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**Exeter Township
Planning Commission Minutes
December 3, 2024**

Exeter Township Planning Commission Chairperson, Tim DeBorde called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Tim DeBorde, Charles Bruck, Julie Murphy,
Amee Runyan, Anthony Thrasher and Gary Shamma
Absent: Robert Bezek
Excused: *Roger*
Guest: Lucie Fortin, planner with Mannik & Smith Group
Notes: There were 4 township residents in attendance.

Correction / Approval of Agenda:

The Planning Commission members reviewed the meeting agenda.

- ❖ **Motion: Tim DeBorde, 2nd Amee Runyan:** To accept the Planning Commission meeting agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes:

- ❖ **Motion: Amee Runyan, 2nd Julie Murphy:** To table the approval of the November 12, 2024 Planning Commission minutes. **Motion carried.**

First Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

1). Lucie Fortin, Mannik & Smith Group, distributed a draft of the proposed battery storage ordinance to the members. Members reviewed and discussed some changes.

Changes included:

Remove 4.A – Nonparticipating Parties

Add 3 A – "Setbacks" to include 500ft from occupied community buildings and dwelling of nonparticipating properties and 150ft from public roads

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Lucie will make the changes as discussed and provide the members a draft to review prior to the next Planning Commission meeting.

2). The Exeter Township Board was presented the proposed Exeter Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.14 "Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS). The Township voted to adopt the ordinance as presented by the Planning Commission at the November 19, 2024 meeting.

New Business:

1). Members welcomed new member Gary Shamma to the Planning Commission

- ❖ **Motion: Tim DeBorde, 2nd Julie Murphy:** Asking Charles Bruck, Planning Commission Liaison, to ask the Exeter Township Board to draft a resolution supporting the 70 Township class action lawsuit appealing the Michigan Public Service Commission challenging the interpretation of PA 233 of 2023 Renewable Energy and Energy Storage Facility Siting, and forward the resolution to Attorney Michael Homier with Foster Swift Collins and Smith P.C. **Motion carried.**

Second Public Comment:

Township resident would like to thank the Planning Commission for putting restrictions in place on the proposed Battery Storage Ordinance.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Township Planning Commission will be on January 7, 2025 (7:00 pm at the Exeter Township Hall).

- ❖ **Motion: Amee Runyan, 2nd Tim DeBorde:** To adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, _____

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