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GOODLAND TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
January 19, 2022

A regular meeting of the Goodland Township Planning Commission was held at the Goodland Township Hall, located at 2374 N Van Dyke Rd, Imlay City, MI 48444; pursuant to notice duly posted.

Board Members Present: Dan Steckly, Lynne Foltz, Matt Van Dyk, Joe Duquette, John Moenaert
Board Members Absent: Larry Kohler
Others Present: George Foltz, Joey Townley, Terry Dodd, Connie Sirois, Helene Novy, Edmund Novy, Gary Walton, Chris Tschirhart, Doug & Carol Montagne, Sandra Tarsenke, Gregg, Jones, Rob & Heather Locher, Sheri Kanai, Barn Chandler, Michael Puzzuoli, Janet Howard, William Baker Sr, William Baker Jr, Dean Pittenger, James Boyd, Corey Christensen, and Amy Nolin, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice-Chair Steckly.

AGENDA

Motion 01-22-01PC

Motion by Duquette, seconded by Foltz, to approve the Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

Motion 01-22-02PC

Motion by Foltz, seconded by Moenaert, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021, meeting with the correction to page 2, line 16, to correct the spelling, "...~~Pitts~~ to *Pits*..."

MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan—The Board has hired Rowe Professional Services Company, represented by Corey Christensen, to provide assistance on updating the Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan. Corey can also provide assistance with application reviews and will attend meetings, as requested. It was the consensus of the PC members present to discuss the Master Plan update at the March meeting. Attica Township—have received notice of their Master Plan updates. It was the consensus of PC members present to discuss that at the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Solar Ordinance—there was discussion regarding the anticipated application by Orion Renewable Energy for a solar farm project in Goodland Township. There were many members of the public in attendance, along with representative(s) from Orion. Many questions were asked, concerns presented, and Amanda Hoffman, Orion representative, gave an overview of the project. It was re-iterated that at present no applications have been filed with the Township regarding this proposed project. Christensen explained that the current ordinance has seven standards for the approval of an application and that conditions can be placed on a Special Land Use application. Hoffman explained that their anticipated

1 application would encompass property between Shaw and Bowers Rds. It is expected that only about
2 half of the acreage under lease agreements with Orion would be included in the application, with a much
3 lower amount included in the area proposed to be fenced and a smaller amount under panels. Orion has
4 a website with information at: www.GoodlandSolarProject.com. Hoffman also explained that they have
5 a project approved in Cheboygan, MI and two solar projects in operation (IN & GA). The rest of their
6 operating projects are wind.

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8 It was the consensus of the PC members present to set the next, regular meeting for Wednesday,
9 February 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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11 **PUBLIC TIME**—no one wished to address the PC regarding any items not related to the above Solar
12 Ordinance discussion.

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14 The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:38 p.m. by Vice-Chair Steckly

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17 These minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

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22 Dan Steckly, Vice-Chair

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27 Amy Nolin, Recording Secretary
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PC 12/15/21 Attachment A

December 8, 2021

Good evening Goodland Township Board Members and Residents,

First, I would like to apologize for any inconvenience I may have caused any one of you. I was not aware that my actions went against any township ordinances. Once, Ron made me aware of the ordinance and informed me of the correct actions to take, I followed his directive and have continued to do so. I have fulfilled all obligations set forth by the courts, Lapeer County Code Authority, and Goodland Township Planning Commission. There have not been any complaints from any of our surrounding neighbors either. I am complying with the township ordinances and plan to do so in the future.

I appear now before this Board and ask that you would also put this complaint to rest. It is my wish that we can all move forward and put this behind us. I would like us all to live in harmony and peace with each other, to build a stronger community together. And again, I apologize for any unrest I may have caused. It was not my intent at all.

Thank you all for your time tonight and I wish you all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Joseph Reeder