

# Conway Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2019

Conway Township Hall – 8015 N. Fowlerville Rd., Fowlerville, MI

Agenda	Items Discussed	Actions to be Taken
<b>Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public: Herm and Shirley Yost, Dennis Bowdoin</li> <li>• Township Board Members: Larry Parsons, Trustee present</li> <li>• Planning Commission Members present: George Pushies, Londa Horton, Mike Stock, Chuck Skwirsk, Keith Wasilenski, Caleb Jenkins.</li> <li>• Planning Commission Members absent: -0-</li> <li>• Zoning Administrator, Todd Thomas, present</li> </ul>	
<b>Call to Order and Pledge to Flag</b>	<p>Chairperson Mike Stock called the Conway Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. He called roll call. All present.</p> <p>The next meeting is May 13, 2019 at 7:00pm.</p>	
<b>Minutes from last meeting</b>	Larry Parsons moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting. Second by Caleb Jenkins. All in favor. Motion passed.	
<b>Communications</b>	-0-	
<b>Call to the Public</b>	-0-	
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of updated Special Use Permits list. FreedomNet changed to Surf Air Wireless. Rick's portables permit has not been required since 2017. Raymond's Landscape name has been updated.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The updated Special Use Permits list has been posted on the township website.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Londa Horton gave an overview of the Michigan Association of Planning training for two classes: Planning and Zoning Essentials as well as Site Plan Review.</li> <li>• Article 6 Section 6.26f1– discussed changes for solar energy collectors. Should there be a size limitation on the solar panels? Handy Township has a zoning ordinance without a size limitation, commented George Pushies. Londa Horton mentioned a collapsible pole mounted solar system that follows the sun that was recently mentioned on PBS for a fee of \$30,000. Residential use versus commercial use is a consideration.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It takes 60-90 days to make a change in the ordinance.</li> <li>○ Keith Wasilenski moved to update ZO Article 6 Section 6.26f1 to increase from 250 to 1000 square feet size in total area for a residential dwelling. Second Chuck Skwirsk. Caleb</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>Jenkins asked for a timeline review of six months. All in favor. Motion passed. Mike Stock asked that members conduct research and a benchmark review of other ordinances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ They must show what their requirements are for voltage usage for their residence, commented George Pushies.</li> <li>○ Discussion ensued about using a percentage of their property versus square footage, commented Caleb Jenkins.</li> <li>● Todd Thomas gave the Zoning Administrator report. Three land use permits were issued for this month.</li> </ul>	<p><b>All members to benchmark other solar panel ordinances.</b></p>
<b>Update from the Board</b>	Larry Parsons gave an update from the Township Board.	
<b>Call to public</b>	Dennis Bowdoin asked why we are redoing solar panel ZO and not the rest of the changes? We are not ready with Abby, commented Mike Stock.	
<b>General Discussion</b>	George Pushies asked about restricting solar panel size according to what the resident needs.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	George Pushies made a motion to adjourn at 8:22pm. Second by Keith Wasilenski. All in favor. Motion passed.	