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**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**March 16, 2022**

The Leoni Township Planning Commission held a meeting Wednesday, March 16, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. 913 Fifth Street, Leoni Township Meeting Hall, Michigan Center, Michigan.

Meeting opened to call of the Chair: 6:04 pm

Members Present: Connie Gibson, W. Miles, D. Perrine, V. Beckwith, R. Kinch, C. Lester & Judy Southworth

Members absent: 0

Persons in attendance: 4

Pledge of Allegiance

*Motion by R. Kinch, supported by W. Miles to add Next Era Energy to the first position on the agenda, and approve the agenda as written.*

***Motion adopted by voice vote***

*Motion by W. Miles, supported by D. Perrine to approve the January 19<sup>th</sup> minutes as written*

***Motion adopted by voice vote***

**Public Comment:**           **Open at       6:07 pm.**  
   **No Comments**  
   **Closed at     6:07 pm.**

**DISCUSSION:**

Sarah Montone presented information on the potential opportunity that exist for a Solar Energy farm for the township. The DPW Plant property presents a potential opportunity for this venture in solar and Sarah presented the timeline for such a project and the benefits and opportunities it would present for the township. Solar Energy would like to return once the Solar Ordinance has been passed and finalized. Serial City Solar is a good reference for Leoni to review because it is close to the same project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. 000-14-06-301-015-01**  
**6119 Smith Rd.**  
**Daniel Hammond Conditional Use**

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Hammond explained how he had met all the conditions that were presented at the last Planning Commission meeting and how he intends to keep them fulfilled through the life of the conditional use.

*Motion by R. Kinch, supported by J. Southworth to approve the conditional use permit for property 000-09-15-101-002-01 for one year with the agreement to review if the property is complying with the conditions stated in the conditional use. If the conditions have been met then a 5-year conditional use will be granted with no charge to the property owner.*

*6 Ayes: W. Miles, C. Gibson, V. Beckwith, D. Perrine, R. Kinch, J. Southworth & ~~C. Lester~~*  
*0 Nays:*

*1 Abstain: C. Lester*

***Motion Carried***

**2. 000-14-05-351-001-03  
3735 Commerce St.  
Commerce Property Group LLC**

**DISCUSSION:** D. Perrine I see you are looking at taping into the sewer system, have you received any approval from the DPW or have you submitted this plan to the Drain commissioner. Property owner: No don't have that yet.

J. Southworth: Do you have lights defined on the plans.

Property owner: No we have not submitted the electrical plans yet.

*Motion by D. Perrine, supported by R. Kinch to table the site plan for property 000-14-05-351-001-03 until the septic and electrical plans and permits are submitted.*

*6 Ayes: W. Miles, C. Gibson, V. Beckwith, D. Perrine, R. Kinch, J. Southworth & C. Lester*  
*0 Nays:*

***Motion Carried***

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Master Plan**

**DISCUSSION:** R. Kinch stated that the maps for the Master Plan need to be addressed and redone and it currently keeps getting pushed out and he is concerned that they are not getting addressed. Not sure what to do to fix that but it needs to be done.

*Motion by W. Miles, supported by D. Perrine, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.*

***Motion adopted by voice vote***

**Meeting Adjourned 7:25 pm.**

**Next meeting: April 6, 2022**