

Comins Twsp Planning Commision

Sept 10, 2020 Minutes

Call to order: 7:05

Roll Call: Jerry Kunnath [present], Arisa Handrich [absent], John McConnell [present], Dan Swartzendruber [present]

Zoning Administrator: Rob Murphy [present]

Public Comment: No public in attendance

New business:

1] Solar Update

A] Call from Monica of Pine Gate Renewables possible at a future meeting – discussion on maybe formulating ordinances in the future for addressing ‘industrial’ solar arrays – Rob Murphy mentioned that now a ‘farm’ would need a zoning change to industrial to lease/sell land for industrial solar arrays, but that residents/property owners are free to install roof top ‘personal’ arrays. We talked about how ‘industrial arrays should be kept out of sight with vegetation/tree line buffers

B] Capital Improvement Plan [future work session]

Old Business:

A] We discussed the need to add a 5th member to our board. Dan opined that it would be good to get a different demographic represented if we can. Perhaps a woman/younger person. All agreed.

B] Social Posting, Survey relating to Master Plan composition

We formulated a short survey to be posted on social media [or sent to homes] to get the publics impression[s] of what they think Comins Township is like, what they’d like to see in/as changes/ where they think we will be over time

Monthly Report from Zoning Administrator [Rob Murphy]

1] Amish cemetery is in the go forward mode – the Amish are following permits – are going forward with plans on South Perry Creek property

2] There’s a new request for a zoning change/variance for persons wanting to build a barn for four horses in a residential zoned area. Rob Murphy is going forward with recommendations/permit requests/ neighbor canvassing relating to same

At about 8:32pm Jerry Kunnath entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, John McConnell seconded – meeting adjourned Next meeting: October 8th, 2020