

**Alaiedon Township**  
**Planning Commission Working Meeting**  
**October 21, 2019**

The Alaiedon Township Planning Commission met Monday, October 21, 2019 at the Alaiedon Township Hall to continue research and discussion regarding a possible solar energy zoning ordinance amendment.

Chairwoman Laurie Koelling called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

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

Barb Kranz made a motion to approve the agenda. Bill Schneider seconded. Motion carried.

Beth Smith made a motion to approve the September 16, 2019 meeting minutes. Barb Kranz seconded. Motion carried.

Members of the Planning Commission reviewed the September 16 meeting minutes.

Roger Cook relayed that he had a phone conversation with Dave Petrie from Consumers Energy regarding where 3-phase access was in the township. He noted that the easiest access is on the west side of US127.

After reviewing the solar information presented at the last two meetings as well as the Alaiedon Township Master Plan (including the five guiding principles identified on page 1-3) the Planning Commission determined it will likely recommend to the Alaiedon Township Board of Directors that solar farms be allowed by special use permit in B-1 (General Business District), GO (General Office), OW (Office Warehouse) I-1 (Light Industrial District) and I-2 (General Industrial District).

The Planning Commission will meet again on November 18 at 7 pm at the Alaiedon Township Hall to draft the zoning amendment which will also cover individual residential and commercial solar requests as well as solar farms.

The Planning Commission discussed:

- In the case of individual residential solar installations arrays should not be visible from the road.
- The zoning amendment needs to include clear definitions including that final definition of solar farm for the township needs to convey that if the primary reason for installing solar is to sell more electricity than used – it is a solar farm.
- When drafting the solar zoning ordinance amendment, it needs to consider the townships five guiding principles as well as the guidelines for solar placement, lot size, setbacks, height restrictions, maximum lot coverage, fencing, landscaping, safety, noise, permits, electrical interconnections. glare, lighting, and abandonment/decommission.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Hafley, Secretary