



**RAISINVILLE TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
May 15, 2017 7:00 pm**

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Delmotte at 7:06 pm and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Craig Assenmacher, Tom Woelmer, John Delmotte, Gary Nowitzke, Kevin Kruskie and Ann Nickel-Swinkey were present. Mike Jaworski was excused. Also present was Lucie Fortin (Township Planner) and one resident.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES: Motion** by Gary Nowitzke to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2017 meeting and place on file. **Supported** by Craig Assenmacher. **Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Master Plan**

Lucie explained the process of getting the updated Master plan in place (Board approval, mail to adjacent townships, 63 day waiting period, public hearing...)

She adjusted the colors on the map to reflect the future land uses properly.

Discussion regarding the proposed future land uses.

Discussion regarding various concerns throughout the draft Master Plan.

**Solar Farm**

Lucie spoke to attorney Kerry Bondy as requested by commission, and the decision was to have the Township Board decide what direction to go in. At the May 2, 2017 meeting, the Township Board decided to place a moratorium on Solar Farms until the commission can create regulations.

The commission proceeded with discussion regarding larger scale solar farms. Tom was told projected farms would like to be near a substation and where "three-phase" are located. Lucie will try to contact DTE and determine where the 3-phase areas are.

Members would like to see this in industrial districts with special approval needed if not zoned industrial.

Tom had a proposal done on his home for solar energy. With the data he was given, he has found that with the company's recommendation he needs ½ of what we allow, but is over the allotted square feet. (10 Kw = 648 sf: we allow 20 Kw and only 500 sf). Discussion ensued about our requirements and if changes are needed.

Lucie will check what restrictions in property size other townships allow. Discussion continued about size and John would like to see ½ acre increments instead of based on density. Example: up to ½ acre, ½ acre to 1 acre, 1 acre to 3 acres, 3 acres and greater.

**MOTION** by Tom Woelmer To Recommend approval to the Township Board of the Draft of Raisinville Township Master Plan 2017 with minor corrections as discussed for distribution to neighboring townships **Supported** by Kevin Kruskie. **Motion Carried.**

**MISCELLANEOUS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Rick Milner, 2684 Lewis Ave, Ida, MI 48140: states there is a solar system on property on west side of Secor Road, South of Albain Road

**NEXT MEETING:** June 19, 2017

**ADJOURN: Motion** to adjourn by Ann Nickel-Swinkey. **Supported** by Gary Nowitzke. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes are preliminary until approved.