

# Mar 20, 2023 MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE INGERSOLL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION,  
MONDAY, March 20TH, 2023, 6:30 P.M.,  
TOWNSHIP HALL, INGERSOLL TOWNSHIP, MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

1. **Meeting called to order by Chairman Mapes 6:31PM.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call** - Mapes, Kipfmiller, Graebner, Loeffler, Shaffner, Keel, Noey  
**Absent** –  
**Others Present** – Jerry Nielsen (Township Zone Enforcement Officer), Jenn (Spicer Group), and 8 others
4. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Kipfmiller to approve the minutes from February 20th, 2023, Support by Mapes. Full support. 7-0.
5. **Approval of Agenda** Motion by Mapes to approve the agenda. Support by Kipfmiller. Full support. 7-0.
6. **Public Hearings** – Opened at 6:36PM with Mapes and Board for public comment discussing solar ordinance, Jenn clarifying changes to ordinance, and discussing to new members.
7. **Public Comments**- Opened for public comment at 6:38 PM
  - a. Ron Garrett- had a formatting question and concern about verbiage.
  - b. 8-17 (11) application fee, Jen clarified question
  - c. 8-24 (H) concerns on surety bonding on project, Board is going to reach out to township attorney.
  - d. 8-21 (C) comment about PA116 state regulation to vegetation growth on which this will be maintain inside perimeter. (Mape comments on panel height being tall enough)
  - e. 8-20 (F) concerned about verbiage on battery regulation to follow safety laws. (Shaffner and Mapes comment on concerns)
  - f. Bob- questions decommissioning of facility and comments on Township looking into bonding in 5-year intervals.
  - g. Jen to update wording on land ownership changes. Updates to be re-evaluated by Board.
  - h. Shaffner recommends similar verbiage from wind ordinance.
  - i. Jen will reach out to Township Attorney.
  - j. Cliff motions to table ordinance updates. Graebner seconds. Full support 7-0.
8. **Report of the Board** -Shaffner discussed VRBO/Airbnb coming to the Township. Township Board is not overly concerned with expected demand. Additional discussion on funding for high-speed internet.

9. **Report of the Zoning Enforcement Officer** -Jack Fister appeared in court for house fire located at 3539 Smiths Crossing. Nelson recommended paying firefighter fees. Court ordered clean up within 30 days or Township will take ownership and have tax sale to cover expenses.

10. **New Business**

-None

11. **Communications**

-None

12. **Items for Next Agenda – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

-Re-visit final changes to solar ordinance

13. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Kipfmiller to close the meeting, Mapes supports. Meeting adjourns at 7:30PM.