

Palmyra Township
Planning Commission Special Meeting
October 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson, Ryan Mapstone.

Present: Ryan Mapstone, Carmen Loar, Vivian Pell, Mark Crane, Rich Beauleaux, John Turpening

Absent: None

Audience in attendance: 7

Motion by Mark Crane to approve agenda as presented carried by Carmen Loar.
Motion carried.

Motion by Ryan Mapstone to approve October 15, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as amended, by changing "greater" to "less" in bullet point five under Old Business, carried by John Turpening. **Motion Carried.**

Written Comments

- None

Public Comments

- None

Old Business

Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance

- David Lacasse provided a summary of the MTA education. Stated MTA believes litigation is coming regarding the Hybrid 50 megawatts or greater and the definition of an ALU. Stated as of now, there is no legal way to keep large scale solar energy systems out of townships. Informed members that MTA is working on releasing a model workable ordinance that is compliant with PA 233.
- ESA attorney provided Planning Commission with updated redline document.
- John Turpening informed members of the Planning Commission of an appeal of the MPSC ruling that is in the process of being filed. Stated Foster Swift

Collins & Smith are currently in the process of filing an appeal with plans to move forward in November.

- David informed members that an appeal of PA 233 or the MPSC ruling does not automatically stop development from occurring within the township while being litigated.

Battery Storage

Motion by John Turpening, carried by Mark Crane. "I move that we recommend the Foster Swift draft battery ordinance with the overlay district being defined as that area south of the River Raisin, north of US 223 and east of Humphrey Highway."

Roll call vote: Ryan-No; Vivian- Yes; Mark- Yes; Rich- Yes; Carmen- Yes.

Motion carried.

Solar Ordinance

Motion by John Turpening, carried by Mark Crane. "I move that we recommend the Foster Swift draft solar ordinance with the overlay district being defined as that area south of the River Raisin, north of US 223 and east of Humphrey Highway."

Roll call vote: Ryan-No; Vivian- Yes; Mark- Yes; Rich- Yes; Carmen- Yes.

Motion carried.

Wind Ordinance

Motion by John Turpening, carried by Mark Crane. "I move that we recommend the Foster Swift draft wind ordinance with the overlay district being defined as that area south of the River Raisin, north of US 223 and east of Humphrey Highway."

Roll call vote: Ryan-No; Vivian- Yes; Mark- Yes; Rich- Yes; Carmen- Yes.

Motion carried.

New Business

- None

Next meeting: November 8, 2024

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:38 pm by John Turpening. Supported by Rich Beaulaux. **Motion carried.**

These minutes were recorded by Carmen Loar.