

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 20, 2023 - 7:30 PM  
Township Office 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI 49435  
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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Rich Dausman. Also present at the meeting were Commissioners, Vice Chair Steve VanTimmeren, Secretary Brad Anderson, Steve Gray, and Ken Zahm. Theresa Frank was present to take minutes of the meeting, and Planner Julie Lovelace from Fresh Coast Planning was present.
2. Dausman announced no parking in the reserved Fire Department spaces.
3. No additions to the agenda.
4. VanTimmeren motioned to approve the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes, Gray supported, all ayes, motion carried.
5. There were no public comments for items not on the agenda.
6. The new business is the Public Hearing. Dausman and VanTimmeren went over the amendment for a review before opening the Public Hearing. Dausman opened the Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m.  
In public comment Marjorie Gilde and Dennis Umlor were at the hearing with comments regarding how the amendment will work for the Township. Commissioners spoke on how the amendment to the zoning ordinance will allow low density, long narrow lots to split, and have a shared drive with an easement to the back lot. The Chair asked if there were any other comments, hearing none the Public Hearing was closed at 8:53 p.m.  
After more discussion VanTimmeren motioned to approve the amendment to the Wright Township Zoning Ordinance. This motion has the condition that the word “private” be taken from the amendment wording wherever it is in front of “shared drive”. Gray supported, all ayes, motion carries. The amendment will now be sent to the Township Board for approval.
7. Previous Business included;
  - a. The review of wording for the Solar Ordinance was done at this meeting. After much discussion there were a few changes. The Commission is thinking they may have two ordinances, one for commercial use, and one for private use of solar energy. With updated wording the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, P.C. meeting will be a Public Hearing for the Solar Ordinance to be accepted and sent to the Township Board for approval.
  - b. The final wording for the Master Plan will be going to the Township Board for approval at the April 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

- c. The discussion of Farm Labor Housing and Conditional Zoning has been tabled to future meetings.
8. No Commissioners comments.
9. Gray motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m. and Anderson supported. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Frank, Township Clerk, and Planning Commission Meeting Recorder. *(Any documents referenced in these minutes are on file in the Clerk's office).*