

**Exeter Township
Planning Commission Minutes
April 4, 2023**

Exeter Township Planning Commission chairperson, David Schafer, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Roger Bezek, Philip Bruck, Robert Post, Kyle Preston, David Schafer, and Ameer Runyan
Guests: Lucie Fortin, Township Planner, Mannik Smith Group
Note: There were 8 township residents present

Correction / Approval of Agenda:

The Planning Commission members reviewed the meeting agenda. There were no corrections or additions.

- ❖ **Motion: Philip Bruck, 2nd Robert Post:** To accept the meeting agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes:

The March 7, 2023 Planning Commission meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

- ❖ **Motion: David Schafer, 2nd Philip Bruck:** To accept the March 7, 2023 Planning Commission meeting minutes as printed. **Motion Carried.**

First Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

1). Lucie Fortin gave an update as to the Wetland Mitigation project being completed by Stoneco. Stoneco is waiting for a Sedimentation Control permit and approval for the proposed field slope design from the Monroe County Drain Commission office. Any soil that will be removed will be moved to Stoneco property within the village of Maybee and thus no soil removal permit (from Exeter Township) will be needed. Copies of all required permits will be placed on file in the

township office. No further review or action is required by the Exeter Township planning commission.

2). The Exeter Township board approved creating a "Citizen's Advisory Committee" to review and make recommendation on the proposed changes to the current Solar Energy and Wind Energy systems zoning ordinances. The proposed zoning changes have been recommended by the Exeter Township Planning Commission and sent to the Township Board for review and adoption.

The planning commission clarified the review process, requesting that the Exeter Township Board review and act upon all revisions and suggestions offered by Citizen's Advisor Committee. It was suggested that any changes / revisions made by the Citizen's Advisory Committee be sent to the Township Board without having the Planning Commission review and/or comment on the changes recommended. Philip Bruck said the Township Board's motion, creating the advisory committee, would need to be amended to bypass a secondary review by the Planning Commission and to direct the Exeter Township Board to act upon the Advisory Committees recommendations.

New Business:

None

Second Public Comment:

1). Resident inquired about the process of reviewing the Exeter Township Master plan every five years. The next review / update is scheduled to be completed in 2025. The Planning Commission secretary responded that the five year review was required by state law and may be re-adopting the Master Plan as previously created (current version updated 2020), making minor changes such as revising population data from the 2020 U.S. Census, or a more extensive re-write of the Master Plan. Any changes to the current Master plan will require a public hearing to be held for resident's comments.

2). The next regularly scheduled meeting (May 2, 2023) of the Exeter Township Planning Commission will conflict with the township hall being set up for local elections.

- ❖ **Motion: Roger Bezek, 2nd Robert Post:** To reschedule the regularly scheduled May 2023 Exeter Township Planning Commission meeting to Tuesday May 9, 2023 beginning at 7:00 PM as long there is business to be acted upon.

Motion carried.

- ❖ **Motion: Robert Post, 2nd Anee Runyan:** To adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, _____

Roger Bezek, Secretary

Exeter Township Planning Commission