

# NORWICH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

## MINUTES

**August 3, 2022 7pm**

**Attendance:** Jill Gregory, Marcia Stroko, Patsy Bourke, Dakota Ross, Richelle Boerma, Jennifer Kailing, Ruth Scott

Public attendance: Tim Boerma, Ryan Coffey Hoag, Nick Vawter

Meeting called to order by Patsy Bourke at 7:03pm.

Patsy Bourke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call taken; all members present.

Motion was made by Jill Gregory to elect Ruth Scott into the Planning Commission Secretary position, seconded by Dakota Ross. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Richelle Boerma to approve the minutes from Planning Commission meeting dated June 1, 2022, seconded by Marsha Stroko. Motion carried.

**Zoning administrators report:** presented and reviewed.

### **New Business:**

Ryan Coffey Hoag presented/summarized important topics in the Planning & Zoning For Solar Energy Systems: A Guide For Michigan Local Governments

Document can be accessed and downloaded at

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/planning-zoning-for-solar-energy-systems-a-guide-for-michigan-local-governments>

A recommendation should be made to the Township Board from the Planning Commission to discuss and develop a zoning ordinance for private and commercial wind and solar use

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business:** Finalizing the editing of the Master Plan. Ryan Coffey has recommended that we keep the "should" terminology throughout the document. We will add as a board a generic solar and wind paragraph under the "Utilities" section of the Master Plan.

Richelle Boerma will provide a red line draft of the edits to the Master Plan for final review by the Planning Commission at the next meeting October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Once completed Jen Kailing will bring to the Township Board for approval in October.

**Public Comment:** None

Next meeting will be held October 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7pm

Motion was made by Jen Kailing to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Richelle Boerma. Motion carried.

APPROVED OCT 5, 2022

  
Ruth Scott, Secretary