

**Keene Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022
7:00 PM**

Members Present: Dan Briggs, Matt Stahlin, Ray Krieger, Denny Briggs, Mike Gasper,

Members Absent: Corey Wojcik (excused), Jeff Braam (excused)

Zoning Administrator: Jeanne Vandersloot

Public Present: Robert Simpson, Lauren Ghidotti, one other

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes

Dan moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 5-0.

Approval or Change of Agenda

Dan made the motion to approve the agenda. Denny supported, passed 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

Township is getting COVID money and figuring out how it can be spent. Concerns with budget issues related to fire department needs.

Report from Zoning Administrator

Several junk ordinance issues.

Old Business

Elected new officers. For 2022, Jeff will be the Chairman, Ray will be Vice-Chair, Denny will be secretary.

Reviewed draft of Solar Energy Ordinance Amendments and interpretation of boundary line. Denny moved we accept changes in the draft as discussed with the reduction in minimum acreage in the Rural Residential district from 40 acres to 10 acres.

Reviewed draft of Cargo Containers as Storage Building additions to the Zoning Ordinance. Denny moved we add the cargo container language as discussed to the

Accessory Building Provisions. Dan supported and the motion passed 5-0.

Dan moved we have public hearings for the Solar Energy and Cargo Container amendments at the March 1, 2022 meeting. Mike seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Discussed Accessory Dwelling Sample Language. Will continue discussion next meeting.

Adjournment

At 8:30PM Matt moved to adjourn, Mike supported, motion passed 5-0.

Next regular meeting will be held on March 1, 2022 at the township hall at 7:00 pm.