

Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes-April 1, 2025

1. **Call to Order**-Chairperson Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Roll Call-Present:** Cronenwett, Tarchala, Marshall, Schultz, Reiter
Also Present: David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning
MEC Engineer Steve Westbrooks
3. **Approval of Agenda**-Motion by Tarchala second by Reiter to approve the agenda as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes**-Motion by Tarchala second by Cronenwett to approve the minutes as amended by Tarchala to correct Item 8. Trailway Update to read: archeology study.
All voted in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comments on Items not Scheduled for Public Hearing**-none
6. **Solar Energy Presentation-MEC Engineer Steve Westbrooks**
Informational handout from MEC engineer Steve Westbrooks regarding Solar Renewable Energy and how it works, solar energy and the electric grid, requirements, energy storage, impact of solar storage on the power system and public concerns about large-scale solar installations.

Discussion and questions from commissioners in regards to this topic and how it would be applied within the township.
7. **Zoning Discussion**
 - A. **Principal-use solar energy systems** -David Jirousek, reviewed with commissioners what is currently in place and suggest some tighten up on the regulations. Recommends having a Public Hearing on this issue for the May 6, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.
 - B. **Commercial battery energy storage systems**-Discussion what is currently in place and state regulations as well.
 - C. **Environmental Regulations**-topic was discussed as to what is currently in place.
8. **Antwerp Township Trailway Update**-Tarchala gave update to progress being made on the Trailway. Some studies need to be done in some specific areas, funding has been applied for and construction is expected to start in 2027.
9. **Additional Comments and Communications**
Mattawan Landscape business was brought to the attention of commissioners that the use of storage units on site should be checked to see if they were approved.

David Jirousek informed commissioners that there will be a site plan request coming for a business on Red Arrow Highway, hair/nail salon.
10. **Adjournment**-Motion by Cronenwett second by Reiter to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM.
All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise D. Schultz, secretary