



## Conway Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 11, 2022 | 7:00pm EST

Conway Township Hall | 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836

Agenda	Items Discussed	Actions to be Taken
<b>Attendees</b>	<p>PC Members Present: Jeff Klein, Meghan Swain-Kuch, Dave Whitt, George Pushies - Ex-Officio, Kelly Ralko, Lucas Curd, and one (1) vacancy.</p> <p>Zoning Administrator – Absent</p> <p>Livingston County Planning Commissioner: Dennis Bowdoin</p> <p>Township Attorney: Absent</p> <p>Township Planners: Hannah Smith</p> <p>Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Whitt</p>	
<b>Call to Order/Pledge</b>	Vice Chair M. Swain-Kuch called the Conway Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.	None
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Motion to accept the meeting agenda as presented for July 11, 2022. Motion by J. Klein. Support by G. Pushies. Motion approved.	None
<b>Approval of June Minutes</b>	Motion to accept meeting minutes from June 13, 2022 as amended. Motion by J. Klein. Support by D. Whitt. Motion approved. Amendment: strike “a ‘head’s up’ was given to the new planners” to “the Planning Commission agrees the new planners are doing a good job and we thank them.”	None
<b>Call to the Public</b>	None at this time.	
<b>Communications</b>	<p>a. Zoning Administrator Report: None</p> <p>b. Board Ex-Officio Report: The Conway Township Board of Trustees draft June 28, 2022 minutes are in the packet if anyone has any questions.</p> <p>c. Livingston County Planning Commission Report Bowdoin reported there are six (6) Zoning Reviews scheduled for the July, 2022 meeting including Conway Township’s rezoning request. He also reported that Rob Stanford of the LCPC is organizing a solar farm tour for Cohoctah and Conway Township officials for either Friday, August 19 or 26.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">None</p> <p style="text-align: center;">None</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D. Bowdoin will need a head count for those interested in the solar tour.</p>

<p><b>Old Business</b></p>	<p>a. Rezoning of Parcel No. 4701-10-300-020  <del>Still waiting for a list of what the applicant is doing and not what they are doing.</del> M. Swain-Kuch added stated that this request will be on the Livingston County Planning Commission agenda for July 20, 2022.</p> <p>b. Solar Ordinance Update  The planners gave an update on the pending Commercial Solar Ordinance draft. Items discussed included: language changes, accessory systems, what parcel setback numbers affect, landscape screening, and annual reporting requirements. The commissioners approved the suggestions.</p> <p>Don Berninger from Atwell LLC spoke on behalf of Ranger Power. They presented multiple pages of the issues they have with the proposed solar ordinance.</p> <p>Chair Swain-Kuch is concerned that people do not understand that if the ordinance isn't adopted, anything can happen. The ordinance gives the township control over what happens.</p> <p>G. Pushies wants to "stiffen" language for decommissioning. He also asked about sub-stations. The planner will check into it. Another concern is on-site battery storage. The planner will also investigate that.</p> <p>c. Luke Bryant Special Land Use Permit Update  Nothing to report at this time, other than the planning commission will not need to do anything further.</p> <p>d. Master Plan Update  As soon as the solar ordinance is complete, the members will review the master plan. Swain-Kuch would like to include a Capital Improvement Plan. PA33 of 2008 ties it to the Planning/Zoning Enabling Act.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Planners will make discussed changes. Follow up on questions (sub-stations, decommissioning, and battery storage). Commission will review drafts as presented.</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p>a. Welcome New Planning Commissioner Members/Appointment of New Secretary  The commissioners welcomed newcomer Lucas Curd. Curd. Curd has a Civil Engineering background and looks forward to working with the commission. Clerk, Elizabeth Whitt will continue acting as recording secretary.</p>	

	b. What's New / Preparation? Will continue to monitor and update on items that will need action.	
<b>Commission Discussion</b>	Nothing at this time.	
<b>Last Call to the Public</b>	Emily Palacios, JD, spoke regarding the solar ordinances. She is a planner and attorney who is focused on solar and can answer questions the commission may have. She has agreed to come back to a meeting.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn at 8:02. Motion by G. Pushies. Support by J. Klein. Motion approved.	

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Elizabeth Whitt,  
PC Recording Secretary

Meghan Swain-Kuch,  
PC Chair