



RAISINVILLE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
October 20, 2025

A meeting of the Raisinville Township Planning Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Craig Assenmacher at 7:00 PM on Monday October 20, 2025 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Tom Woelmer, Keith Henderson, Craig Assenmacher, Catherine Acerboni, Jessica Sawyer, and Ryan Timiney were present, along with Raisinville Township planner, Lucie Fortin. John Delmotte was excused

Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025 meeting and place them on file by Tom, **Supported** by Keith. **Motion carried.**

New Business:

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that 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 Section 2.01 Definitions to add a definition for Gazebos.
- Article 3 General Provisions, to modify Section 3.14 Accessory Buildings and Structures to grant exceptions for gazebos.
- Article 3 General Provisions, to modify Section 3.31 Solar Energy Systems to add flexibility in the placement of small, accessory use, ground-mounted solar panels based on existing conditions.
- Article 16 Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations to clarify language pertaining to parking requirements in residential, commercial and manufacturing districts.

Motion to open public hearing @ 7:05 pm by Keith, **Supported** by Jessica. **MOTION CARRIED**

Lucie Fortin, Township Planner opened and discussed the Articles that we are reviewing.

- Darla Meyers- does not live in the township, she attended the meeting to see if the solar ordinance changes would impact where she is wanting to purchase a home in Raisinville Twp.

Motion to close public hearing @ 7:09pm by Tom, **Support** by Jessica. **MOTION CARRIED**

Commission comments:

- Lucy- discussed Section 2 Definitions to amend what a Gazebo is. Also to amend that a gazebo less than 200 sq. ft. doesn't apply to Article 3:14 Accessory Buildings and Structures 2: Placement, Item A.
- Tom- had questions about 3:31 Solar Energy Systems A. Ground mounted solar. Lucy would like us to review if we wanted to attach a setback distance in the event of a front yard ground mounted solar project. Craig stated that since the height of the collector unit is not to exceed 15ft, we should have a minimum setback of 15ft. We agreed to amend verbiage to include 15' setback.
- Lucy discussed Section 4, Article 16.01
 - Tom wanted to amend 16.01, #2 to read- "Parcels of land in commercial and manufacturing districts or uses hereafter used as a public or private parking area shall be developed and maintained in accordance with the following regulations:"



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- Tom discussed 16 Item 7, B to read- “vehicles without visible license plates or current registration tags.”

Motion to send above changes to Township Board for approval by Jessica, **Supported** by Catherine

Tom mentioned that we may need to address our Pond Ordinance as well at an upcoming meeting

Old Business:

- Tom discussed Data Centers, Lucy noted that Data Centers would be Special Use in an Industrial District. Jessica discussed multiple projects that she had read about in Dundee as well as in Saline. Apparently where these centers have been installed in other areas, water utility bills as well as electricity bills raised after the data center was installed. These data centers have a shelf life, and they are huge in size, after the short end of its life they abandon these properties and build new elsewhere.

Miscellaneous: None

Public Comment: None

Motion to Adjourn at 7:43 pm by Keith. **Supported** by Jessica. **Motion Carried**

Next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2025