

**PLANNING COMMISSION
ERIE TOWNSHIP
ERIE, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting
July 19, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Jacobs called to order the Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Planning Commission on July 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Township office, Erie Road, Erie, Michigan.

2. ROLL CALL

Bill Jacobs	Present
Dave Cousino	Present
Dr. Larry Guinn	Present
Dan Taylor	Present
Paul Perry	Absent-Excused
Robert Schwartz	Absent-Excused
Manny Evola	Present

Also present: Mike Demski and Recording Secretary, Cynthia Wisbon.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Dr. Larry Quinn made a motion to approve the Agenda. Dan Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dave Cousino made a motion to approve the May 17, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. Dr. Larry Quinn seconded. Motion carried. There was an error on M. Evola address. Should be Matty Drive. Motion passed with correction to the address.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Budget Report

- Dave Cousino made a motion to approve the budget ending 06/30/22 and place on file. Manny Evola seconded. Motion carried.

B. Public Comment

1. Gary Wilmoth-3635 Luna Pier Road-Erie, MI.-stated Planning took Special Use away. Not fair to take away from the people.
2. Dan Bogart-1876 Benore Road-Erie, MI.-Has concerns about several issues. Feels this is a property rights issue.
3. Kevin Matney-10765 Victory Road-Erie, MI.-Has a problem with property taxes when you take property rights away. Commission needs to listen to people.

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4. Doralee Rollins was asked to read a letter from Tom Sancrant-10325 Dixie Highway, Erie, MI.- to the Planning Commissioners. Tom Sancrant was not in attendance.
5. Ricki Roelant-11625 Geiger Road, Temperance, MI.-passed out maps to Planning Commission members. Stated Planning Commission has the right to set the ordinance.
6. Diane Laplante-1324 Sterns Road-thrilled to see the people show up. There is a volume of different opinions. Need some type of guidelines. Have respect for each other.
7. Denise Benore-1417 Dean Road-Erie, MI.-concerned about acres and acres of Solar.
8. Bill Tabbert-6300 Edgewater Dr., Erie, MI.- Bill stated our forefathers did not want to micro manage property. Focus on setbacks and nice view.
9. Dan Wisbon-2970 Morin Point St., Erie, MI.- not about Solar anymore it's about property rights.
10. Charlie Reau-1633 Dean Road, Erie, MI.-stated he was representing James and Prudy Cousino-9365 Summit St., Erie, MI.-and Selma Calmes, 520 Dean Road, Temperance, MI.-Their answer is no to Solar-still wants to farm, issue of property rights.
11. Terry Morrin-6918 Dixie Highway, Erie, MI.-talked to others, not for Solar. All about property rights.
12. Jenn Dusseau-3131 Morin Point St., Erie, MI.-to what extent is the Planning Commission going? Property rights issue.
13. Bill Jacobs—9885 Grodi Road, Erie, MI-people don't want Solar, neighborhood's, or factories in their back yard.
14. Dan Taylor-2013 Wilson Drive, Erie, MI.-you can sell your property to whomever you would like.
15. Bill Jacobs-Solar has a very good grasp in Industrial. You can't keep them out if they meet all special use in Agricultural. There are rules to protect people.
16. Manny Evola-2000 Matty Drive, Erie, MI.-There are rules so you don't infringe on your neighbors. Rules to protect us. Ag land is a resource.
17. Gary Wilmoth- Township should have an appeal process.
18. Mike Lapointe-2261 Rauch Road, Erie, MI.-can't you have what you want? Not concerned what others are doing.
19. Joe Robison-9500 Baycreek, Erie, MI.-People stating they do not trust Solar. People need to be respectful of each other.
20. Bill Jacobs-We could be losing the landfill. We can't close our doors to all things. Keep our minds open to something. We have the best roads in the county.
21. Tim Conley-870 Lotus-Erie, MI.- Asked if there is a special use permit for Solar? (In Agricultural needs special approval. It is allowed in Industrial.)
22. Dr. Larry Guinn-2075 Lotus Drive-Erie, MI.-Stated, "We are listening to the people."
23. Kevin Matney- "ask our opinion first".
24. Diane Laplante-1324 Sterns Road-Erie, MI.- Survey response was not good before. Do a mailer and Public Hearing.
25. Dan Taylor-Most people have a way to get the word out about the survey.

- 26. Manny Evola-Nobody wants to take rights away.
- 27. Joe Robison-Surveys are no longer a tool to use, they are expensive. Put survey on the web-site.
- 28. Bill Tabbert-You guys have a tuff job. Need a method to use to figure out what people want.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Demski-Township Board hired a Planner today. Kim and Mike will meet with them first. Then the Planner will meet with the Planning Commission.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mike Demski-Members of the Planning Commission were given a Preliminary site plan for 3949 Luna Pier Road. The plans are ready to go. Requires a Special Use. The Owner, Olie and the Planner, Brent LaVanway are present. Article 11 in the Zoning Ordinance has special use for this plan.

- Manny Evola made the motion to have a Public Hearing for Special Use for the Gas Station at the August Meeting. Dan Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin Matney-Victory Road-BFI has not picked up garbage for 3 weeks.

10. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

No comment.

11. MEETING DATES

Township Board	Regular Meeting	Tuesday, August 9, 2022	7pm
Planning Commission	Special Meeting	Monday, August 8, 2022	7pm
Planning Commission	Regular Meeting	Tuesday, August 16, 2022	7pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

- Dr, Larry Guinn made a motion to adjourn. Dan Taylor seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cindy Wisbon
Recording Secretary