

Minutes of Emmett Township Planning Commission

October 16, 2017

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call taken with Mueller, Bowen, Scott, Powers and Dumas present.

Dumas read the September minutes for the regular meeting. Bowen made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Powers seconds the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Mueller, no response back on the Michigan State wind energy farm ordinance. Table until next meeting and more information.

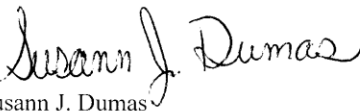
Bowen contacted the Village of Emmett council / planning commission and fire chief; the fire chief doesn't know of any current special training for solar panels. Dumas presented a draft for a future ordinance on solar panels and the current ordinance located in section 15.04 Accessory Buildings and Solar Collectors. The planning commission discussed in depth about potential changes but will spend the month reviewing the options focusing on the location of wind and solar energy. Mueller suggested to table master plan update and remove it from the agenda until the ordinance book is reorganized. The planning commission agreed that reorganizing the ordinance book is top priority and will be a major project. Dumas stated that the 5-year review is due by the end of 2018 and we have plenty of time for the update. Each planning commission member will review other township ordinance books to look at the format and focus on Articles 12, 15 and 16.

No matters pertaining to the general public.

Communications: Riley Township master plan review.

Dumas moved to adjourn the meeting 9:25 p.m. Bowen seconds the motion. With all in favor, Motion carried.

Recording Secretary of the Emmett Township Planning Commission.


Susann J. Dumas