**Iosco Township Planning Commission Minutes**

**December 12, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairperson T. Higgins.

Members present Tammy Higgins Chairperson, Dan Alderson Trustee, Anne Allen Zoning Administrator, Patty Dunn Secretary, Sheri Van Wyck, Allan Hoard and Mary Wood Recording Secretary.

Also in attendance were Mark Eidelson President Landplan, Michael Homier Attorney and several members of

the public were present.

Agenda was read and approved. S. VanWyck motioned to approve. D. Alderson 2nd . All Ayes. Approved.

November 14, 2023 meeting minutes were read and approved with one (1) minor correction. The word “certain”

to be insert on line 2 under Unfinished Business between the word “of” and “solar systems”. D. Alderson motioned to approve. P. Dunn 2nd. All Ayes. Approved.

**Communications –**  T. Higgins read two letters from Iosco Township residents regarding Solar Energy in the Township.

**First Call to Public –** Public was heard.

**Public Hearing** – Called to Order at 7:05pm. Purpose of this public hearing is to give the public a chance to air their concerns about Section 13.19 Solar Energy Systems of Iosco Township Zoning Ordinance amendments. Adjourned at 8:10pm.

**Unfinished Business** -

Section 13.19 Solar Energy Systems – Discussion about Solar Energy in the township. People of township are

concerned that the approximately 990 acre solar overlay district is to large.

D. Alderson motioned that another amendment be added to the Zoning Ordinance – Solar Overlay District

to remove/delete Sec 26, Sec 35, Sec 36 and the verbiage after the comma in Sec 25 (and the west 80 acres of the

southwest ¼) under amendment #3. P. Dunn 2nd. Roll Call Vote - Four (4)Ayes. One (1) Nay. Approved

A. Hoard motioned to approve the 3 text revisions to the Draft Amendments dated November 3, 2023.

D. Alderson 2nd. All Ayes. Approved.

D. Alderson motioned to recommend for approval to the Township Board and Livingston County the Updated

Draft Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance – Solar Overlay District dated November 3, 2023 as discussed

and amended at the December 12, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting. A. Hoard 2nd. All Ayes. Approved.

Section 13.10 Commercial Kennel - Tabled until a later date.

Section 20.12 Personal Dogs – Tabled until a later date.

Article 8, Section 8.8 Permanent signs – Tabled until a later date.

**New Business**

2024 Planning Commission Appointments.

S. Van Wyck nominated Tammy Higgins for Planning Commission Chairperson, P. Dunn 2nd. All Ayes. Approved.

D. Alderson nominated Allan Hoard for Planning Commission Vice Chairperson, T. Higgins 2nd. All Ayes. Approved

A. Hoard nominated Patty Dunn for Planning Commission Secretary, D. Alderson 2nd. All Ayes. Approved.

**Future Meetings/Agendas** – Next meeting date January 9, 2024

**Township Board Report** – The Township Board report was heard.

**Zoning Administrator Report** – 34 permits have been issued so far this year. 12 are for new dwellings. 29 waivers were issued.

**Zoning Board of Appeal** – Zoning Board of Appeal meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023

from 7-8pm. Issue is roof pitch of building on Dutton Rd.

**Second call to the public.** Emily Palacios Attorney, mentioned a webinar sponsored by Michigan State University that is going to be held Wednesday, January 10, 2023 from 12:30pm – 1:45pm EST titled *“Changes Ahead for Renewable Energy* *Permitting in Michigan”.*

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary A. Wood

Recording Secretary