

DANBY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday June 15, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

The joint meeting of the Danby Township Board and Danby Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Danby Township Hall, 13122 Charlotte Highway. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Planning Commission Members Present: Bahr, Brown, Dean, Lufkin, Russman, Schafer

Member Absent: Schroeder

Township Board Members Present: D Platte, D Schafer, B Nurenberg, E Hoppes, K Platte

Members Absent: None

Approval of Minutes:

Approved April 20, 2022 meeting minutes as written: Motion by Schafer Seconded by Brown
MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Agenda:

Approved Agenda as written: Motion by Dean Seconded by Schafer MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items): NONE

Business Items:

Public Hearing for Solar Energy Application for Special Use: The applicant was running late so it was recommended that the public hearing be moved to the end of the business items. Motioned by Schafer Seconded by Lufkin MOTION CARRIED

JOINT DANBY TOWNSHIP BOARD & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Discuss

Marijuana Project Documents: A joint meeting was held so that Laura Genovich, our Township Attorney, could provide a detailed brief on the marihuana regulation options and to discuss, in detail, the draft ordinances to require an annual permit for recreational and medical marihuana facilities in Danby Township, and a draft ordinance to amend the Danby Township zoning ordinance to opt-in to regulate marihuana establishments and to add marihuana establishments to specified zoning districts as special land uses, to define marihuana establishments, and to include specific use regulations. Laura also answered questions from the Board and Planning Commission members. A motion was made to hold a public hearing during August 17, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. Motioned by Brown Seconded by Schafer MOTION CARRIED

Public Hearing for Solar Energy Application for Special Use: **The hearing was Opened at 8:14 p.m.** The applicant, Dallas McCoy, his mother Jodi Rice, and Aaron Teachout, a Climax Solar representative, were present to answer questions. The special use permit is for the installation of a 36 panel ground mounted solar array located at 8599 E Eaton Hwy, Mulliken, MI. There were no public concerns so **the public hearing was closed at 8:19 p.m.** The applicant had met all ordinance requirements therefore a motion was made to send the special use application to the Township Board for action. Motioned by Dean Seconded by Brown MOTION CARRIED

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Solar Energy Application for Special Use – Danby Township Board: The Danby Township Board received the Danby Township Planning Commission’s recommendation and a motion to approve the application for special use permit for property 8599 E Eaton Hwy, Milliken MI was made. Motioned by D Platte Seconded by B Nurenburg MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment (Any Topic): Shannon Cunningham, a Danby Township resident, expressed interest in opening a cannabis retail store.

Announcements: Next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2022

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Motion by Schafer Seconded by Lufkin MOTION CARRIED

Dated: June 15, 2022

Christina Bahr
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Planning Commission Secretary