

## Keene Township Planning Commission

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

Denny Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Denny Briggs, Dan Briggs, Ray Krieger, Matt Stahlin, Nancy Solomon

Absent: Mike Gasper, Corey Wojcik

There were approximately 30 members of the community present along with Jeanne Vandersloot, a representative from Invenergy and a representative from Charter Communications.

Approval of last meeting minutes:

Dan motioned to approve the last meeting minutes and Ray seconded. Motion approved.

Changes to agenda:

Dan motioned to move the presentation from Charter Communications ahead of public comment. Ray seconded. All said aye. Motion approved.

Presentation from Charter Representative, Jared:

Quick overview given explaining franchise agreement. The members were in agreement the Township people need this service. A motion to recommend approval to the Board with Township Attorney review by Matt and seconded by Dan to go ahead with the expansion of services in designated parts of Keene Township. Motion approved.

Public comments - Topics not on Agenda:

No public comments to items not on the agenda.

Old business:

- Solar and Wind Update - November 7 vote and State Legislative Bills:  
Denny explained the renewable energy bills were recently signed by the Governor.
- Wind and Solar Ordinances:  
Denny explained that the ordinances can be worked on again once MTA can advise what we can regulate. The next Planning Commission meeting is on February 6th. There may be some new Planning Commission Members in 2024. Our current moratorium is in place until February 7th. Ordinances have been tabled.
- Survey Status: Survey is not yet completed. Committee will meet in January per Taylor. Email will be sent in January with a new draft but some questions may need adjustment due to the Governor's signature on the energy bills.

New Business:

Next Fiscal Year meeting schedule is as follows:

2024

February 6

May 8

August 7

October 1

2025

February 4

Food Truck Ordinance

After much discussion, it was agreed that Jeanne will put together for review at the next meeting an ordinance following the one for Delta Township. Cori Wilber suggested and volunteered to check with the Ionia County Health Department on their requirements. Discussion will be at the February 6, 2024 meeting and hopefully a public hearing set in March.

Farm Labor Housing Ordinance:

After much discussion and input from Aaron Roth from Red Barn Market, John Hardy, Steve Roth, and Cori Wilber, it was agreed that Jeanne will put together for review an ordinance following the ones for Alpine and Sparta Township. A discussion on that draft will occur at the February 6, 2024 meeting and after review, a public hearing date will be set.

Public Comment:

Bob Schafer mentioned food trucks do not pay property taxes.

Steve Roth questioned why we need an ordinance for food trucks. Jeanne explained that food trucks would not be allowed if there was no ordinance.

Motion to adjourn by Matt and seconded by Dan. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:56.