

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION**  
**Planning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Charter Township of Union Planning Commission was held on February 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Reception Center, 2300 S. Lincoln Road.

**Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

Present: Albrecht, Buckley, Darin, LaBelle, Lapp, Shingles, Squattrito, and Thering

**Others Present**

Rodney Nanney, Community and Economic Development Director; Peter Gallinat, Zoning Administrator; Tera Green, Administrative Assistant

**Approval of Agenda**

**LaBelle moved Darin supported to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 8. Nays: 0. Motion Carried**

**Approval of Minutes**

**LaBelle moved Shingles supported to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 18, 2022 as presented. Vote: Ayes: 8. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence / Reports/ Presentations**

- A. Board of Trustees updates by Thering – Gave updates on the Board of Trustee discussion regarding the Sidewalk and Pathways. Rodney Nanney will be giving a Sidewalk and Pathways presentation to the Board of Trustees in April.
- B. ZBA updates by Buckley – Gave updates on the January 5, 2022 ZBA meeting to approve the PVAR21-02 application for an (8) foot setback variance.
- C. Sidewalks and Pathway Prioritization updates by Darin – No updates given.
- D. Chair Squattrito reminded the Commissioners to respond to Peter Gallinat’s email if interested in any of the upcoming trainings in March; Asked recording secretary to remove Alex Fuller from the Board Matrix and Website.

**Public Comment**

Open 7:11 p.m.

No comments offered

Closed 7:12 p.m.

**Other Business**

- A. PTXT21-02 Coyne Solar Energy Amendment
  - a. Updates from staff and the applicant
  - b. Public Hearing

- c. Discussion
- d. Action (Recommend to the Board of Trustees adoption, denial, adoption with revisions, or postpone)

Nanney introduced the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Application that was submitted requesting to make two changes to section 6.39 that defines the regulations of the solar energy systems. The request is to increase the maximum height allowed. In addition, the staff recommended minimum required setbacks be included to reflect that increase in height.

**Public Hearing**

**Open: 7:15 p.m.**

No comments were offered

**Closed: 7:15 p.m.**

LaBelle moved Buckley supported to recommend to the Township Board of Trustees that the PTXT 21-02 text amendments to Section 6.39 (Solar Energy Systems) of Zoning Ordinance No. 20-06 to increase the maximum allowable height and to adjust the minimum setback standards for ground-mounted solar energy facilities be adopted as submitted for the public hearing. **Vote: Ayes: 8. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**B. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update**

- a. Updates by staff
- b. Discussion
- c. Action

Nanney updated the Commissioners on the revised Parks and Recreational Survey. Discussion by the Commissioners. Requests were made for additional changes to be made particularly to the verbiage of question 13 and 14.

**Extended Public Comments**

Open – 8:30 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed – 8:30 p.m.

**Final Board Comment**

Commissioner Darin – Acknowledged that it may be his last Planning Commission meeting and expressed how great it's been working with the Commissioners.

Chair Squattrito – Thanked Commissioner Darin for his years of service.

Commissioner LaBelle – Informed the Commissioners that his appointment to the Planning Commission is due to expire, if not re-elected he would like to thank everyone.

Commissioner Buckley – Hopes to see everyone again.

**Adjournment** – Chairman Squattrito adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

**APPROVED BY:**

*(Recorded by Tera Green)*



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Doug LaBelle – Secretary

Stan Shingles – Vice Secretary