



# Lenawee County Planning Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 16, 2018

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

Members Present: Mr. Bob Behnke, Education Representative; Ms. Karol (KZ) Bolton, Lenawee County Commission; Mr. Keith Dersham, LCPC Secretary; Ms. Rebecca Liedel, LCPC Chair; Mr. Bruce Nickel; Mr. Ralph Tillotson, Lenawee County Commission; and Mr. Dale Witt.

Members Absent: None.

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

Item 1 **Call to order** — The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Liedel. Those in attendance rose and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2 **Public comment** — None.

Item 3 **Approval of Agenda** — Staff submitted the 8/16/18 meeting agenda for approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Bolton, and seconded by Comm. Tillotson, to approve the August 16, 2018, meeting agenda as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes** — Staff submitted the 7/19/18 meeting minutes for approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Bolton, and seconded by Comm. Nickel, to approve the July 19, 2018, meeting minutes as written. *The motion passed unanimously.*

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

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

- (1) **#18-09 | Rollin Township** — Commissioners reviewed proposed text amendments to the *Rollin Township Zoning Ordinance* regarding “large solar energy facilities (solar farms)” and “small solar energy facilities”. Staff advised recommending approval with comments of the text amendments (see the staff report). Advised substantive changes were limited to: (1) the possible requirement for a photometric study when it is unclear if lighting will shine onto adjacent properties (Sec. 4.35.A.2.a.(6).(c)) and (2) adding minimum plant size and spacing requirements for vegetative screens (Sec. 4.35.A.2.a.(6).(b)). Staff also informed Commissioners that the amendments are based upon a model ordinance he created in cooperation with Macon Township. Comm. Behnke commented that the requirement to remove abandoned “small solar energy facilities” is limited to “ground mounted facilities” and suggested that the requirement be expanded to include “roof-mounted facilities” (Sec. 4.35.B.3). Comm. Nickel mentioned that some “roof-mounted facilities” are integral to the roof (i.e., part of the roof) and would be difficult to remove.

A motion was made by Comm. Dersham, and seconded by Comm. Bolton, to recommend approval with comments of the proposed text amendments to the Rollin Township Board. *The motion passed unanimously.*

- b. **Consideration of PA 116 Farmland Agreement(s)** — None.
- c. **Consideration of Master Plan(s)** — None.

Item 6 **Other Business**

- a. **Old Business** — None.
- b. **New Business** — None.

Item 7 **Public Comment** — None.

Item 8 **Commissioner Comment**

- a. Comm. Dersham voiced his concern that recyclable materials deposited at the Lenawee County Recycling Center (DOS) are potentially being incinerated rather than recycled. The materials go to Western Washtenaw from the DOS, but they are just a broker. Comm. Tilotson suggested speaking to County Comm. Knoblauch, who is a member of the Solid Waste Coordinating Committee.
- b. Comm. Bolton announced that a new plat book is under development, sponsored by 4-H.
- c. Comm. Bolton suggested that the LCPC should provide a series of training opportunities for municipal planning commissions. Commissioners discussed the proposal. It was suggested that the program could be provided in cooperation with the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) and/or Michigan State University Extension (MSUE). Possible formats include speakers and panel discussions. Commissioners will discuss training further during the September 20, 2018 meeting.

Item 9 **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Grant E. Bauman, Recording Secretary