

Rutland Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7 pm

Roll Call Members Present:

Larry Haywood, Brenda Bellmore, Steve Pachulski, Dan King, Marti Mayack

Others Present:

Stacey Graham, Morgan Haley

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mayack, seconded by King to approve the agenda for March 6, 2024. All ayes. Motion passes.

Meeting Minutes:

Motion by King, seconded by Pachulski to accept the February 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Roll Call Vote: Haywood - Yes, King - Yes, Bellmore - Yes, Pachulski - Yes, Mayack - Yes. Motion passes.

General Public Comment: None

Guests: None

Zoning Administrator's Report:

Graham has provided her report to the PC and presents a report of the township and county's adult use marihuana payments made by the State of Michigan in 2023.

Old Business: Public Hearing - Editing Section 220:2:2 of the Rutland Charter Township Code to update the definition for the term "Animal Unit"

Graham shares that the text has been updated per the recommendations from the February PC meeting for the definition of "Animal Unit" and changing "residences" to "dwellings" within the ordinance for the Country Residential Zoning District. Motion by Haywood, seconded by King to send the text amendment editing Section 220:2:2 of the Rutland Charter Township Code to update the definition for the term "Animal Unit" to the Board of Trustees for first reading on March 13, 2024. Roll Call Vote: Haywood - Yes, King - Yes, Mayack - Yes, Bellmore - Yes, Pachulski - Yes. Motion passes.

New Business: Discussion on Ground Mounted Solar and Wind Energy for Residential Properties

The PC discussed residential ground mounted wind turbines and solar panels. Graham shared a copy of Thornapple Township's ordinance on Ground Mounted Solar Energy Collectors and stated Township Planner R. Harvey has offered to share ordinances she has written for other municipalities. She noted small wind energy conversion systems are allowed in residential districts of the Township by SLU and residential roof mounted solar panels are treated as building projects. Pachulski noted renewable energy projects in regards to the Township Master Plan. PC members agree to gather more data before pursuing the expense of developing an ordinance.

Open Comments: None

Adjournment:

Motion by King, seconded by Bellmore to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 pm. Submitted by Morgan Haley, Recording Secretary