

Pleasanton Township Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: 10/10/2022 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Pleasanton Township Hall

Representatives:

		X	Ed Monk
X	Rochelle Rollenhagen – Vice Chair	X	Kathy Runyon
		X	Brenda Monk – Township Board Rep / Secretary
X	Carol Merrill – Township Supervisor		
	Guests:	A	Josh Mills, Zoning Administrator

X = Present A = Absent

Public Present: Deb Jackson, Cindy Rutgers, Susan Schankin, Linda Schweyer, Judy Girven, Don Raff

Topics Discussed	Discussion/Decision	Action/Responsible Party
<i>Meeting called to order. Pledge of Allegiance</i>		
<i>Roll call</i>	Present: Rollenhagen, E. Monk, Runyon, B. Monk Monk noted that the township clerk has received a resignation letter from Peterson.	
<i>Agenda Approval</i>	Agenda presented for approval/changes.	<i>Motion by E. Monk, second by B. Monk, to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.</i>
<i>Prior meeting minutes</i>	September 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes	<i>Motion by E. Monk, second by Runyon, to approve meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.</i>
<i>Zoning Administrator Report</i>	Zoning Report reviewed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 2022 Report dated October 3, 2022. • Mills noted in his email that the current ordinance is working well for him. Regarding Solar ordinance - Encourages residential solar to be an accessory use that allows roof-mounted and ground-mounted arrays. The ground-mounted arrays should meet the setback requirements. Large scale solar or commercial solar projects should be a special use consideration with specific guidelines associated with size, setbacks, and minimum parcel area. • Merrill noted that pole barn that was noted at the prior meeting has since been taken down. 	
<i>Unfinished Business</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance Review/Update: 	

	<p>Definitions: Group discussed definitions and the continued cross check as we go through the township ordinance document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar – Commission discussed examples of Solar ordinance. Surrounding township ordinances utilized from Arcadia, Onekama, Frankfort, and Manistee Township. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rollenhagen provided members with two (2) Draft Worksheets for both the Accessory Solar Energy Systems and Commercial or Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems. - Monk distributed a copy of the MSU Planning and Zoning for Solar Energy Systems document received previously by email so members would have this as a reference document. 	<p><i>Monk will create starting draft residential and commercial ordinance from discussion at meeting.</i></p>
<i>New Business</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<i>Guest</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<i>Correspondence</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<i>Public Comment</i>	<p>Rutgers – Suggested consulting with fire department for access and noting to follow manufacturers recommendations when looking at ordinances.</p> <p>Merrill – Noted on a flat roof building solar panels would be at an angle and not flat against the roof.</p> <p>Schankin – Glare would be an important issue that should be addressed regarding looking across the lake from a solar panel.</p> <p>Rutgers – Single family residential where family within 3-4 houses share electricity. What is the selling power of solar.</p> <p>Schankin – Suggested manufacturer to come in to demonstrate.</p> <p>Merrill – Noted setbacks is always a problem. How far from another building or 10 feet from another other structure. Buildings need to be 10 feet apart for fire access.</p>	
<i>Board Comment</i>	<p>Rollenhagen noted the Buell Park is looking beautiful!</p>	
<i>Adjournment</i>	<p>Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Next meeting date: Nov 14, 2022</p>	