

Draft
Meeting Minutes
Augusta Charter Township
Regular Planning Commission Meeting
New Location - Lincoln Senior Center
8970 Whittaker Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Wednesday, June 15 2022
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Yurk at 6:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Yurk led Pledge.

3. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors.

In Attendance: Robert Yurk, David Hall, Linda Spence, Dan Woolf, Janet Buxton(Arrived 6:33) and Paul Rawlins(Arrived 6:32). Absent: Shelly Hurd. Also attending were Planner Laura Kreps, members of the public, a representative for Bellemeade, representatives of Ranger Power and DTE.

4. Approval of Agenda

Hall made the motion to approve the Agenda, support by Spence. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes

Woolf made the motion to approve minutes from May 18, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting, support by Spence. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Hearings

a. None

7. Business Items

a. Bellemeade Minor Site Plan Amendment

Ms. Vivienne Outlaw representing Bellemeade spoke explaining the reason they were requesting the removal of specific sidewalks. Hall motioned to approve with support from Buxton. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Large Scale Solar Ordinance Text Amendment Discussion

The commissioners reviewed and discussed some changes that could improve ordinance 6.25 Large Solar Energy Systems. Discussions will continue with further input from counsel.

c. Master Plan Update

The Subcommittee is scheduled to meet July 14. Once the draft is complete a public hearing will be scheduled.

8. Public Comment

None

9. Communications

Chair Yurk noted communication from Mr. Trevino (attached)

Trustee Hall reported that litigation with Ranger Power is ongoing.

10. Adjournment

Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting Spence supported. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was closed at 7:06 PM.



Robert Yurk <[REDACTED]>

Solar Ordinance Amendment Objections

Sergio Trevino <[REDACTED]>
To: Robert Yurk <[REDACTED]>, Victor Lillich <[REDACTED]>
Cc: "Timothy A. Stoepker" <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Jun 15, 2022 at 1:58 PM

Hello Mr. Yurk:

I hope you are well. I am writing to submit Ranger Power's objections to the solar ordinance amendment that will be discussed at tonight's (June 15) Planning Commission meeting. We shared these objections with the township attorney after the May 2022 Planning Commission meeting and he instructed us to send the objections to you.

Thanks.

1. Since Section 6.25 as currently drafted is consistent with the Master Plan we believe that the proposed changes are not consistent with the Master Plan and the findings of the Township 's Farmland Preservation Committee.
 2. Draft Section 6.25 A. purports to remove Agricultural Residential as a zoning classification which permits large solar as a special land use. We object to such removal.
 3. Section 6.25 B. 14. should be more objectively stated by referencing applicable state and federal laws/regulations.
 4. We object to the setback revisions in Section 6.25 H.
 5. We object to the lot coverage limitation imposed in Section 6.25 I.
 6. We object to the revised screening requirements in Section 6.25 J.3.
 7. We believe that there should be a reasonable standard in setting the decommissioning amount in revised Section 6.25 Q.
 8. Resolution of claims should be consistent in applicable law.
- Ranger Power reserves the right to state additional objections.

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Thanks,

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