



Planning Commission
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Proposed Minutes of the September 8th, 2021 Meeting

The Gratiot County Planning Commission held a meeting **Wednesday, September 8th, 2021** beginning at 5:00pm in the **Commissioner's Room** at Gratiot County Courthouse, 214 E Center St., Ithaca, MI 48847 (via Zoom).

1. Call to Order by Karla Childers at 5:00pm.
2. Roll Call:
 - a. Present: Marc Raycraft, L. Quinn Lincoln-Keon, David Justin, Dan Manley, Caroline Ross, Janelle, Dunham, Karla Childers
 - b. Absent: None
3. Approval of the Agenda:

Board Action: Motion by David Justin, second by Marc Raycraft to approve Agenda. Motion Carried 7-0.
4. Approval of August 11th, 2021 Minutes:

Board Action: Motion by Marc Raycraft, second by Dan Manley to approve August 11th, 2021 minutes. Motion Carried 7-0.
5. Public Comment/Concerns in Regards to Agenda
6. Request for Recommendation of Washington Township Solar Ordinance
 - a. Review of Proposed Ordinance: Howard Whaley, Washington Township Supervisor, mentions the need for the proposed ordinance arises from Invenergy putting in Solar Panels in both North Star and Washington Township. The goal of creating the ordinance and allowing solar panels is to offset electrical bills. The proposed ordinance is mirrored after Pine River Townships Solar Ordinance with small adjustments.
 - b. Discussion/Questions: Marc Raycraft questions Page 4 Item J-Screening & Security. Would like to know if there are specifications for fencing or security in general for proposed solar sites. Marc Raycraft recommends a clarification on the exact specifications for security, particularly fencing, be reviewed. L. Quinn Lincoln-Keon requested clarification on the Decommissioning Cost/Plan. Howard Whaley mentions Invenergy has provided an escrow account for this purpose to cover the cost of a lawyer, survey and decommissioning plan. It is mentioned in the Proposed Solar Ordinance.

c. **Motion to Offer Approval with Recommendations to “Review and Clarify Security Specifications” by Marc Raycraft, seconded by L. Quinn Lincoln-Keon. Motion Carried 7-0.**

7. Old Business:

8. New Business:

9. Committee and Special Reports:

10. General Comments from Public for Items Not on Agenda:

11. Adjournment:

Board Action: Motion by **Marc Raycraft**, second by **L. Quinn Lincoln-Keon** to adjourn at **5:35** p.m. Motion Carried 7-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diandra Huggins, recording secretary.

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Date

Minutes respectfully Accepted by Caroline Ross, Secretary.

X

Date