

**MINUTES SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD  
ON OCTOBER 24, 2018**

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Harris at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Tidey, Tim Feirick, Bill Zuhl, Terry Harris, Debbie Brown, Dave Grabemeyer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nick Barnes

OTHERS PRESENT: Recording Secretary Lindsay Krohne

**MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 24, 2018 PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

Terry Harris motioned to approve the October 24, 2018 Public Hearing Agenda. Debbie Brown seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Terry Harris read the Notice of Public Hearing, and explained the reason for the public hearing, to receive public comment regarding proposed Solar Energy Systems Zoning Ordinance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Terry Harris opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments and Terry closed public comment at 7:05 p.m.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS**

None.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

Chairman Terry Harris explained that if the Solar Energy Ordinance was approved by the Planning Commission, it would then be sent to the County Planning Commission for recommendation, before coming back to the Township Board for approval.

Dave Grabemeyer asked if the County Planning Commission votes on it the same night as they discuss it. Bill Zuhl explained that they have a cut off for receiving information one week before they meet, so they have at least a week to review before voting on it when they meet.

**Close Public Hearing**

Dave Grabemeyer motioned to close the public hearing. Tim Feirick seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chairman Terry Harris opened the regular meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 24, 2018 AGENDA**

Dave Grabemeyer motioned to approve the October 24, 2018 regular meeting agenda. Tim Feirick seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 MINUTES**

Dave Grabemeyer motioned to approve the September 26, 2018 Planning Commission minutes. Tim Feirick seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT**

Recording Secretary Lindsay Krohne stated that there were two Zoning Board of Appeals hearings on October 11, 2018 and there was another scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>. Lindsay explained that Nick Barnes planned to bring side yard setback requirements on a corner lot to the planning commission for review. Discussion followed.

**BUILDING/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO APPROVE SOLAR ENERGY ORDINANCE**

Debbie Brown motioned to approve the Solar Energy Ordinance (attached) to send to the County Planning Commission for recommendation. Dave Grabemeyer seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

**ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR 2019**

Chairman Terry Harris stated that they needed to elect Planning Commission officers for 2019. He stated that currently he is the Chairman, Tim Feirick is the Vice-Chairman, and Jon Tidey is the Secretary. Terry explained that they can elect different officers, or vote to keep them as they are for 2019. Discussion followed.

**MOTION TO ELECT PLANNING COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR 2019**

Dave Grabemeyer motioned to keep the Planning Commission officers as they are currently. Debbie Brown seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**COMMISSION MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Tim Feirick stated that there is a Parks and Recreation Public Survey link that is supposed to be posted on the Township website, and there are hard copies as well, which will help to find out what people want to see happen with park space or what they would like to see done differently at Russom Park. Tim explained that the survey will help them work on grants and help Wightman put together their 5 year park plan.

Terry Harris stated that there is a possibility of building a skating rink at Russom Park, and it has been added to the Capital Plan. Terry explained that it would be a non-ice skating rink in a 60x80 enclosure with a roof and walls, including overhead doors. Terry added that it would be usable 12 months a year and the non-ice surface is supposed to be 94-96% as effective as ice.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE**

Chairman Terry Harris stated the next Planning Commission meeting will be Wednesday, November 28, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Tim Feirick motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. by Chairman Terry Harris.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lindsay Krohne  
Planning Commission Secretary

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Jon Tidey, Secretary

To be approved at the November 28, 2018 Planning Commission meeting