

BENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2020

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

Members Absent: Ben Kudwa, Jason Haigh

Others who attended the Meeting:
Gary Suits, Tammy Foster and Roger Wickerham

Call to Order:
Chairman Jack Caughey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes Approval:
A motion was made by Maureen Sorbet, supported by Chris Tennes, to approve the minutes of September 10, 2020. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays. (J. Locke, late, unavailable to vote).

Agenda Amendments:
None

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items:
None

New Business:
A. Solar Energy, Large Systems – Amendment: The Commission reviewed the proposed revised language for the Solar Energy, Large Ordinance in the Interim Zoning Ordinance. After discussion and a few minor changes, Chris Tennes made a motion, seconded by Tom Fasnaugh to approve the Solar Energy, Large System within the Interim Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call: Maureen Sorbet-yes; Jack Caughey-yes; Barb Wickerham-yes; Tom Fasnaugh-yes; Chris Tennes-yes. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Jeff Locke was late and unavailable to vote.)

B. Review of Interim Zoning Ordinance – The Interim Zoning Ordinance Committee met for several weeks with Tammy Foster to update the Interim Zoning Ordinance. Jack Caughey and Tammy Foster gave a brief update on the articles of the ordinance to the Commission. The Commission members are to review the Interim Zoning Ordinance and bring back any questions/comments to the next meeting.

Public Comment:

Tammy Foster advised the Commission that the Master Plan needed to be updated. That work should be started in the near future.

Supervisor Roger Wickerham advised the Commission that Jack Caughey and Barb Wickerham's terms will end in December. Jack Caughey mentioned that he would accept another term with the Commission. Barb Wickerham will advise the Commission next month.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020

Adjournment: 9:55

Prepared by: Barbara Wickerham, Planning Commission Secretary