Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - 1/18/2023

Macon Township Planning Commission meeting called to order 7 pm, January 18, 2023, by Chairman Dean Montrief. All members were present – Dean Montrief, Don DeJonghe, Yvonne Cadmus, Adam Smetka, and Rona Hintz.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Dean introduced newest member, Adam Smetka.

Dean opened for public comment.

First person asked about run off from solar panels.

Second person asked internet service and how much revenue the township will receive from the solar project.

Third person asked about the survey of solar project.

Fourth person asked how much the law suit is costing the township.

Fifth person asked about safety of planes landing at airport with the glare from the solar panels.

Public comment closed.

Dean asked for a volunteer for Chairman.

Adam volunteered. Don DeJonghe made a motion for Adam Smetka for Chairman. Rona gave support. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Dean discussed master plan. Don made a motion to approve the master plan and send it to the Township Board, Rona supported. All voted in favor, motion passed.

Dean discussed a moratorium to put a hold on commercial solar and wind projects and then to start looking at all of the township's zoning ordinances to make sure everything is in order.

Dean opened up for public comment.

Nine people spoke in favor of the moratorium.

One person asked what the cost of to the township of the moratorium that was denied in court.

Public comment was closed.

Dean asked if any of the commission had any questions. Don made a motion to approve the moratorium and send it to the Township Board, Adam supported, All members voted in support and the motion passed.

Roan made a motion to adjourn, Don seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting – April 19, 2023 at 7 pm

Minutes prepared by Rona Hintz, secretary.