

Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes-December 3, 2025

1. **Call to Order**-Chairman Paquin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Roll Call Present:** Cronenwett, Tarchala, Paquin, Schultz, Reither
Absent and Excused: Marshall
Not Present: David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning
3. **Approval of Agenda**-Motion by Cronenwett 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 of November 5, 2025 as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comments on Items not Scheduled for Public Hearing**-none
6. **Zoning Discussion-Principal-use solar energy systems**
Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to be put on hold for further discussion.
7. **Zoning Discussion-Commercial battery energy storage systems**
Zoning Ordinance Amendment was discussed in regards to battery energy storage systems.

Paquin gave update in regards to recent meeting in Oshtemo Township that he attended in regards to Battery Energy Storage Systems. Safety aspects and current state guidelines were highlighted.

Commissioners felt that this issue should be put on hold and have further open discussion on this issue with a joint informational meeting with Township Board, Planning Commission, and educational groups on this subject.

8. Additional Comments and Communication

John Paquin was recognized for his service to the Antwerp Township Planning Commission. John will be stepping down from the Planning Commission as of the end of this current year.


David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning brought to the Planning Commission attention a request to change Planning Commission meeting dates. Commissioners discussed this issue and decided that for January 2026 the meeting will be held on the first Wednesday, January 7th.

Two options were agreed upon that Planning Commission meeting could be changed to the first Monday of the month or the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Schultz had question in regards to extension request for site plans. Comments by commissioners in regards to extensions were that it was only good for one time only, would need to reapply after the time limit extension. This was in regards to a site plan for a proposed gas station on Red Arrow Highway, thoughts were the deadline was in November or January.

9. **Adjournment**-Motion by Cronenwett second by Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise M. Schultz".

Denise M. Schultz, Secretary