

**GOLDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 24, 2018**

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

Roll Call: Present; Borst, Walsworth, Terryn, Coker, Cook, Whelpley, Ed McNeely  
Attorney and Zoning Administrator Draper. Absent: Fong 10 Members of the public.

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

Minutes of the March 27, 2018 Meeting: Motion b Borst to approve the minutes of the  
March 27, 2018 meeting as presented. Supported by Terryn, voice vote, all ayes, motion  
carried.

Correspondence: None

Zoning Administrator Report: 31 permits year to date, 11 are new homes. 149 Short-  
term-rental applications in. Draper feels that the setbacks on issued permits should be  
inspected as some have been found in violation as builders have not complied. The site  
plan for Silver Lake Drive-in has been received, will be on next meeting agenda.  
inquiries have been made about changing message billboards. The commission should  
review this in the ordinance.

New Business: None

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Old Business: None

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Ordinance Amendments & Other Reports:

1. Solar Power Amendment Public Hearing
  - a) Cook opened the public hearing
  - b) Draper explained developers of solar power farms have inquired about any regulations we have. A six-month moratorium was put in place by the township board to give the planning commission time to amend the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed ordinance has been online and in the office for the public to review.
  - c) There is no correspondence pro or con.
  - d) Public comment pro; none
  - e) Public comment con; Bruce Erickson wants to know what it's all about.
  - f) Cook Closed the public hearing. Gloria Repp questioned who would be responsible for removal and clean up costs.

- g) The amendment is a zoning ordinance to regulate Solar Power Systems both private and commercial. Removal and restoration cost will be covered by the developer through bonds and escrow funds.

Motion by Borst to recommend to the township board to approve the Solar Power amendment to the zoning ordinance. Supported by Terryn, Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

1. 2. Fines Committee hasn't met.
2. Dangerous Building Committee: Whelpley is working on language.
3. Master Plan Committee: Stephan Carlson of WMSRDC is waiting to get the survey going. The committee will meet April 30 at 4:30 PM to work on it. Stephan told of a tree planting grant for reforestation of diseased trees. Whelpley will work on this.

Public Comment:

1. Gloria Repp asked about the drive in restaurant on Hazel and the earth work Taylor & 34<sup>th</sup> Ave.
2. Jane Beaudoin suggested to get a generic banner rather than a specific one.

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

Jake Whelpley, Secretary