BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER - Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.
2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM -- Iwanicki, Greenwald, Barbu, Oliver, present. Horney absent. Quorum obtained.
3. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA – Oliver moved to approve the agenda, Barbu seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Oliver moved to approve the January 20, 2025 minutes as written. Seconded by Barbu. Approved by unanimous vote.
5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – Tom Hammond, 13076 Macon Rd, Saline attended.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE
7. OLD BUSINESS –   
   A. Representatives from Invenergy were in attendance. Invenergy is a solar company desiring the development of 13 parcels of farmland (approximately 1,100 acres) for solar arrays within Bridgewater Township. Those solar arrays would produce 153 mega watts, which would then be sold to “the grid”. These representatives included: Daniel Vertucci, Senior Management of Renewable Energy; Tracey Talley, Attorney; Isaac Pellant, Associate Vegetation Management; Julie Pierson, Project Manager, Construction; Sean Keenan, Renewable Development; and two others who did not contribute to the discussion. Discussion by Invenergy representatives included why farmers may want to contract their land for forty years, operations and intents regarding land management and preservation for ultimate restoration after the forty year duration. The Board asked questions of clarification and also expressed concerns with regard to the continuity of representatives over the years, since many have been with the company only a few months. Planning Commission Consultant, Nanney, had updated a draft set of amendments to Zoning Ordinance no. 67 pertaining to solar development. Further modifications are needed. He will present another draft next month.

B. Discussion of solar fence/review of SLU proposal was tabled until next month because the homeowner was not in attendance

C. Discussion of a township utility was dropped because a lack of interest.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – The impact to the Hamlet sewer by a small commercial kitchen was not discussed as it would be very minor, if at all.

1. COMMUNICATIONS –
2. Zoning Administrator’s Report – Carl Werner summarized his January report, which included no permits issued, resident inquiries, and Gerkin Minerals Ordinance Enforcement.
3. Trustee’s report – Oliver reported further action discussed by the Board with regard to Ordinance violations by the Gerkins Mining operations.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.
5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on March 17, 2025, at 7:00 pm.
6. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn was passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.