

Pine Grove Township

Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

26520 CR 388, Gobles, MI 49055

January 16, 2023, 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, Yaple, **Absent:** K. Marculis
Also Present: Consultant Rebecca Harvey
3. **Approval of Agenda for January 16, 2023:** *Motion by Brown, supported by Hill to approve the agenda. All yes, motion carried.*
4. **Approval of Minutes for November 21, 2022:** *Motion by Kehoe, supported by Brown to approve the Minutes as presented. All yes, motion carried.*
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** NONE
6. **New Business:**
 1. **2022 Synopsis:** Kehoe reviewed the 2022 Synopsis with the PC. *Motion made by Brown, supported by Yaple to accept the annual report for 2022. All yes, motion carried.*
 2. **2023 Meeting Dates:** Sec. Marculis provided a list of all the dates for Planning Commission meetings for 2023. Kehoe stated that he would not be available for the April 17, 2023 meeting. *Motion made by Marculis, supported by Brown to change the April meeting to April 10, 2023. All yes, motion carried.*
 3. **American Electric Power Information by Brown:** Brown contacted the AEP Administrator for the Engineer Department and talked about solar field interest in Pine Grove Township. Brown was told that at this time, AEP has no interest in any properties in Pine Grove Twp. AEP has a minimum 200 acre limit and would not look at any properties that were not at least 200 acres in size, and 5 acres of the 200 acres would be for the sub-station/power station. AEP looks for 30-year leases. AEP also recommended if Pine Grove Twp. were to allow solar farms to be sure to have plan for cleaning up the solar equipment after the 30 years. Brown stated that AEP would be willing to come in at any time, free of charge, for questions and answers. Solar Fields in Pine Grove Township was discussed for the next 1 ½ hours. The board tabled the discussion until next month. Rebecca Harvey will forward information that she has obtained from Consumers Energy regarding Solar Fields and will also finish the updates on 3.0 of the Master Plan and forward those to Chair Kehoe (Secretary Marculis will not be at the February meeting.).
7. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** NONE
8. **Old Business:**
 1. **Master Plan Review w/ Rebecca Harvey:** Due to lack of time, Master Plan review will continue at the next meeting and try to finish the review of the Master Plan.
9. **Commission Comments:** NONE
10. **Adjournment:** *Motion made by Richardson, supported by Yaple to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.*
Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Next Meeting(s): 2023: Feb 20th, March 20th, April 10th, May 15th

June 19th, July 17th, Aug 21st, Sept 18th, Oct 16th

Nov 20th, Dec. 18th

All meetings: 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Deborah Marculis

Deborah Marculis, Secretary, Pine Grove Twp. Planning Commission