



**RAISINVILLE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
October 21, 2024**

A meeting of the Raisinville Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman John Delmotte at 7:00 PM on Monday October 21, 2024. John led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: John Delmotte, Tom Woelmer, Keith Henderson, Craig Assenmacher, Catherine Acerboni, Ryan Timiney was present, along with Raisinville Township planner, Lucie Fortin and Township attorney Kerry Bondy. Ann Nickel-Swinkey was absent.

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024 meeting and place them on file by Craig, Supported by Tom. Motion carried.

Old Business: Solar Zoning Amendment Discussion

- Update by Township Attorney Kerry Bondy. PA 233 takes effect 11/29/24. MPSC has adopted rules and an order issued October 10th, along with a determination on how the rules will be enacted. Kerry notes that Foster Swift (attorney firm) has filed suit challenging the rules set forth. As it stands right now, MPSC will take authority away from local municipalities for zoning.
- Chairman Delmotte discussed the Deerfield ordinance.
 - Ryan Timiney is in favor of the Deerfield ordinance as it is closest to what the Township residents wanted and is closest to our existing ordinance.
 - Keith Henderson is in favor of adopting the Deerfield Ordinance.
 - Craig agrees with the Deerfield Ordinance in theory but is concerned that it may do nothing to help.
 - Tom discussed where major transmission lines are within the Township and also discussed possibly limiting the acreage size needed to comply with the MPSC's renewal requirement.
 - Catherine agrees that inaction doesn't make sense so she feels that the Deerfield ordinance is closest to what the Township residents had wanted.
 - John feels that if we set aside certain areas, we are potentially making this worse for certain residents and not for others; he would prefer to avoid this. This is his only opposition to moving forward with making a change to our ordinance.
- **Public Comment:**
 - Dan Rigato 5034 N Custer- Ida Twp is joining the Foster Swift lawsuit list. Dan is in favor of create a Renewal Energy District. Dan states that the new law doesn't have any language saying that once the States energy needs are met by solar the State can continue to build more developments and sell that energy off to other states. Dan states that the Township needs roughly 250acres to fulfill the estimated renewal energy commitment for the Township.
 - Marcel Mommerency 4367 Stewart Rd- he feels that not doing anything to fight for the township residents is foolish.
 - Mary Mommerency 4367 Stewart Rd- their family has held their property for multiple generations. She is against us allowing solar in our Township.

Motion to Make a renewal energy district that parallels the major transmission line in the Township, which limits it to the number of acres that the township needs to fulfill its renewal energy commitment (Specs are to be discussed later) by Tom Woelmer, Support by Keith Henderson. John- No, Craig- No, Tom- Yes, Ryan- Yes, Catherine- Yes, Keith- Yes. Motion Carried.



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- Kerry and Lucie will work on an ordinance amendment which would include setbacks to follow the State Mandates and would follow the main electrical transmission line in the township.
- November 11th we will hold a Special Meeting to discuss the changes discussed.

Old Business: None

Public Comment 2:

- Josh Wolfenbarger, 8610 Eggert Rd- thanks to the planning commission for hearing the desires of the Twp.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:22 pm by Craig. **Supported** by Tom. **Motion Carried**

Next meeting will be November 11, 2024