

**ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 8, 2018 7:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Chairman Ted Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
  - B. Those present were Mike Buese, Jeremy Dutkiewicz, Jim Connell, Ted Heckman, Keith Behm, Chad Kruihoff, and Marty Ruitter. Also present was Supervisor Schulz.
  
- II. Approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2017 Meeting
  - A. Connell made motion to approve the minutes – Second by Buese. Motion passed with aye vote.
  
- III. Election of Officers
  - A. Chair Heckman opened up the nominations for Chairman. Behm nominated Ted Heckman. Behm made motion to nominate Ted Heckman for Chair – Second by Buese. Following roll call Ted Heckman was re-elected as Chairman.
  - B. Chairman Heckman opened up the nominations for Co-Chair. Buese nominated Keith Behm. Chair closed nominations. Buese made motion to nominate Keith Behm as Co-Chair – Second by Connell. Following roll call Keith Behm as re-elected as Co-Chair.
  - C. Chair Heckman opened up nominations for Secretary. Connell made motion to re-elect Connie Rushmore as Secretary – Second by Heckman. Motion passed to re-elect Rushmore as Secretary.
  
- IV. New Business
  - A. Supervisor Schulz stated he had an email from a Tom McIlwaine, he works for Cypress Creek Renewables, a community solar developer. Mr. McIlwaine is interested in a parcel located at 3363 Babylon Road. He was wondering if Allegan Twp. had a clause in the ordinance that would allow solar development.
  - B. Supervisor Schulz stated that the zoning ordinance doesn't address solar and would like to know how the Planning Commission feels on putting it in the Twp. Ordinance and where to put it.
  - C. Heckman stated it should be a special land use.
  - D. Connell stated it would be good in industrial. He also stated they make electricity and sell it and not sure if it should be in commercial.
  - E. Connell stated he would like it in industrial as by right and agricultural as special land use. Kruihoff stated it should be in special land use no matter what.
  - F. The Planning Commission asked Supervisor Schulz if he would check with other communities to see if they have something in their zoning for solar panels. Connell stated he would like more information from Cypress Creek Renewables.
  - G. Ruitter feels it isn't a viable business and that 5 – 10 acres would not do the job.
  
- V. Old Business
  - A. Secretary Rushmore asked if the Planning Commission had thoughts on a site plan

accompanying a rezoning application. The Planning Commission thought it a good idea to have a preliminary site plan included that way they would have an idea of what the customer had in mind. Connell stated that a second meeting for site plan is good because it gives the public a chance to see it.

B. 2017 Planning Commission Annual Report

- a. Some corrections to the report are: list the names of the new members, alternates and re-appointments in January. Also list the person who replaced Laree Waanders as Chairman in March.
- b. Connell made motion to approve the annual report with the corrections – second by Heckman. Motion passed following aye vote.

VI. Adjourn

- A. Connell made motion to adjourn second by Behm. Motion passed following aye vote. Meeting closing at 8:15 P.M.