

Ida Township Planning Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2022

Ida Township
3016 Lewis Avenue
Ida, MI 48140

Members:

Mark Metz, Chairman
Pete Loughney
Elmer Bowman
Tim Mata
Adam Uhl

Staff:

John Enos, Planning Consultant
Stefanie Rauch, Planning Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** M. Metz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Mark Metz, Pete Loughney, Adam Uhl , Elmer Bowman and Tim Mata. M. Metz recognized special guests: Supervisor, Paul Metz, Clerk, Tera Shaffer, Building Inspector, Dave Friend and Planning Consultant, John Enos.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chairman Metz shared a petition signed by people in favor of Solar Energy and read a letter from a resident opposed to Solar Energy in Ida. Several residents shared their opinions on Solar Energy. Public comment closed at 7:39 p.m.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made by P. Loughney to approve the Minutes as printed, with support by T. Mata. Motion carried.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The Agenda was reviewed. Motion made by E, Bowman to approve the Agenda as printed, with support by E. Bowman. Motion carried.
6. **REPORT OF PLANNING CONSULTANT:** John Enos reminded the Planning Board and Public that the Planning Commission's job is to advise the Township Board, while the Township Board's job is to make final decisions. J. Enos went over the revised Solar Ordinance and offered suggestions of changes that could be made.
7. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**
 - A. **Old Business:** E. Bowman made a motion to send the revised ordinance with changes suggested by the Planning Commission to the Township Board with support from T. Mata. Motion carried on a roll call vote: A. Uhl: yes, T. Mata: yes, E. Bowman: yes, M. Metz: abstained, P. Loughney: no.
 - B. **New Business:** none

8. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR ISSUES NOT ON AGENDA:

A. Correspondence Received: none

B. Planning Commission Members: none.

9. REPORT OF TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: E. Bowman stated that the paper has the time of the Planning Meeting as 7:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

10. REPORT OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVE: none

11. OTHER MATTERS: none.

12. ADJOURNMENT: T. Mata made a motion to adjourn with support by A. Uhl. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stefanie Rauch, Recording Secretary