft. Mr. Wilson expressed concern about the viability of commercial facilities if site restrictions are too severe. Action to bring the draft ordinance to the township board postponed to the next meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of officers

Horney was nominated by Messing for the position of Chair, seconded by Barbu. Vote: Horney Aye, Messing Aye, Barbu Aye. Oliver had left the meeting by this point due to difficulties with the electronic connection.

Iwanicki was nominated by Horney for the position of Vice Chair, seconded by Messing. Vote: Horney Aye, Messing Aye, Barbu Aye.

Messing was nominated by Horney for the position of Secretary, seconded by Barbu. Vote: Horney Aye, Messing Aye, Barbu Aye.

B. Meeting date selection

Horney made a motion to hold the PC meetings at 7:00 PM on the third Monday of the month, except for January, April, July and October. In those months the meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month. Seconded by Messing. Vote: Horney Aye, Messing Aye, Barbu Aye.

C. Budget/training

Horney noted that there was money in the budget for training and suggested that Mr. Barbu could partake in training during 2021.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Zoning Administrators Report – Mr. Nanney noted there were more requests for permits for pools than houses in 2020. His report is on file.

B. Trustees Report – Mr. Oliver had left the meeting due to difficulties with the electronic connection.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – Mr. Nanney reported that members attending future meetings remotely will need to report their location.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Moved to adjourn Horney, support Messing. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM by unanimous voice vote.