

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
April 2, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Wyatt

Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners present: Binder, Sturgess, Grimes, Henry, Wyatt, Branoff, Campbell, Melen, Krueger.

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Adam Zettel-City Manager, Renee Kraft-City Clerk.

Others present: Walter Melen.

Others Virtually Present: Carmine Avantini-CIB Planning, Lania Rocha.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 240402-01**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Mayor Krueger  
Second by Planning Commission Member Henry

**I Move** the Swartz Creek Planning Commission approves the agenda as amended for the April 2, 2024, Planning Commission meeting.

Unanimous Voice Vote  
Motion Declared Carried

**MINUTES OF February 6, 2024**

**Resolution No. 240402-02**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Planning Commission Member Henry  
Second by Planning Commission Member Binder

**I Move** the Swartz Creek Planning Commission approves the Minutes for the February 6, 2024, Planning Commission meeting.

Unanimous Voice Vote  
Motion Declared Carried

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**BUSINESS:**

**LIGHTING ORDINANCE REVIEW:**

Discussion ensued regarding the review of the current Lighting Chapter of the City of Swartz Creek zoning ordinance. Discussed pros and cons for ordinance changes. Shielding can be added to light fixture to keep glare off certain areas, like a house. Discussion on business/commercial vs. residential within the ordinance. Carmine Avantini will draft amendments to this ordinance.

**POTENTIAL DDA PROJECTS:**

Discussion ensued regarding the review of the potential DDA projects.

**APPROVAL OF A MORATORIUM OF 180 DAYS FOR GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR:**

**Resolution No. 240402-03**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Planning Commission Member Branoff  
Second by Planning Commission Member Binder

**I Move** the Swartz Creek Planning Commission adopts a moratorium of 180 days for Ground Mounted Solar.

Unanimous Voice Vote  
Motion Declared Carried

Discussion ensued regarding the review of the current Lighting Chapter of the City of Swartz Creek zoning ordinance.

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

Lania Rocha: Discussed the Makers Market theme weeks.

**Remarks by Planning Commission:**

Mayor Krueger enjoyed seeing a full meeting.  
Commissioner Wyatt questioned when the next meeting will be held. City Manager Zettel responded that a May meeting is likely.  
Commissioner Sturgess stated that Seymour and Miller is very dark on the west side and needs better lighting. She also stated a fountain would be nice with lighting at Holland Square.  
Discussion ensued.

**Adjourn**

**Resolution No. 240402-04**

**(Carried)**

Motion by Planning Commission Member Sturgess  
Second by Planning Commission Member Henry

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**I Move** the Swartz Creek Planning Commission adjourns the April 2, 2024, Planning Commission meeting.

Unanimous Voice Vote  
Motion Declared Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Betty Binder, Secretary