

Planning commission
Special Meeting
February 23, 2017

Members Present: Dale Schoen, Gary Fetting, Al Stoutenburg, William Dixon and Sheila Coats, and Mark Batkie, also present Zoning Administrator, Richard Honaman.

Members Absent: Amanda Aldrich

Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by Al Stoutenburg, Chairman, all present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Add solar panel discussion to agenda.

Minutes: William Dixon made a motion to approve the December 15, 2016 minutes, support by Gary Fetting, motion carried.

Agenda: Master Plan, Gary Fetting thought this plan was much better than last plan. Al described reason for special meeting, trying to have Master Plan ready for March meeting.

Solar discussion: First, Rich Honaman talked to a company from Phoenix that may have interest in Solar Farms of 40 acres or more, they are treated different from windmills. Custer Township says they copied our solar ordinance with slight change in setbacks, 125 feet from property line. We should put on March agenda for discussion. Rich stated they may wish to put in solar farms close the sub-station along the ITC lines and along Fitch Road. We should all read our ordinance prior to next meeting and discuss possible changes to our Solar Ordinance.

Mark Batkie suggested we put history of Township on our web site. William Dixon suggested we post some of the pictures taken on the web site. We then started through page by page looking for any changes which still need to be made.

Page 5 – Bill Dixon is going to find history.

Page 9 – Dale Schoen stated Spalding peat bog (2 different spellings)

Page 12 – Wetlands (Rich wants source date)

Page 13 – Expand on Fire Department, Healthcare is merely an ambulance service, mention full support of doctors, senior housing, assisted living services.

Page 14 – Add Sanilac Transportation Services

Page 15 – Gary could change to a vector graph and we could change to our purpose.

Page 18 – Need newer map!

Page 22 – Caption, Marlette Road looking out over Elk Creek.

Page 26 – Move bottom goal to page 27

Page 27 – Okay

Page 29 – Remove #6

Page 30 – Identify as Sandusky Auto Sales

Page 30 – Remove paragraph

Page 34 – 1) Bike Route, Walking Paths, Develop possible passive Recreation opportunities for ORV , non motorized pathway. (Add to Page 32 also)

Next meeting, March 16, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Al Stoutenburg asked if there were any other business before board. No response. Motion made to adjourn by William Dixon, support by Gary Fetting, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Sheila Coats

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