

## Mikado Township Planning Commission Hearing and Meeting

December 5, 2022

**Present:** Carrie Mullins, Steve Sanderson, Nicki Bartz-Stuit, Steve Stevens

**Absent:** James Ostby

Quorum Present

**Guest:** Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Regina Waszkiewicz

**Public Hearing:** Open at 6:00 PM

Topic: Solar Energy Ordinance

Bill Spunar, resident – What is in the Ordinance in regards to restoring the land?

Robert Mesky, resident – Concerned 50' setback is too small.

Their concerns were discussed. Because companies are already looking for properties to host solar energy farms, Mikado Township needs something on the books ASAP to protect our citizens. But as we progress with updating the entire Zoning Ordinance, these resident concerns will be taken into account.

Public Hearing closed at 6:45 PM

**Quarterly Meeting:** Call to Order at 6:46 PM

Pledge

### New Business:

1. New Chair – Steve Stevens is nominated by Steve Sanderson, seconded by Nicki Bartz-Stuit. Roll call vote: Sanderson-Yes, Bartz-Stuit-Yes, Mullins-Yes, Stevens-Yes, Ostby-absent. Steve Stevens is the new Chair of the Mikado Township Planning Commission.
2. Scheduled Meetings for 2023 – The Planning Commission chose the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month per quarter, with the understanding that as the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance progress with their updates, more meetings will need to be called. The schedule decided on for the 2023 Quarterly Meetings are:
  - a. March 9, 2023 at 6PM at the Civic Center
  - b. June 8, 2023 at 6PM at the Civic Center
  - c. September 7, 2023 at 6PM at the Civic Center
  - d. December 7, 2023 at 6PM at the Civic Center
3. Updates from Mikado Township Trustee, Carrie Mullins
  - a. Rick Deuell created an online survey for citizen input. [www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q7BX6NM](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q7BX6NM)
  - b. Master Plan timeline – Rick also sent us a basic timeline of events that need to happen in order for the Planning Commission to have an updated Master Plan for Mikado Township
4. Solar Energy Ordinance – The Planning Commission voted on whether to recommend the draft of the Solar Energy Ordinance presented by Denise Cline that has been posted online as worded.

DISCUSSION: If any revisions were to be made, we would have to hold another public hearing next month before the Township Board could pass anything. A **MOTION** was made to adopt the draft as presented by Carrie Mullins, seconded by Steve Sanderson, roll call vote: Stevens-Yes, Mullins-Yes, Bartz-Stuit-Yes, Sanderson-Yes, **MOTION** passes. Carrie Mullins will recommend the Twp. Board approve the Ordinance at the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Adjournment:** Nicki Bartz-Stuit motions to adjourn, Sanderson seconds, motion passes, adjourned at 7:15 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center