

**Alaiedon Township**  
**Planning Commission Solar Workshop Meeting**  
**July 23, 2019**

The Alaiedon Township Planning Commission met Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at the Alaiedon Township Hall for a workshop meeting to receive information regarding solar energy.

Chairman Koelling called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

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

Roger Cook made a motion to approve the agenda. Beth Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Beth Smith made a motion to approve the June 17, 2019 meeting Bill Schneider seconded. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Presentation from Mark Eidelson of LandPlan regarding solar energy ordinances. Mark provided the Planning Commission a memo on solar energy zoning ordinances which summarized his presentation. He repeatedly emphasized there is no “perfect standard” ordinance and each municipality has to consider what is appropriate for its community, however, Solar systems are generally considered a lawful use of land.

Presentation from Harmony Gmazel, AICP, Michigan State University Extension Education Urban and Regional Planning/Civic Engagement on best practices in planning and zoning.

Supplementing her presentation, Harmony provided the Planning Commission:

- a PDF of her presentation
- 2018 Ingham County’s PACE Program Report
- A link to MSUE Solar Webinar recordings
- A draft of Chester Township’s DRAFT Solar Ordinance

The Planning Commission members found the information useful and noted it prompted additional questions for the Planning Commission to investigate. The Planning Commission also concluded it wanted to continue to meet more frequently than quarterly meetings to complete it’s recommendation regarding solar zoning ordinances to the Alaiedon Township Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Hafley, Secretary