

## Vergennes Township Planning Commission

### Monday, January 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes

**Call to order-** Bill Makuski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call-** Members Present: Makuski, Peel, and Post. Members Absent: Gillette, and Rosema.

**Approval of the Agenda-** Nate Post motioned and Bill Makuski seconded to approve the agenda as amended. All Ayes. The Motion Carried.

**Approval of the Minutes-** Stephanie Peel motioned and Nate Post seconded to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting as written. All Ayes. The Motion Carried.

#### 1. Public Hearing for One Ethanol SEUP Application

- a. **Explanation-** Andy of Williams and Works gave the board and public a rundown of the application. He stated that he didn't see any issues with the application or the plans as it stood.
- b. **Public Comments-** Written comment was read aloud, please see attached.
- c. **Planning Commission discussion and Motion Recommendation-** The Commission requests that the applicant make sure the plan is approved by Mark Fleet, the Township Building Inspector, as well as have the Lowell Fire Department look at the plans to make sure the proper fire and safety precautions are being followed.
- d. **Motion-** Nate Post motioned and Stephanie Peel seconded to approve the SEUP for One Ethanol with special attention to the following conditions:
  1. Prior to issuance of any Township permits, the applicant shall have paid all application, permit, reimbursable escrow, and other fees related to the request.
  2. The applicant shall maintain all required state, federal, and local permits and approvals and submit copies of all permits to the Township.
  3. The applicant shall comply with the stipulations of the Lowell Area Fire Department and any other applicable emergency personnel regarding emergency access to the structure.
  4. The applicant confirms that all utility lines shall be buried underground.

All Ayes. The Motion Carried.

#### 2. Ordinance Amendments

- a. **Solar Energy**
  - i. **Speaker from Solar Industry-** the Commission heard a presentation and had questions answered by Ken Kuszpit of Faulk & Foster. He briefly explained that most of the ordinance the Commission has worked up is easily followed by solar companies. He stated that most panels have a life span of 20-40 years, leases

are typically 20-25 years and the Commission should consider allowing rooftop leases as they are becoming more popular.

**b. New Drafts-** The board tabled this discussion until they are able to have a full Commission.

- i. Structure
- ii. Lake Structures
- iii. Fences
- iv. Grade Levels
- v. Tents and Travel Trailer

**c. Future Meetings**

- i. Satellite Dish Antennas
- ii. Senior Housing

3. **Any Other Business-** None

4. **Announcements-** None

5. **General Public Comment Time-** None

6. **Adjournment-** Bill Makuski declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.