



# Lenawee County Planning Commission

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## MEETING NOTES

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Old Lenawee County Courthouse • 2nd Floor Commission Chambers • Adrian, Michigan

Members Present: Mr. Bob Behnke, Education Representative; Mr. Bruce Nickel; and Mr. Dale Witt

Members Absent: Ms. Karol (KZ) Bolton, Lenawee County Commission; Mr. Keith Dersham; Ms. Rebecca Liedel, LCPC Chair; and Mr. Ralph Tillotson, Lenawee County Commission

Others Present: Mr. Grant Bauman, LCPC Staff/Recording Secretary

***No official business was conducted because there was no quorum for the meeting. However, those commissioners in attendance reviewed the cases before the LCPC and made unofficial recommendations.***

Item 1 **Call to order** — The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by staff. Those in attendance rose and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2 **Public comment** — None.

Item 3 **Approval of Agenda** — No action was taken.

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes** — No action was taken.

Item 5 **Request(s) for Review, Comment, and Recommendation**

a. **Consideration of Township Zoning Amendment(s)**

- (1) **#18-06 | Woodstock Township** — Commissioners reviewed proposed text amendments to the *Woodstock Township Zoning Ordinance* regarding various solar energy facilities (i.e., small, medium, and large). Staff advised recommending disapproval of the text amendments as currently written, noting that further refinement of the regulations is needed (see the staff report). Comm. Nickel stated that he has permitted residential generators of 25-30 kW. Is the 20kW limitation on a small solar energy facility adequate? He also noted that most small solar energy facility applicants will want the option of selling unused electricity to the power grid.

*Those commissioners in attendance concurred with the staff advisement for disapproval.*

b. **Consideration of PA 116 Farmland Agreement(s)**

- (1) **#18-08 | Raisin Township** — Commissioners reviewed a proposed agreement for properties located in Section 9 (T6S,R4E) of the Township. Staff identified various application deficiencies, noting that the residence and other building excluded from the application should be clearly identified on the map (see the staff report).

*Those commissioners in attendance concurred with staff comments. Comm. Witt abstained from the discussion.*

- (2) **#18-09 | Franklin Township** — Commissioners reviewed a proposed agreement for a property located in Sections 23 and 26 (T5S,R3E) of the Township. Staff identified various application deficiencies, noting that in the past the LCPC has recommended that residences and associated structures be excluded from PA 116 applications (see the staff report).

*Those commissioners in attendance concurred with staff comments. Comm. Nickel abstained from the discussion.*

- (3) **#18-10 | Riga Township** — Commissioners reviewed a proposed agreement for a property located in Section 7 (T8S,R5E) of the Township. Staff identified various application deficiencies, noting that the portion of the property to be excluded from the application is larger than the lot identified on the parcel map (see the staff report).

*Those commissioners in attendance concurred with staff comments.*

- c. **Consideration of Master Plan(s)** — None.

Item 6 **Other Business**

- a. **Old Business** —

- (1) **2018 Annual Dinner** — Staff announced that Mr. Dan Swallow, Tecumseh City Manager, will make a short presentation on “missing middle” housing in Tecumseh, as requested by Comm. Bolton.
- (2) **Recognition of Jim Tipton** — Staff announced that Mr. Tipton will attend the Annual Dinner.

- b. **New Business** —

Staff provided the Commission with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) finding of no significant impact regarding the optimization of aircraft arrival and departure procedures at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW), Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (CLE), and 10 outlying satellite airports in the CLE-DTW Metroplex. None of the airports are located in Lenawee County.

Item 7 **Public Comment** — None.

Item 8 **Commissioner Comment** — None.

Item 9 **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Grant E. Bauman, Recording Secretary