

Porter Township  
Planning Commission  
October Meeting Minutes  
October 5, 2022

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**Public Hearing  
October 5, 2022**

Public Hearing to consider adopting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to establish standards for the siting, installation, operation, repair, decommissioning and removal of Large Solar Energy Systems.

**Start Time:** 7:00 pm

**Members Present:** Doug Noble, Jr., John Miller, Andrew Nesbitt, Tonya Willis, Bob Angle, Jeff Stull, Heather Smith

**Members Not Present:** Steve Cornish, Tim Seppala

**Attorney:** Harold Schuitmaker, present

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Heather Smith, second by Tonya Willis to approve agenda. Agenda approved as written.

**Correspondence:** Members of Planning Commission received notice from Van Buren County Planning Commission that they concur with the Large Solar Energy System Ordinance as presented.

**Citizens Comments:** None present.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Heather Smith, second by Bob Angle to adjourn the public hearing at 7:15 pm.

**Regular Meeting  
October 5, 2022**

**Start Time:** 7:16 pm

**Members Present:** Doug Noble, Jr., John Miller, Andrew Nesbitt, Tonya Willis, Bob Angle, Jeff Stull, Heather Smith

**Members Not Present:** Steve Cornish, Tim Seppala

**Attorney:** Harold Schuitmaker, present

**Zoning Administrator:** Rich McGrew, not present

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Bob Angle, second by Heather Smith to approve agenda. Agenda approved as written.

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**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by John Miller, second by Jeff Stull, to approve the September 7, 2022 Regular meeting minutes. Regular meeting minutes are approved as written.

**Correspondence:** Doug Noble received the monthly Michigan Township Association magazine. Heather Smith received a notice from Prairie Ronde Township regarding updating their master plan. Members of Planning Commission received notice from Van Buren County Planning Commission that they concur with the Large Solar Energy System Ordinance as presented.

**Citizens Comments:** None present.

**Zoning Admin Report** Per Rich McGrew, Zoning Administrator, not present.

**Board Liaison Report:** Per Andrew Nesbitt, Planning Commission should continue working on Large Solar Energy Systems Ordinance.

**ZBOA report:** Per Robert Angle, no meetings scheduled.

**Old Business:**

A. Large Solar Energy Systems Ordinance.

As no public comments or objections during the public hearing, and notice that the Van Buren County Planning Commission concurred with the ordinance as written, Heather Smith made a motion, second by Andy Nesbitt, to recommend that the Porter Township Board approve the Large Solar Energy Systems Ordinance as written. Roll call vote – all yes. Motion passed.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Adjournment:** John Miller motions, Jeff Stull seconds, to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

**Next meeting:** November 2, 2022 at 7 pm.

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