

**Keene Township  
Planning Commission  
Public Hearing  
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018  
7:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Jeff Braam, Dan Briggs, Mike Gasper, Lori Larsen, Ray Krieger, Matt Stahlin

**Members Absent:** Corey Wojcik (called ahead)

**Zoning Administrator:** Jeanne Vander Sloom

**Public Present:** Robert Simpson, Roger Wengar, Andy Olson, Shirley Weeks, Rick Borup, Chad Lampkin

**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairperson Braam called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes**

Ray made a motion to accept the September minutes as presented. Matt seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

**Approval or Change of Agenda**

A motion was made by Matt and seconded by Dan to accept the agenda as printed. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0

**Open discussion for issues not on the agenda**

- Correspondence Received: None
- Planning Commission Members: None
- Members of the Audience: None

**Report from Township Board Representative**

Corey was not in attendance.

**Report from Zoning Administrator**

See enclosed report.

**Old Business**

Jeff explained the purpose of the ordinance regulating solar energy use and then opened it up for discussion. Rick and Chad have experience with the use and installation of solar energy equipment and they offered suggestions to make the ordinance functional while encouraging innovation.

Many of the suggestions were discussed at length and changes were made to the ordinance. Matt made a motion to accept the ordinance with the appropriate changes and present it to the board for approval at the October 9<sup>th</sup> Township meeting. Mike seconded the motion. The vote was carried by 6-0.

## **New Business**

Jeanne presented a copy of a draft ordinance addressing the use of wind energy. Jeff requested that Chad and Rick review the ordinance and make suggestions to help us move forward. They agreed. Ray made a motion to table the discussion about the wind energy ordinance until the December meeting to give everyone a chance to learn more about the technology. Matt seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

**Adjournment:** Ray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Matt seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 6-0.

**Next regular meeting** will be held on December 4, 2018 at the township hall at 7:00 pm.