

Alaiedon Township
Planning Commission Solar Workshop Meeting
August 13, 2019

The Alaiedon Township Planning Commission met Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the Alaiedon Township Hall for a workshop meeting to receive information regarding solar energy.

Vice Chairman Roger Cook called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Roll call was taken. Present were Roger Cook, Beth Smith, Barb Kranz, Matt Oesterle and Kim Hafley. Absent were Laurie Koelling and Bill Schneider.

Matt Oesterle made a motion to approve the agenda. Barb Kranz seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Jason Bloomquist and Tim Lousma from Quality Solar delivered a presentation on solar energy in residential, commercial and agricultural environments.

The Planning Commission deferred discussion regarding the information from Delta Township zoning department about solar energy.

The Planning Commission members in attendance noted their appreciation for Harmony Fierke's presentation from the July 23 meeting, specifically the ordinance development process framework and case studies.

Board of Trustee representative Beth Smith shared that it is likely we will have a public hearing to review a special use permit application at the Planning Commissions Regularly Quarterly Meeting on September 16, 2019.

The Planning Commission agreed it will discuss the township's solar strategy following the public hearing for the Special Use Permit at the September 16, 2019 meeting. This will include a review of the core principles contained in the township's master plan to be considered when developing the solar energy zoning ordinance. The outcomes of this discussion will serve as the foundation for determining if a solar energy zoning ordinance is necessary, and if necessary, determining the criteria that must be met, by each zone type in order to add solar energy capability.

The Planning Commission agreed the following steps needs to happen prior to the September 16 meeting:

- Planning Commission members to receive copy of township's master plan
- Identify State of Michigan Construction Codes applicable to solar energy
- Confer with Delhi Fire Chief regarding concerns for solar energy
- Identify where there is 3-phase power access within Alaiedon Township
- Review zoning and soil type maps of township

Matt Oesterle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barb Kranz seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Hafley, Secretary

Do you allow 20 high in residential area.