

Palmyra Township
Planning Commission Special Meeting
November 17, 2025

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

Present: John Turpening, Ryan Mapstone, Vivian Pell, Rich Beauleaux, Dean Schnieder, Mark Crane

Absent: Carmen Loar

Audience in attendance: None

Addition of clarification of minutes by Mark Crane. Motion by Mark Crane to approve agenda as amended, carried by Ryan Mapstone. **Motion carried.**

Motion by Dean Schnieder to approve November 4, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as written, carried by Mark Crane. **Motion carried.**

Written Comments

- None

Public Comments

- None

Old Business

- None

New Business

Data Centers

- Discussion of need to review ordinance to add data centers in future meetings. Crane informed members he discussed with former Planning Commission Laura Brown regarding a proposed data center in her area. Members to review information in the future.

Renewable Energy Overlay District

- Clarification of minutes in which net 1,000 acres was discussed. Crane informed members there appeared to be as possible disconnect from the

Planning Commission and the Township Board regarding the intent of the 1,000 acres. "The expansion of the renewable energy Overlay District is to be up to, but not to exceed 1,000 net buildable acres. This increases the entire gross overlay acreage to approximately 1616.197 acres" was included in previous minutes. Members discussed the intent of the overlay district. Members agreed this up to 1,000 buildable acres was the intended use for the area.

Decommissioning and Escrow amendments

- Discussion of the need to have solar ordinance reviewed by Foster and Swift in the future. Members discussed various inconsistencies within current ordinance. Discussion of Section 8.13. Discussion of reviewed work previously completed versus sending the solar ordinance in its entirety for further review to Foster and Swift. Turpening to ask Whited to blend suggested amendments to the decommissioning and escrow written by Foster and Swift into current ordinance. Members to review at December meeting.

Motion to adopt the ordinance amendments as proposed by Foster and Swift regarding decommissioning and escrow by Mark Crane. Supported by Dean Schnieder. **Roll call vote:** Vivian- yes; Dean- yes; Ryan- yes; John- yes; Rich-yes; Mark- yes. **Motion carried.**

- Turpening to request Chris Whited attempt to blend new information from Foster and Swift into the current ordinance. Planning Commission to review ordinance and determine next steps. Amendments and overlay map to be sent to Region 2 for review. Discussion of flow of work through the Board and Region 2.

Next meeting: December 2, 2025

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:58 pm by Mark Crane. Supported by Dean Schnieder. **Motion carried.**

These minutes were recorded by Carmen Loar.