

## **Bengal Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes May 1, 2019**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Lori Pung at 7:01PM

Members present: Kurt Koenigsknecht, Lori Pung, Tom Miller, Brenda Zlotek

Members absent: Nick McDonald

Public present: Deb Schafer, Tom McComb and Christopher Khorey

Motion to approve minutes from April 3, 2019 Bengal Township Planning Commission Meeting made by Tom Miller seconded by Kurt Koenigsknecht, motion passed.

Christopher Khorey Bengal Township Zoning administrator reviewed:

- Ten year comprehensive plan Mr. Kohrey will plan on attending the June, August and October meetings to work on the township Master Plan and present developments.
- Discussed most recent plat map of Bengal Township and the Planning Commission will not change the Interim Ordinance for commercial/industrial wind turbines.
- Reviewed Agricultural Building Affidavit of Use form and it will be ready to implement with minor changes as discussed.
- Solar Ordinance for Bengal Township per advisement of Zoning Administrator should have 3 areas of the ordinance being divided as #1 Rooftop solar panels which would have minimal restrictions. #2 Backyard solar should be smaller than the foot print of the house but otherwise minimal restrictions. #3 Solar farms (or commercial or industrial) will need more extensive zoning for several areas including but not limited to grid connections, storage facilities for equipment and energy storage, and other necessary structures for commercial solar energy facilities. Mr. Khorey will provide some examples for advisement and The Commission will need to look at this portion of the interim ordinance and make the appropriate adjustments.
- Kurt Koenigsknecht requested and Mr. Khorey agreed to provide some templates for Zoning Board of Appeals bylaws and rules of procedure.

The Planning Commission discussed contract language for Ordinance Violation Remediation Services with Tom McComb the Bengal township Zoning inspector.

Meeting adjourned by Lori Pung at 8:58PM.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Zlotek Bengal Township Planning Commission Secretary

Pending approval

Approved \_\_6/\_\_5/2019