VEVAY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2026
Vevay Township Hall–6:30 p.m.
517-676-9523

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Pinkerton at 6:32 P.M.
Present: Vandeventer, Pinkerton, Cady, and McNeilly
Absent: Anderson
Others Present: John Lazet, Vevay Township Supervisor; Brady Friss of Ranger Power; Aaron Barden, Vevay Township Zoning Administrator

II. Pledge of Allegiance

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Set/Amend Agenda

McNeilly MOTIONED to amend the agenda to remove items A. Master Plan and B. Outdoor Recreation Review, as there were no items to review. Items to be tabled to a future meeting.
SECONDED by Vandeventer.
MOTION carried 4-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes: August 5, 2026

McNeilly requested the re-wording of Supervisor Lazet's comment regarding the BESS being limited to section 31. This restriction does not currently exist and the recommendation was for the Planning Commission to consider limiting BESS to section 31, as has been done in the LSES zoning ordinance.
MOTION Vandeventer, SECONDED by Cady, to approve the minutes as AMENDED.
MOTION carried 4-0.

V. *Brief Public Comment

Supervisor Lazet provided a brief update on the Michigan Public Service Commission's (MPSC) settlement agreement between Acceleration Solar and Vevay Township. Twenty-Six (26) conditions have been included in the agreement. An application is likely in early 2027. The settlement agreement and the conditions may be reviewed by visiting the MPSC website and entering the docket number U-21932.

VI. Reports & Public Notice

A. August 2026 Building Report
B. Board of Trustees Draft Minutes 8/12/2026

Reports presented for information only to the Planning Commission. All reports are on file in the Vevay Township office.

VII. Pending Business

A. Battery Energy Storage System Review

Work continued on the draft language for the BESS ordinance. Discussions included:

A.7 (a-d) Safety Signage – In addition to signs required by applicable electrical codes, the Bess shall have at as minimum one sign per lot, located roadside which is to include among other things, the BESS owner or operator's name, web address and emergency contact number.

A.8 Stray Voltage – Operator shall be responsible for compensation for damages due to any stray voltage caused by BESS, in accordance with the rules of the MPSC.

C. Screening - Similar language to LSES ordinance.

G.1. – Decommissioning and Removal – (a) above grade and below grade up to forty-eight (48) inches below grade to be removed.
(d) Surety bond review to be completed every 3 years by Vevay Board of Trustees.

H. Special Land Use Permit and Site Plan Application Requirements –
Shall comply with section 16 of this ordinance. Formal application under section 14 of this ordinance, as well as any other applicable zoning requirements by zoning district.

H.14. Provide a statement of the systems impact on electromagnetic fields, to include but not limited to, television signals, microwave signals, agricultural global positioning systems, etc…

H.16. Fire Response Plan (RFP) and Emergency Response Plan (ERP) requirements.

H.19. Escrow fee requirements required with the application.

H.20. Evidence of existence of a written contract with an energy provider or other purchaser of the energy produced, demonstrating a commitment to purchase said energy.
(NOTE: This might be a protected contract. More discussion needed.)

I. – Complaint Resolution – Bess operator will provide a complaint resolution process.

J. – Insurance – Operator shall be required to provide evidence of insurance to the township and will name the township as an additional insured. (requires legal language.)

K. Penalties and Legal Proceedings – Language copied from LSES.

B. Data Center Ordinance Review – Item tabled to future meeting.

VIII. Any Other Business - None

IX. Additional Public Comment - None

X. Adjournment – MOTION Vandeventer, SECONDED by McNeilly to adjourn at 9:15P.M.