



**RAISINVILLE TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
May 16, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A meeting of the Raisinville Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman John Delmotte at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022, he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** John Delmotte, Craig Assenmacher, Ryan Timiney, Keith Henderson, Ann Nickel-Swinkey, and Catherine Acerboni were present, along with Township Planner, Lucie Fortin. Tom Woelmer was absent. Quorum was established.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of the, April 11, 2022 meeting and place on file by Craig, Supported by Ryan. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** the hearing will be to hear public comments on the proposed amendments to the following articles and sections of the Raisinville Township Zoning Ordinance:

- Article 2 Definitions, to modify and add a category of solar energy systems.
- Article 3 General Provisions, to modify Section 3.30 Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Section 3.31 Solar Energy Systems to add and modify regulations and include additional application procedures.
- Article 4 AG, Agricultural District, to revise small, commercial use energy systems as uses permitted on special approval.
- Article 10 M, Manufacturing District, to revise small and large commercial use energy systems as uses permitted on special approval.

**Motion to open Public Hearing by Keith, Supported by Ann. Motion Carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dan Rigato, 5034 N Custer, would like to see limits of WESC on a parcel, setbacks be even, SES ground testing at 5 years, and property value guarantees. He questioned the 6 ft screening as too short and thinks 7' is needed.

Jeff Benore, 2011 E Erie Rd, has 400 acres of land on S Custer and supports having the zoning be Manufacturing vs Agriculture.

Brenda Vandercook, 2111 Yargerville Rd, also supports the zoning be Industrial.

Terry Durocher, 4639 N Custer, RE N6i, there is no provision for electromagnetic interference. Also, Art, IV Ag District statement of purpose concerned re: harmony in Ag District. He also wondered why the Building Inspector isn't here? Lucie responded that language was added in the proposed amendment for the Township to be able to utilize specialists (paid by applicant) who have expertise in the field to ensure project proposals meet public health, welfare, and safety standards. Terry asked about the 500 ft. setback.

Dan Silsbe, 3248 Sheick Rd, stated "For the most part, most people don't want this in our area". He asked if there is language for reclamation of the land. Chairman Delmotte responded that language is included under paragraph G on page 18 and paragraph H on page 19 to address this.

**Motion to Close Public Hearing by Ann, Supported by Ryan. Motion Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Catherine requested that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NCRS) be used instead of Monroe Conservation District.

John responded that the plan is to allow Kerry Bondy, Township Attorney, to finish her review and take her advice and reconsider at the next meeting in June.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dan Rigato asked about the time frame with the moratorium that is in place if we wait until July for getting this to the Township Board.



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**NEXT MEETING:** June 20, 2022

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Craig. Supported by Keith. Motion carried.**  
Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Minutes are preliminary until approved.

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