

Minutes

Green Charter Township Planning Commission Special Meeting

Thursday, December 19, 2024, At 6:00 P.M.

Green Charter Township Hall, 21431 Northland Drive, Paris, MI 49336

CALL TO ORDER:

- The Special Meeting of the Green Township Planning Commission was Called to Order at 6:02 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at the Green Charter Township Hall by Steve Olen, Chairperson.
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Roll Call: Tom Streeter, DeeAnn Ruitter, Steve Olen and Ross Meads are present. Cindi Postema and Larry Finkbeiner are absent. There is a quorum present. Also in attendance is Brent Mason, Zoning Administrator and recording secretary.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

- No one reported any conflicts of interest with the items on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Mr. Olen opened the Public Hearing for the Renewable Energy Ordinance Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance at 6:05 p.m.
 - Delores Moss, 22362 – 21 Mile Road spoke in favor of the ordinance amendments. She is glad that the ordinance amendments are written to allow these uses and that they were not exclusionary.
 - Marjorie Steele of Grant Township expressed concern about the PC not consulting legal services before undertaking this process. Mr. Meads responded.
- Mr. Olen closed the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. as there was no one else present that wished to comment on the ordinance amendments.

ACTION ITEM:

- Mr. Olen made a motion to recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the Renewable Energy Ordinances as presented. Mrs. Ruitter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with 4 ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jerry Everett, Trustee for Big Rapids Charter Township, thanked the PC members for all the challenging work and the comprehensive ordinances that were completed.
- Marjorie Steele wondered why it took from April until now to act on this issue. Mr. Olen responded. Ms. Steele recommended that all members do their own due diligence.
- Jason Kruse, Green Charter Township Supervisor, thanked the PC members for their service. He explained the slow roll out of these ordinance amendments is due to the current lawsuit.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no other business to attend to, Mr. Olen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Streeter made the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

APPROVAL:

Action taken at the regular meeting of February 18, 2025: Motion to approve the Planning Commission minutes of December 19, 2024, by: Mr. Olen. Supported by: Mr. Streeter. Motion carried unanimously with six ayes.

Brent Mason, Recording Secretary
Green Charter Township Planning Commission

February 18, 2025
Date Approved