

	<p>L. Curd stated they the PC just received the updated version of the ordinance today after the Town Hall meeting on 4/28/23. Laura Genovich introduced herself. K. Poissant asked about local fire department training, and if and where that should be placed in the ordinance. L. Genovich stated that it can be placed in the ordinance with the operator of the solar energy system providing training to the local fire department. It was discussed, and then placed into the ordinance to provide emergency response training to the local emergency services departments minimum annually at the site of the solar energy system. K. Poissant also asked about allowing the property owner to retain the utility lines from the solar energy system if the property owner should want to. L. Curd stated the same could be said about grading, since after grading the land could be better than it was before. It was discussed. A section was added to allow for deviations from the decommissioning requirements for property owners with the notice of a public hearing, 300 ft notice to surrounding properties, and approval from the PC. K. Poissant asked about Section 2, and about the open space community. L. Genovich stated that it was just stating where in the ordinance the solar energy system (SES) ordinance is going to be located in the Master Deed.</p> <p>It was then decided to go through the entire ordinance beginning to end. L. Genovich went through the ordinance by reading out loud for the PC and public, making small clerical adjustments along the way. The ordinance was projected onto the wall of the Town Hall so that the PC and the public could see it, as well as any changes made in real time. Multiple questions and comments were made from the PC during the reading. Some of these included transferability, complaints regarding the SES, signs around the facility, holiday working hours, etc.</p> <p>L. Genovich then projected the possible location of the overlay district which is east of Marsh Rd. between sections 11 and 12. It is located south of Sober Rd. and north of Morhle Rd. It was discussed that this option is the least impactful to</p>	
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	<p>surrounding property owners, and has approximately 136 acres of land. It was also discussed about the distance to the nearest power lines/transmission lines which are located in Cohoctah. L. Genovich stated that it is on the SES operator to get the permissions for access to the lines, not on the Township. The setbacks were looked at in depth. The setbacks were discussed as being at 750 ft. from the road (Marsh), 150 ft from the drainage lines, and 500 ft from each non-participating property owner. The setbacks are stated as the amount of feet needed from the road, drains, or other properties to the fence line. After the setbacks were placed on the overlay, there was approximately 95-98 acres of usable land. A picture/map will be provided at the Public Hearing which includes the overlay district and setbacks.</p> <p>Motion to set the public hearing to consider recommending approval of an amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance regulating solar energy systems, including utility-scale solar energy systems on June 12th, 2023 at the Conway Township Hall at 7:00pm. Motion by G. Pushies. Support by J. Klein. Motion Approved.</p> <p>b. Shipping Containers [Accessory/Principal Use]</p> <p>L. Curd stated that the Marion Township version was in the packet.</p> <p>Motion to have the proposed ordinance be sent to Abby Cooper, the Township Attorney, for review and to be placed on next month's agenda. Motion by D. Whitt. Support by K. Poissant. Dissented by G. Pushies. Motion Approved.</p>	<p>Motion Approved</p> <p>Motion Approved</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>a. Michigan Tall Structures Act Per D. Bowdoin, the height allowed was changed from 200 ft high to 199 ft high in the act (windmill discussion/ordinance). This was changed due to airports.</p>	<p>None</p>

Commission Discussion	None at this time.	None
Last Call to the Public	<p>Sarah Porter- Thanked the PC for their work tonight.</p> <p>Mike Brown- Asked about the moratorium involving wind energy, and he would like to see some work on the wind energy section because he is concerned about it. He also asked about the number of overlay districts in the Township, and about the section allowing the PC to allow deviations to the decommissioning requirements. He said he wanted to make the PC aware that not just the couple of sections referred to tonight could be changed, but any decommissioning requirements could be changed with the deviation section.</p> <p>Steve Smith- He praised L. Genovich for her work at the meeting. He believes that DTE will push back on the overlay, and it could eventually go through the state. He would recommend the 500 ft setback on non-participating properties, and would like to see more on wildlife protection in the ordinance.</p>	None
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn at 9:45pm. Motion by D. Whitt. Support by J. Klein. Motion Approved.	Motion Approved

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Kayla Poissant

Kayla Poissant,
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