

# Stockbridge Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7:00 PM Township Hall

## I. Call to Order at 7:02 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 - Not Present

Guest Speakers: Judy McManaman and Lindsay Morlock

Also, in attendance:

Recording Secretary - Amanda Hahn  
Township Supervisor – CG Lantis

### B. Pledge of Allegiance

### C. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Brian Diffenbaugh and supported by William Lantis to approve the agenda as written. Vote passed 5/0.

### D. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Brian Diffenbaugh and supported by Terry Sommer to approve the minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting. Vote passed 5/0.

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

None

## III. Guests:

Citizens for Local Choice – Judy McManaman and Lindsay Morlock

## IV. Public Hearing:

### A. Article 7 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

#### Section 7.02.23 Medical and Recreational Marijuana Facilities

Stockbridge Township Board requests the Planning Commission review and consider the following recommendation to Amend the Stockbridge Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**ARTICLE 7 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS...**

**Section 7.02.23 Medical and Recreational Marihuana Facilities...**

**B. Marihuana Facilities shall be subject to the following standards: ...**

**2. Buffer Zones: A Marihuana Facility may ~~not be located within five hundred (500) feet of a property line~~ must meet the distancing requirements set by the state of Michigan laws and regulations regarding a public or private elementary, junior, senior, vocational, or secondary school; a licensed child care center or preschool; a public playground, or public or private youth activity facility; a public park, public outdoor recreation area, or public recreation facility; a public library; a church; or a religious place of worship.**

A motion was made by Terry Sommer and supported by Brian Diffenbaugh to approve the recommendation to Amend the Stockbridge Township Zoning Ordinance. Vote passed 5/0.

**V. Old Business:**

**A. Utility Scale Renewable Energy Facilities – Wind, Solar, and Energy Storage Public Act 233 of 2023.**

**1.) Update from Citizens for Local Choice – Judy McManaman and Lindsay Morlock –**  
Fell short in the 2500 signatures needed for the original deadline 2023.

**2.) Discuss and consider hiring McKenna and Foster Swift to assist with process –**  
Lawyers McKenna and Foster would be hired to help with the MTA Indorsed Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance (CREO).

A motion was made by Randy Snyder and supported by Brian Diffenbaugh to approve the recommendation to hire perspective law firm to assist with Wind, Solar, and Energy Storage Public Act 233 of 2023. Vote passed 5/0.

**3.) Adjust September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting date to September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to accommodate McKenna and Foster Swift Schedules.**

A motion was made by Brian Diffenbaugh and supported by Terry Sommer to approve the adjustment to the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting date to September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Vote passed 5/0.

**VI. New Business:**

**A. None**

**VII. Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Diffenbaugh and supported by Randy Snyder to adjourn the regular **August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024** meeting of the Planning commission at **7:26 P.M.** The Vote passed 5/0.