

# Grant Township Planning Committee

## Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2016

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Planning Committee was called to order at 7:15 on April 21, 2016 by Chairman, Doug Berends..

### **Present**

Doug Berends, Diana Ludlow, Tim Martis, Edith Elsenheimer, Kim Martens, Pat Collins and Jason Campbell.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The PC read the minutes of the January 21, 2016 meeting among themselves.

Edith Elsenheimer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Tim Martis. All were in favor and motion carried to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 minutes as read.

### **Open Issues**

1). The paperwork for the Mark Zimmer annual update was reviewed. At this time no paperwork has been received from Mr. Zimmer. No sand was taken in 2015. It appears the last resolution was written in 2010 and it is believed that an extension was granted. DEQ, Surety Bond and Soil Erosion Dates are contained in 1/21/16 meeting minutes.

2.) Discussion on the need for a Zoning ordinance for the installation of solar panels. Upon review of what other townships are doing, it appears that the most common is to treat the panels as an accessory building under heading of ‘Solar Array’ and for single residence use only. Units must meet front/side/rear set back guidelines and may not exceed height of main structures. Building and electrical permits will be required for operation. Ordinance will be written and submitted to the board for review. Kim will meet with Smart Energy of Newaygo to obtain additional information on the solar panels and possibly set up a time at our next meeting for a presentation by them.

### **Zoning Administrator Updates**

Kim has received a call regarding the split of property located on North Bound Lane off 22 Mile Rd. Currently is 2 parcels with hopes to split into 4. There is a need to upgrade the current private road and redo the cul de sac. Kim will continue to provide updates. There will also be a need for the township planner from the county to review.

### **Next Meeting**

May 2016

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 by Doug Berends.. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 on May 19, 2016.

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp