

Pine Grove Township

Planning Commission

Regular Meeting/Public Hearing

26520 CR 388, Gobles, MI 49055

April 18, 2022 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Kehoe
2. **Roll Call: Present:** Kehoe, Hill, D.Marculis, Richardson, Brown, Yapple, K.Marculis.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by Brown, supported by Yapple to approve the agenda. All yes, motion carried.*
4. **Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by Richardson, supported by K.Marculis to approve the Minutes as presented. All yes, motion carried.*
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Don Smith stated that he wanted to talk about the ZO as it pertains to the Solar structures, that there is a possibility of Consumers Energy coming in and installing solar fields. Smith stated that they will be at the Board meeting next week to give a presentation and that at this time the way the Zoning Ordinance is written, it would not be allow here in Pine Grove Township. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Consultant Rebecca Harvey would be contact to write an opinion on what would be needed to amend the Zoning Ordinance to reflect the growing interests of solar power in Pine Grove Township. Kehoe stated that application fees and escrow fee's have been discussed several times with the Planning Commission and Bear Priest, Zoning Administrator and that there are many charges that are covered by the fees. Smith stated that he would get with the township clerk to find out what all charges are made against the fees and escrow.
6. **New Business:**
 1. **Election of Officers:**

Chair: Jim Kehoe was nominated by D. Marculis, supported by Brown. No other nominations were made. Roll Call: Hill – yes, Richardson – yes, Yapple – yes, Brown – yes, K. Marculis – yes, D. Marculis – yes. All yes

Vice-Chair: Ed Hill was nominated by Richardson, supported by Brown. No other nominations were made. Roll Call: Brown – yes, K. Marculis – yes, D. Marculis – yes, Kehoe – yes, Richardson – yes, Yapple – yes. All yes.

Secretary – Deb Marculis was nominated by Brown, support by Hill. No other nominations were made. Roll Call: Kehoe – yes, Hill – yes, Richardson – yes, Yapple – yes, Brown – yes, K. Marculis – yes. All yes.
7. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None
8. **Old Business:** Hill stated that as discussed earlier, the PC has been discussing the fees for a Special Land use application. Hill read from last month's meeting stating that D. Marculis would get with the Clerk to find out what costs are covered by the fees and what costs are covered by the escrow account. Smith stated that he would send an email to the Clerk and Treasurer to find out the process for the fees and escrow account. Richardson asked if there had been any progress on the communication tower on CR 388 and Smith stated that Bear is still working with them. D. Marculis stated that she had received an email from ZA Bear Priest stating that he did not have any SLU applications for the May PC Meeting. After a brief discussion and having no pressing business for the May meeting, *Motion made by Brown, supported by Hill to cancel the May 16, 2022 PC Meeting due to a lack of business. All yes, motion carried.*
9. **Commission Comments:** K. Marculis and D. Marculis stated that their family week at the cottage in Copper Harbor was the third week in July and asked if the July 18, 2022 meeting could be held one week prior on July 11th or one week later on July 25th. After some discussion, D. Marculis will check with Rebecca Harvey and ZA Priest if they would be able to attend one of the alternative dates and a final decision will be made at the June

