

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
October 1, 2024**

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners present: Binder, Branoff, Campbell, Grimes, Krueger, Wyatt.

Commissioners absent: Henry, Sturgess

Staff present: Adam Zettel, City Manager.

Others present: Hanna Smith-CIB Planning, Justin Sprauge-CIB Planning

Others Virtually Present: Lania Rocha

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Resolution No. 241001-01

(Carried)

Motion by Planning Commission Member Grimes
Second by Planning Commission Member Krueger

I Move the Swartz Creek Planning Commission approves the agenda for the October 1, 2024, Planning Commission meeting.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Declared Carried

MINUTES OF July 9, 2024

Resolution No. 241001-02

(Carried)

Motion by Planning Commission Member Krueger
Second by Planning Commission Member Binder

I Move the Swartz Creek Planning Commission approves the Minutes for the July 9, 2024, Planning Commission meeting.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Declared Carried

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC: None.

BUSINESS:

SOLAR ORDINANCE DISCUSSION:

The purpose is to discuss PA 233, (HB 5120), enacted by the State in 2023 regarding the signing of alternative energy systems (solar, wind and battery). This bill does not take effect until November 29, 2024.

We have four options: 1) do nothing; 2) adopt a CREO (compatible renewable energy ordinance); 3) oppose it; 4) add a sentence or two to the ordinance that says “All projects will be reviewed by the Michigan Public Service Commission.”

Included in the packet is the draft language, which includes four different sections: Definitions, Accessory Scale Energy Systems, Large Principal Scale Energy Systems, and Small Principal Scale Energy Systems.

Discussion ensued between City Council and CIB Planning.

Motion to move the next Planning Commission meeting to Wednesday, November 6, 2024, to avoid election day, for a public hearing.

Motion by Planning Commission Member Krueger
Second by Planning Commission Member Campbell

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Declared Carried

Meeting Open to Public: None.

Remarks by Planning Commission:

Commissioner Binder questioned when the fire hydrants will be painted and what color? City Manager Zettel responded that they will be yellow and will be done as fast as possible.

Commissioner Krueger would like the public hearing to be publicized. Lots to go over.

Commissioner Branoff is a proponent of renewable energy but highly against the development of farmland for it.

Commissioner Grimes doesn't believe there is any farmland left in Swartz Creek.

Adjourn

Resolution No. 241001-04

(Carried)

Motion by Planning Commission Member Krueger
Second by Planning Commission Member Campbell

I Move the Swartz Creek Planning Commission adjourns the October 1, 2024, Planning Commission meeting.

Unanimous Voice Vote
Motion Declared Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Betty Binder, Secretary