

VEVAY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Special Meeting/Work Session
Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Vevay Township Hall — 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES

I. Call to Order

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

Present: Ross, Pinkerton, Cady, Winters, McNeilly and VanDeventer arriving at public comment.

Absent: Anderson

Others Present: John Lazet, Supervisor; Aaron Barden, Zoning Administrator; Tucker Atkinson and Sean Harris, representing Ranger Power.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Set/Amend Agenda (All members must be present for additions)

MOTION McNeilly, SECONDED by Cady, to set the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

IV. *Brief Public Comment

No public comment offered.

V. Pending Business

1. Review/Discussion Re: Solar Ordinance Amendments (bring previously distributed materials)

Planning Commissioners continued discussion from the September 7th regular meeting regarding proposed amendments to Ordinance 3.27, Solar Energy Systems. Discussion primarily focused on LSES (Large Solar Energy Systems) and comparison of ordinance language recently implemented in Leslie Township for a recently approved large solar project in the township.

Commissioner Pinkerton has arranged a site visit at a local Consumers Energy solar array for a few commission members, which will occur within the next few weeks.

2. Wind Energy Conversion Systems Ordinance Amendment (no enclosure)
Due to the lengthy discussion on solar ordinance amendments, this item was tabled to a future meeting.

3. **Corner Lot Ordinance Amendment (bring previously distributed materials)**
A letter dated September 28, 2022 from Supervisor Lazet to Chair Ross, asked that this section be reviewed by the Planning Commission in the near future for possible amendment, as a result of resident inquiries on the building of accessory structures on corner lots.
4. **Any Other Potential Ordinance Amendments**
The subcommittee on Home Occupations continues to review and develop draft language for presentation at a future meeting.

V. Any Other Business

No other business was presented.

VI. Additional Public Comment

Representatives from Ranger Power, Tucker Atkinson and Sean Harris, provided very informative details regarding a proposed future Large Solar Energy System project in Vevay Township. Details included information on federal, state and local planning agencies which would be involved in the project and various permits which would be required. Mr. Atkinson offered planning commissioners the opportunity to tour a project they have completed in eastern Michigan.

Planning Commission members thanked Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Harris for attending the special work session and for their valuable insights.

Supervisor Lazet thanked the Planning Commission members for their diligence and continued work on this ordinance.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION VanDeventer, SECONDED by Cady, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15.
MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

Patricia McNeilly – Acting Secretary