

Mikado Township Planning Commission Meeting

September 28, 2022

Present: Carrie Mullins, Steve Sanderson, Nicki Bartz-Stuit

Absent: James Ostby, Ken Griffin

Guests: Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Regina Waszkiewicz
Mikado Resident, Cindy McCuiston and husband

Call to Order: 6:18 PM

Pledge

Public Comment: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

As Vice-Chair, Steve Sanderson led the meeting.

Ken Griffin is remaining on the Zoning Board of Appeals, but will no longer be on the Planning Commission.

Topics of Discussion:

- Master Plan – Consultant, Rick Duell, is working on the updated Master Plan and will attend the December 5th meeting either in person or by phone conference.
- Sample Survey – Rick Duell is also putting together a public survey for us to look at.
- Public Notice – We agreed on the wording for the Public Notice required by law. We will be content with whatever Clerk, Leisa Sutton says in regards to the wording and submitting it to the Alcona County Review.

Action Items:

1) The following wording will be sent to Clerk Leisa Sutton for edit and submission to the paper (hopefully in time to meet the 15 day notice requirement).

"PUBLIC NOTICE - Public Hearing for Solar Energy Ordinance

Monday, December 5, 2022

6:00PM at the Mikado Civic Center

In anticipation of the adoption of a Solar Energy Ordinance, the Mikado Township Planning Commission is asking what the residents would like to see. Energy companies are already approaching residents for placement of panels. Technology has come a long way, from a field of panels to raised panels that allow farming or ranching underneath, and more. There are many things to take into consideration, like glare, natural barriers, setbacks, installation and decommissioning, etc. Community input is important to us and will help us draft a solar ordinance that fits Mikado Township.

The date of the Public Hearing will coincide with the Planning Commission's adoption of the Solar Energy Ordinance # 22- _____.

The proposed ordinance can be viewed at our website <http://mikadotownship.org/>. Comments, concerns and questions can be sent to mikado.twp@gmail.com prior to the start of the hearing."

2) Trustee/Secretary Carrie Mullins will have the Solar Energy Ordinance draft posted on the website.

Adjournment: 6:48 PM

Next Meeting: December 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center