

Vernon Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Larry Sprague, Chris Corwin, John Wolf, Janeene Temple, and Benjamin Telford.

Absent: Levi Zdunic

The agenda was reviewed with no additions or changes.

The minutes of the October 2, 2023, meeting were reviewed.

Motion: A motion was made by Chris Corwin and seconded by John Wolf to approve the minutes of October 2, 2023, with no changes. All ayes, motion carried.

There were no residents in attendance at this meeting.

Old Business:

- Review of Wind & Solar Ordinances – The township clerk updated the commission on current legislation that had passed the House and was slated for review by the Senate. House Bills 5120, 5121, 5122, and 5123 are legislations that would essentially strip the township of governing authority concerning commercial large-scale renewable energy projects. With the passing of these bills, our township would be required to adopt comparable renewal energy ordinances to maintain limited control over projects within our area. Because of this, the planning commission will suspend review of these ordinances until such time as the State releases appropriate guidelines for the township to review and adopt. The planning commission will strip out the residential zoning portion of these ordinances and continue working on those as they are not a part of this legislation.

New Business:

- M1 and M2 zoning. The planning commission will begin a review of current M1 and M2 zoning to see if portions need to be updated or reviewed for adaptation with the township.

Next meeting date – December 4, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Motion: A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Corwin and seconded by John Wolf. All ayes, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.