

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
April 16, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Tim Elkins, Clerk Cindy Shields, Trustees Matthew Karr and Travis Howell

Planning/Zoning Administrator Charm Healy

Building Official Matt Place

P.Z.A.OS. CE. Jeremy Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Shields

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:03 am at the Davison Township Municipal Center, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY HOWELL to approve the Special Meeting Agenda for April 16, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was opened at 8:04 am and there were no comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Public Hearing for Summerwood Street Lighting District

MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY HOWELL to set the Public Hearing for Summerwood Street Lighting District for May 13, 2019 at 7:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments for Solar Energy Systems

The proposed language is to amend the Davison Township Zoning Ordinance, #16-84 in regulating large and small solar energy systems. The Planning Commission is considering these amendments in response to growing demand for solar energy facilities throughout Michigan and specific inquiries within the Township. They have asked the Township Board to review the amendments and give feedback with any additions and/or changes they would like to see before holding a public hearing.

There was discussion about the size of small ground mounted systems, if there would be fencing or some type of screening for these particular systems, height requirements for small scale systems, and if only small systems is what the township will allow at this time. More discussion on this being a possible trend and fading away, changing technology and the fact that not enough is known about the larger facilities at this time. The board is requesting ground level small scale arrays be limited to one-acre parcels.

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Also discussed if limiting the areas in which larger systems should be allowed and the fact that the township has only four M1 & M2 parcels. Larger solar arrays offer no benefit to the township and could potentially create property tax revenue loss as well as affect revenue captured within the DDA District.

It was decided to have the Planning Commission go forward with the public hearing to gain input from residents on the subject. Charm will contact The Davison Index to request an article be written.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting was adjourned at 8:37 am.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Cindy K. Shields, Clerk

Timothy W. Elkins, Supervisor