

## Exeter Township Planning Commission Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes April 2, 2024

Exeter Township Planning Commission Chairperson, Tim DeBorde called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present: Roger Bezek, Philip Bruck, Tim DeBorde, Julie Murphy, Ameer Runyan, and Anthony Thrasher  
Excused: Dave Mathewson  
Guests:  
Note: There were 6 township residents in attendance.

### **Correction / Approval of Agenda:**

- ❖ **Motion: Ameer Runyan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim DeBorde:** To adopt the meeting and public hearing agenda as presented.

**Motion carried**

### **Public Hearing:**

- ❖ **Motion: Roger Bezek, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ameer Runyan:** To suspend the Planning Commission meeting and Open the Public Hearing meeting.

**Motion carried**

Review changes to current Exeter Township Zoning Ordinances concerning;

- 1). Amendments to Article 5 General Provisions  
Section 5.10 The Keeping of Livestock and Other Animals
  - 2). Amendments to Article 18 Special Land Uses and Procedures  
(New) Section 18.14 Home Business  
(Deletion of) Section 18.16 Artisan Workshop
  - 3). Amendments as required for all related sections referring to these proposed Zoning Ordinance changes.
- There were a few verbiage changes recommended by the Exeter Township attorney. These suggested changes were read.
  - There were no additional written comments offered.
  - No residents commended on the proposed ordinance changes.
  - ❖ **Motion: Roger Bezek, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ameer Runyan:** To adjourn the Public Hearing and resume the Planning Commission meeting.

**Motion carried**

**Approval of Minutes:**

The March 5, 2024 Planning Commission meeting minutes were presented.

- ❖ **Motion: Philip Bruck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ameer Runyan:** To approve the March 5, 2024 Planning Commission minutes as presented.

**Motion carried**

**First Public Comment:**

1). Residents commented that the printed version of this Public Hearing notice, published in the Monroe News contained several errors and was very confusing. They inquired how meeting notices were created and published. Meeting notices (Public Hearing and other such required notices) are created by the township planner, forwarded to the township clerk who sends them onto the newspaper.

**Old Business:**

1). Discussion of comments received from the Public Hearing concerning the proposed Exeter Township Zoning ordinances.

- ❖ **Motion: Phillip Bruck, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim DeBorde:** To recommend to the Exeter Township Board to adopt the various changes, amendments, deletions and associated revisions to the Exeter Township Zoning. These changes include the recommended verbiage changes from the Exeter Township attorney. Amendments concern:

- 1). Amendments to Article 5 General Provisions
  - Section 5.10 The Keeping of Livestock and Other Animals
- 2). Amendments to Article 18 Special Land Uses and Procedures
  - (New) Section 18.14 Home Business
  - (Deletion of) Section 18.16 Artisan Workshop
- 3). Amendments as required for all related sections referring to these proposed Zoning Ordinance changes.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	Roger Bezek, <b>yes</b>	Philip Bruck, <b>yes</b>
	Tim DeBorde, <b>yes</b>	Julie Murphy, <b>yes</b>
	Ameer Runyan, <b>yes</b>	Anthony Thrasher, <b>yes</b>

**Motion carried**

2). Discussion concerning changes, revisions to the current township zoning ordinances concerning "Wind Energy Conversion Systems" and creation of ordinances concerning energy storage devices and various installations for such systems. It was agreed to table discussion on these topics until the regularly scheduled April 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

**Motion: Julie Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phillip Bruck:** To recommend to the Exeter Township board to establish a 6 month moratorium on any new Wind Energy and Energy Storage installations, until the Planning Commission can complete any current Zoning Ordinances amendments.

**Motion carried**

**New Business:**

None

**Second Public Comment:**

1). The next scheduled meeting of the Exeter Township Planning Commission will be held on May 7, 2024 beginning at 7:00 pm at the Exeter Township Hall.

❖ **Motion: Ameer Runyan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Murphy:** To adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_  
Roger Bezek, Secretary  
Exeter Township Planning Commission