

SULLIVAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES February 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 P.M. by Chairman Tom Anton.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Butch Michelli, Tom Jasick, James Kotecki, Glenn Gustafson, Tom Anton, Jeremy Rios and Heather Rios.

Members Absent: None

Guests: 2

Approval of Minutes January 9, 2024

The meeting minutes were presented and read by Chairman Anton. It was moved by Butch Michelli to accept the meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Glenn Gustafson and approved by all Planning Commission (PC) members present.

AGENDA:

Public Hearings:

- None

Old Business:

- Accessory Building Size Discussion
- Update on new State Law of MI Solar Energy oversight: Mika Meyers Synopsis
- Freshcoast Update
- Agricultural Affidavit

Eloise Jarka

The Planning Commission would like to acknowledge the late Eloise Jarka and her many years of service to Sullivan Township. Her dedication and knowledge of the community will be greatly missed.

Freshcoast Update

A representative from Freshcoast plans to attend the PC meeting in March. Freshcoast will review submitted applications before they are presented to the PC board.

Agricultural Affidavit

A resident inquired about building a greenhouse and whether he would need to sign an agricultural affidavit. The PC suggested reaching out to Freshcoast to determine if an agricultural affidavit would be necessary.

Update on new State Law of MI Solar Energy Oversight

Due to the signing of Public Act 233 of 2023, local authority is restricted on their authority of utility scale wind and solar facilities in Michigan. There was discussion as to the need of an ordinance for less than 50 megawatt solar farms.

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PC members discussed different options concerning the size and setbacks of accessory buildings. Specific ideas will be presented at the PC meeting in March.

Public Comment

A resident commented on concerns regarding shipping containers in existence before the passing of any new ordinances. The resident references MCL225.3101 and MCL125.3208 sections 1 & 2.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Butch Michelli at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Glenn Gustafson and approved by all members present.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Rios
2/18/2024

REQUEST TO TOWNSHIP OFFICE:

- Please print February 13, 2024 Minutes and send packets to PC members a week prior to meeting
- A draft for the March agenda is being sent to Tom and Alexis to review. Once approved by both, please print an agenda for each PC member and include in the packet.