

**Solar Ordinance Public Hearing  
November 9, 2021**

Meeting Called to order @ 4:30pm by M.Haydanek

M.Haydanek: Today's Planning Commission Public Hearing is specifically about the Edenville Township Solar Ordinance. Roll Call: M.Herkner-Here; C.Starkey-Here; M.Haydanek-Here; J.Swanton-Excused; A.Peters-Excused.

M.Haydanek: The Solar Ordinance has been publicized on the website and in the newspaper according to law.

Public Comments:

- T.Hall- Was this run through the Township attorneys?
- M.Haydanek—Yes, we did do that; the attorneys said we did good work but did add some legalize verbiage that we accepted and adopted to the ordinance
- J.Sperling—Is there anything in there about Bonding and Restoration?
- M.Haydanek—yes, there is.
- K.Carey—it is under the “Mining” portion of the ordinance
- M.Haydanek—it is under Article Q, regarding abandonment and other issues. There is a Bond they have to put up and other issues they have to address under Article Q.
- T.Hall—It is the Township's perspective that we adopted a more firm stance on this kind of thing
- M.Haydanek—Correct; we have implemented a more aggressive approach to the insurance and other
- Richard Pytlik— I am totally in the dark here about this; can you please expand upon this?
- M.Haydanek—Edenville Township did not have a Solar Ordinance; we have published our proposed Ordinance; the Planning Commission began this research in 2019. Local Townships across Michigan conducted a lot of investigation looking at others' Ordinances and tweaking what Edenville Twp needed in conjunction with our Attorneys. What we saw from other Municipalities was anywhere between little to no ordinances in place to those Townships with over-reaching Ordinances making it nearly impossible. The Edenville Township worked to not only protect the Township but also allow people to engage their full property rights. We have received several inquiries from Companies regarding the Township Solar Ordinance, so there is an interest.
- R.Pytlik—is this restricted to commercial or residence?
- M.Haydanek—it is both, depends on how your property is classified; for example, there is no room in properties sanctioned as R1 to have a full-fledged Solar Farm.
- K.Carey—looking over this Ordinance it is well done; rules kept changing, and you guys kept on top of it, and I think you got it right.
- M.Haydanek—thanks to our great team.

C.Starkey moved to close the Solar Ordinance Public Hearing at 5:20, seconded to M.Herkner.  
M.Haydanek closed the meeting