

**Keene Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 4, 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 Sloot

Public Present: None

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

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

Approval or Change of Agenda

A motion was made by Ray and seconded by Mike 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

Jeanne issued three zoning permits and two land divisions. One boundary adjustment was approved. She will email a copy of her report to the commission members.

Old Business

A draft version of the Solar Energy Ordinance was reviewed and discussed at length. Jeanne will make the appropriate changes and set a public hearing for Tuesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm. She will put a notice in the paper and on the township website. A copy of the notice will be posted outside the township hall.

When the Solar Energy Ordinance is approved, a notice of the ordinance will be placed on the township website, in the local newspaper and in the township supervisor's newsletter.

The commission committed to creating an ordinance to address wind and geothermal energy installations. The next ordinances will be addressed when the solar ordinance has been finalized.

Dan made a motion to accept the changes as discussed, Matt seconded the motion. The vote was carried by 6-0.

New Business

Lori gave a Cemetery Committee report and invited the Commission members to attend an educational presentation about columbariums on Tuesday, September 11 at 1:00 at the township hall.

Adjournment: Ray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Mike seconded the motion. It was carried by a vote of 6-0.

Next regular meeting will be held on December 4, 2018. The public hearing will be held on October 2, 2018. Both will take place at the township hall at 7:00 pm.