

MINUTES OF
PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

November 8, 2017

1. Called to order by Chairman Parkinson at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.
3. Roll Call:
Present: Parkinson, Alward, Ready, Johnson, Reilly, Toth, Webb (late)
Absent: None

It is noted that a quorum was present. There were no guests.

4. Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Reilly, seconded by Ready to approve the November 8, 2017 agenda with a change to the minute approval to reflect October 11, 2017 date. **Motion carried by voice, all ayes.**
5. Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Reilly, seconded by Toth to approve the October 11, 2017 minutes with a change to the spelling of Daryl's name and an addition of the adjournment of the meeting. **Motion carried by voice, all ayes.**
6. Zoning Board report: No meeting.
7. Township Board report: Discussion of the upcoming IRESA millage vote.
8. Old Business: Solar farms - solar farms of all sizes, community, utility and personal (residential) were discussed at length. Plans from many other areas were reviewed and discussed. Clinton County, Pittsfield and Leroy Township seemed to have the most potential for our concerns. Leroy Township encompassed some very good ideas for residential solar panels. The MSU documents had many forms that might prove useful. Need a detailed description for each size. Areas that need to be discussed and detailed include zoning, different classification of districts, site plans/special use permit requests, set-backs, security fencing, and buffers. There was discussion of requiring a surety or cash bond with an escalation clause with an engineer's estimate for decommissioning of solar farms (excluding residential). Special use permits for community and utility setbacks were discussed; 15 feet for sides and 30 for road right-of-way (63 feet from center line). Buffers adjacent to existing residential structures, continuous or cluster, with methods for enforcement were discussed. Also worked on wording for taking care of physically damaged panels needing repair within a certain time frame (blight).
9. New Business: None

10. Discussion: None

11. Public Views and Comments: None

12. Call meeting to a close: **Motion** by Alward, seconded by Webb to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried by voice, all ayes.** Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Dianna Brinkman.

Approved:

Date

1-18-18

Pat W