

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1849

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FILLMORE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

May 1, 2023 7pm

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Mike Dozeman called the meeting to order at 7pm, opened with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Mike Dozeman, David Brink, Chuck Schaap and Fred VanTubergan and Rod VanGelder.

Public Attendance: Supervisor Ken DeWeerd, Fillmore Township Planner Ken Dettloff.

3. Fillmore Township Planning Commission Minutes - March 20, 2023.

Upon review of the March 20, 2023 minutes;

A Motion was brought by Rod VanGelder and 2nd by Chuck Schaap to approve the minutes of March 20, 2023 with one correction: Article 7 replace the word decommissioning with decomposition.

PASSED 5-0

Correction made by Clerk Mokma.

4. Late Agenda Items.

None.

5. Solar Ordinance

A Motion was brought by Fred VanTubergan and 2nd by Rod VanGelder to un-table a discussion from March 20, 2023 meeting in regards to a first draft of a proposed amendment to the Fillmore Township Zoning Ordinance – Solar Farms.

PASSED 5-0.

The draft is intended to provide General Provisions for Special Use Permit in the A-1 Zone.

The main point of discussion was 9:J, concern that in the event of the solar farm is no longer operable that it is removed. The total cost and completion of the removal as well as site restoration needs to be the responsibility of the owner. Some kind of performance bond needs to be included.

Planner Ken Dettloff consented to research and return with a 2nd draft for our review and then eventually a public hearing.

6. Supervisor Update.

a. Supervisor DeWeerd reported on a meeting along with Mike Dozeman in regards to a proposed wind energy development in Fillmore and Overisel Townships. The developer Liberty Energy is seeking the input and opinions of local land owners, government officials, and citizens before proceeding.

b. Outdoor Discovery Center has plans to demolish a structure, the former Fillmore Township Hall which was moved to their location, and replace it with a new structure to be used as an education center. They inquired about the necessity of a Site Plan. Since it is a new structure on the same site, similar in size and purpose. Supervisor DeWeerd gave the O.D.C. permission to forego a Site Plan, hereby notifying the Planning Commission.

c. Supervisor DeWeerd updated the Planning Commission concerning several inquiries into possible land-use plan change request and zoning changes.

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7. Land Use Map changes – Discussion.

- a. Planner Ken Dettloff met with Steve Peterson from Holland City Planning Commission to discuss Land Use Planning along the common boundaries.
- b. Mr. Dettloff will continue to bring/send recommendations with a plan to conduct public input meetings in September or October to gather opinions as the Planning Commission works towards updating the Fillmore Township Master Plan.

8. Adjournment.

There being no other matters presented to the Fillmore Township Planning Commission;
A Motion was brought by David Brink and 2nd by Rod VanGelder to adjourn the meeting at
8:30pm.

PASSED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Brink, Secretary
Fillmore Township Planning Commission.