

# Stockbridge Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7:00 PM Township Hall

## I. Call to Order at 7:12 P.M.

### A. Roll Call

Erin Clifton - Not Present  
Randy Snyder - Present  
Larry Ostrander - Present  
William Lantis - Present  
Brian Diffenbaugh - Present  
Terry Sommer - Present  
Mandy Urquhart - Present

Guest Speakers: Leslie and Jeff from Foster & Swift Law Firm

Also, in attendance:

Recording Secretary - Amanda Hahn

### B. Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence for the people and families affected by the hurricane.

### C. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Larry Ostrander and supported by Terry Sommer to approve the agenda as written. Vote passed 6/0.

### D. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Larry Ostrander and supported by Brian Diffenbaugh to amend the agenda as the guest from the September meeting was recorded incorrectly. Vote passed 6/0.

## II. Public Comment – All Comments are limited to 3 Minutes.

None

## III. Guests:

Citizens for Local Choice – Judy McManaman

#### **IV. Public Hearing:**

##### **MEETING START AT 7:23 P.M.**

##### **A. A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO REGULATE WIND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PA 233 OF 2023.**

###### **Review Staff Findings:**

Three maps were presented by the Foster & Swift Law Firm with three different zoning options for the Wind Ordinance in Accordance with PA 233 of 2023 – Map Option #3 was selected with changes discussed:

“Southern boarder raised North to meet property lines and expand on other sides to meet the 531 Marker.”

A motion was made by Larry Ostrander and supported by Brian Diffenbaugh to approve the Map Option # 3, With Changes as Discussed, to Amend the Stockbridge Township Zoning Ordinance to Regulate Wind in Accordance with PA 233 OF 2023. Vote passed 5/0, 1 Abstained.

###### **Public Comment:**

There was voiced concerns from Judy McManaman with installations of Turbines and being close to properties from a homeowner’s perspective in regards to unpleasantry’s of sight and sound, as well as the possibilities of difficulties selling property due to the proximity of Turbines.

A motion was made by Larry Ostrander and supported by Brian Diffenbaugh to Close Public Hearing on Wind Ordinance.

##### **MEETING END AT 8:10 P.M.**

##### **MEETING START AT 8:11 P.M.**

##### **B. A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO REGULATE SOLAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH PA 233 OF 2023.**

###### **Review Staff Findings:**

Three maps were presented by the Foster & Swift Law Firm with three different zoning options for the Solar Ordinance in Accordance with PA 233 of 2023 – Map Option #3 was selected with changes discussed:

“Southern boarder raised North to meet property lines and expand on other sides to meet the 531 Marker.”

A motion was made by Larry Ostrander and supported by Brian Diffenbaugh to approve the Map Option # 3, With Changes as Discussed, to Amend the Stockbridge Township Zoning Ordinance to Regulate Solar in Accordance with PA 233 OF 2023. Vote passed 6/0.

###### **Public Comment:**

None.

A motion was made by Larry Ostrander and supported by Brian Diffenbaugh to Close Public Hearing on Solar Ordinance.

##### **MEETING END AT 8:19 P.M.**

**MEETING START AT 8:20 P.M.**

**C. A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO REGULATE UTILITY SCALE BATTERY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PA 233 OF 2023.**

**Review Staff Findings:**

Three maps were presented by the Foster & Swift Law Firm with three different zoning options for the Utility Scale Battery Ordinance in Accordance with PA 233 of 2023 – Map Option #3 was selected with changes discussed:

“Southern boarder raised North to meet property lines and expand on other sides to meet the 531 Marker.”

A motion was made by Larry Ostrander and supported by William Lantis to approve the Map Option # 3, With Changes as Discussed, to Amend the Stockbridge Township Zoning Ordinance to Regulate Utility Scale Battery in Accordance with PA 233 OF 2023. Vote passed 6/0.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**V. Old Business:**

**A. None**

**VI. New Business:**

**A. None**

**VII. Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mandy Urquhart and supported by Brian Diffenbaugh to adjourn the regular **October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024** meeting of the Planning commission at **8:33 P.M.** The Vote passed 6/0.