

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 2026
Vevay Township Hall–6:30 p.m.
517-676-9523
MEETING MINUTES**

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Ross at 6:30 PM

Present: Anderson, Ross, VanDeventer (6:35), Pinkerton, and McNeilly

Absent: Cady with notice

Others Present: John Lazet, Vevay Township Supervisor; and Aaron Barden, Zoning Administrator; Brady Friss of Ranger Power; six (6) Vevay Township Residents, and four (4) interested non-residents

II. Pledge of Allegiance

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Set/Amend Agenda

McNeilly MOTIONED to accept the agenda as presented. Pinkerton SECONDED.
MOTION carried 4-0

IV. Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Pinkerton SECONDED by McNeilly, to approve the May 6, 2026 minutes as presented. MOTION carried 4-0

V. Brief Public Comment

Vevay Township resident mentioned the recent Mason city council meeting in which the city manager mentioned a potential 425 agreement with Mason and Vevay Township with regard to the datacenter development at the Hall farm.

A Vevay Resident took the opportunity to thank the members of the Vevay Township Planning Commission.

A Vevay Resident recapped the Mason city manager's memo **Utility Request -3388 W Columbia Road Data Center – Project Update** (attached). She pointed out the verbiage "continued collaborative negotiations". She hopes that Vevay Township will not agree to a 425 agreement.

A Vevay Resident commented that in a 425 agreement, the property being transferred can be rezoned as part of that agreement.

A Mason city resident wanted to state that Vevay Township representatives have his ultimate respect and that everyone has done a great job. He wants to say that he "backs" Vevay Township. He has confidence that Vevay Township will do the right thing for their residents and those around the township. He doesn't believe that money from a datacenter is worth the side

effects to the people living nearby. He pointed out that only a low portion of the Mason residents are in favor of the datacenter.

A Vevay resident wanted to request that if a 425 agreement is made, please make sure the noise ordinance the city of Mason has been gaining signatures on is included.

VI. Reports & Public Notice

A. June 2026 Building Report

B. Board of Trustees Draft Minutes 5/13/2026

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 discussion

Brady Friss from Ranger Power presented on Acceleration Storage Project

- Planes Road solar project BESS

- o Proposing 190 MWac battery energy storage system to draw excess off the solar for distribution to the grid in off-peak hours
- o Construction would follow the installation of the solar farm
- o Brady offered to attend a special meeting for BESS ordinance development
- o Presentation attached to minutes

Motion to send Resolution No. 2026-___ offered by McNeilly and seconded by Anderson to the Vevay Township Board for consideration, to recommend a 120 day moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems applications. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Outdoor Recreation Facility

1. Add a line to Table in Section 9.02 (M1) for Outdoor Recreation facility, with additional language for included clarification. Suggestions will be discussed in July.

C. Data Center

1. Pinkerton reviewed the sound study notes from meeting with expert (notes attached)
 - a. Ordinance verbiage was updated per the findings depicted in the notes
2. Anderson provided engine emission
 - a. Ordinance verbiage was updated per recommendations
3. Direct BESS requirements to new future ordinance
 - a. Ordinance verbiage will be discussed at Special Meeting on June 24,2026

D. Master Plan

No updates made to the Master Plan

VIII. Any Other Business

No other business

IX. Additional Public Comment

Resident asked that we add a restriction for emergency generators that they not be allowed to be used for backup, energy shaving, or main supply.

Mason resident asked if Mason Fire needs to be up to speed prior to a permit being issued for a BESS. Directed this question to Brady from Ranger Power, who said they planned to initiate the training so that the plan can be included with the submission. The same resident asked about the drainage ditch on the Hall farm which crosses College Rd, which he is concerned will have a negative environmental impact. What will the drain commission do to protect the water?

A Mason Resident offered to give the Vevay Township PC the verbiage for the suggested noise ordinance for the city of Mason. (attached)

A Vevay resident commented on the grant money available for municipalities who approve a renewable as a payoff. He also felt it sounded like if Vevay Township does not approve the BESS, they would go the MPSC.

Supervisor Lazet commented on the process Ranger Power and Acceleration have been working through with MPSC for the solar farm, including training for fire safety. Under PA233, a developer can go directly to the state (MPSC), bypassing the township. He also calculated a potential setback for the Ranger Power BESS might be from any resident. Lazet also made a comment to encourage the PC to word the outdoor recreational facility ordinance in a concise manner (do not allow arbitrary interpretation). Lazet reminded everyone that words from the city of Mason are not necessarily those of the township. Lazet thanked the Mason resident for his comments about the PC and other Vevay representatives.

Next regular meeting is July 8, not July 1. Special Meeting will be held June 24, 2026.

X. Adjournment

MOTION by Pinkerton, SECONDED by VanDeventer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 PM.



Ginette Anderson, Secretary

