

BENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2021

(Meeting was conducted by Zoom.)

Members Present: Jack Caughey, Maureen Sorbet, Chris Tennes, Tom Fasnaugh,
Jeff Locke, Ben Kudwa and Barb Wickerham

Members Absent: Jason Haigh

Others who attended the Meeting:
Gary Suits-Benton Township Supervisor and Roger Wickerham

Call to Order:
Chairman Jack Caughey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Election of Officers for 2021:
Chris Tennes made a motion to keep officers from 2020, supported by Ben Kudwa. Officers would be: Jack Caughey-Chair; Jeff Locke-Vice Chair; Barbara Wickerham-Secretary. Motion carried 7 ayes; 0 nays.

Meeting Minutes Approval:
A motion was made by Chris Tennes, supported by Jeff Locke to approve the minutes of November 5, 2020. Motion carried 7 ayes; 0 nays.

Agenda Amendments:
A motion was made by Maureen Sorbet, supported by Tom Fasnaugh to approved agenda as written. Motion carried 7 ayes; 0 nays.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:
None

New Business:
Scheduling of 2021 Meeting Dates: Meeting dates are always scheduled the Thursday prior to the Benton Township Board Meeting. (* are mandatory quarterly meetings if no meeting has been held that quarter).

January 7, 2021	July 8, 2021
February 4, 2021	August 5, 2021
March 4, 2021 *	September 9, 2021*
April 8, 2021	October 7, 2021
May 6, 2021	November 4, 2021
June 10, 2021*	December 9, 2021*

Solar Energy, Large Systems – Amendment: Ben Kudwa made a motion, supported by Barb Wickerham: Motion by the Benton Township Planning Commission to recommend the Benton Township Board amend the Township “Interim Zoning Ordinance” adopted by the Township Board November 26, 2019. The article to be amended with this motion is Solar Energy, Large System. The amendments were adopted by the Planning Commission November 5, 2020 and submitted per this motion to the Benton Township Board for their approval. Roll call vote: M. Sorbet-yes; J. Caughey-yes; T. Fasnaugh-yes; B. Kudwa-yes; J. Locke-yes; C. Tennes-yes; B. Wickerham-yes. Motion carried 7 ayes; 0 nays.

Public Comment:

-Gary Suits, Benton Township Supervisor, gave a brief update on the Solar Court Case. The Township hopes to have the outcome within a couple of weeks.

-Jack Caughey asked that the Commission members to review the Interim Zoning Ordinance Proposed Revised Language dated November 5, 2020. An additional four copies will be needed for Ben Kudwa, Maureen Sorbet and the two new commissioners.

Next Meeting Date:

If needed February 4, 2021

Adjournment: 7:35

Prepared by: Barbara Wickerham, Planning Commission Secretary

PLANNING COMMISSION ROLL CALL: JANUARY 7, 2021

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Jack Caughey – present

Tom Fasnaugh – present

Jeff Locke – present

Maureen Sorbet – present

Ben Kudwa – present

Barb Wickerham – present

Chris Tennes – present

Jason Haigh - absent

Submitted by: Barbara Wickerham, Benton Township Commission Secretary