

**WINFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTCALM COUNTY**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**March 27<sup>th</sup> 2023**

*Planning Meeting called to order @ 7:02 pm by Ken Kool, who led the Pledge of Allegiance*

*Roll Call, Present: Ken Kool, George Hubbard, Julia Potratz, Derek Dickerson, Ken Fisk  
Also present: Dave Kelsey,*

*Motion to approve agenda by George Hubbard, Julia Potratz 2<sup>nd</sup> motion - Motion passed*

*Review Planning Commission minutes for January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023, motion to approve by Derek Dickerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Hubbard- Motion passed*

*Dave Kelsey reported township permit activity.*

*Township Liaison, Julia Potratz reported on business from last 2 township meetings.*

*Public comment: 7:08 pm – 7:11 pm (new agenda only)*

*Old Business:*

*Master Plan has been tabled by township board*

*Wind Tower ordinance is being drafted*

*Resume work on solar ordinance- Working to draft provided 3-25-23*

- *Julia will present B&S with solar ordinance amendments voted on to be updated before the next planning meeting on 4-17-23*
- *Also discuss with B&S about separating residential and rural residential*
  - Motion to update section 4.4.i (2) from 10% to 20%- motion passed*
  - Motion to update section 4.4.ii (2) to 36" from peak of roof- motion passed*
  - Motion to update section 4.4.ii (3) to 36" from edge of roof- motion passed*
  - Motion to update section 3.b to allow commercial solar farms- motion passed*
  - Motion to update section 3.e to change setback from lot line to 150 ft- motion passed*
  - Motion to update section 3.f to remove 500 ft setback and place inverter at center of project - motion failed*
  - Motion to update section 3.i to specify the fences must be between the green-space and panels- motion passed*
  - Motion to update section 5.a to read 180 calendar days instead of 365- motion passed*

*Public comment: missed start time*

*The next Planning Commission meeting: (All at 7:00 pm)*

- *April 17<sup>th</sup> 2023*
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*Ken Kool adjourned meeting @ 9:47 pm*