

**Palmyra Township
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
February 3, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman, John Turpening.

Present: John Turpening, Vivian Pell, Rich Beuleaux, Dean Schnieder, Ryan LaRose, Mark Crane

Absent: None

Audience in attendance: 1

Motion made by Schnieder and supported by Crane to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Motion made by Schnieder to approve the January 6, 2026 PC Regular Meeting minutes as written, and supported by Beuleaux. **Motion carried.**

Written Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Communications:

- Chairman John Turpening introduced to the PC Commission new Planning Commission member Ryan LaRose. Ryan resides in Palmyra Township. He is recently retired and desires to be more interactive in the Township.
- There was a discussion regarding the notice RWE is required to mail to property owners whose property is one mile from the Rouget Road solar project. Mark Crane stated that the notice is to inform property owners of the Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 10:30 am, prehearing. The purpose of the prehearing conference is to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters. The prehearing is scheduled to be held remotely by video conference or teleconference. Any interested person may participate. Persons needing any assistance to participate or who are seeking access to the video/teleconference should contact the Administrative Law Judge's secretary at (517) 284-8130 or by email at LARA-MOHR-PSC@michigan.gov in advance of the hearing.

Unfinished Business

Data Centers: Motion made by Schnieder and supported by Pell to recommend to the Board a Data Center Ordinance drafted by Foster Swift, and to mandate a closed loop water system and appropriate setbacks.

Motion made by Schnieder and supported by Pell to rescind the motion made by Schnieder to have a Data Center Ordinance drafted. **Motion carried**

Motion made by Crane and supported by Schnieder to recommend to the Board a one-year moratorium on data centers. **Roll call vote:** LaRose – yes; Turpening – yes; Pell – yes; Crane – yes; Beaulaux – yes; Schnieder – yes **Motion carried**

Resume Amending Current Zoning Ordinance: Tabled until the March 3, 2026 PC regular meeting.

New Business

Review of Lenawee County Planning Commission (LCPC) Approval of Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance – Solar Escrow & Decommissioning:

The PC Commission members reviewed the LCPC approval of the amendments to the Solar escrow and decommissioning in Article VIII, Section 8.13 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Recommendation to Send Solar Escrow & Decommissioning Amendments to the Board for Consideration: Motion made by Schnieder and supported by Beaulaux to send to the Board for consideration the LCPC approved solar escrow and decommissioning amendments of the Zoning Ordinance, Article VIII, Section 8.13. **Motion carried**

Motion made by Schnieder to adjourn meeting at 8:07 pm and supported by Beaulaux. **Motion carried**

Next meeting: March 3, 2026

These minutes were prepared by Clerk Christine Whited.