

**GOLDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairperson Cook, Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call: Present; Borst, Fong, Walsworth, Terryn, Coker, Cook, Whelpley, Attorney Ed McNeely and Zoning Administrator Draper. Absent: None 2 Members of the public.

Agenda: Motion by Borst to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Fong, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Minutes of the January 31, 2018 Meeting: correct the date in the minutes approval of January 9, 2108 to 2018. Motion by Coker to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2018 meeting with the correction. Supported by Walsworth, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Zoning Administrator Report: 8 permits issued, received 100 rental applications, has sent approximately 60 notices of violation letters, 4 Zoning Ordinance violation letters.

New Business:

1. None

Old Business:

1. None

Ordinance Amendments & Other Reports

- a. Solar Energy Systems Ordinance; following changes were discussed: 14C.3(3) “remove or exceed 50% of the foot print of the structure.” 14C.3(5) remove “A green buffer shall be planted along any road frontage.” 14C.3(10) after year, add “and the owner or operator shows by action or inaction intent to abandon through, but not limited to, the following: disconnection from utilities, removal of fixtures, buildings or equipment necessary to operate, disrepair or unsafe conditions, removal of signs. Application may be submitted to the Planning Commission for extensions to return to operations due to unforeseen circumstances.” Add 14C.3(13) “All necessary local, state, and federal approvals must be obtained before starting construction.” 14C.4(1) after exceed remove “50% of the foot print of the structure” and add “the perimeter of the supporting structure.” Motion by Borst to approve the changes recommended. Supported by Fong, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Borst to set a public hearing date of April 24, 2018 for the Solar Energy System Zoning Ordinance amendment. Supported by Fong, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

- b. Fines Subcommittee report: Fong presented changes to the Civil Infraction Ordinance to clarify how fines are levied of violations. These changes were forwarded to Attorney McNeely for review. If recommended they will be forwarded to the Township Board for further action.
- c. Dangerous Building Ordinance: Whelpley received permission from the Township Board to pursue the ordinance formation including some blight and junk language. This subcommittee will work on this.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Jake Whelpley, Secretary