

MINUTES

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP HALL

August 2, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Chairman Karnatz led the Pledge of Allegiance

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

- Chairman Karnatz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Members present: Richard Karnatz (Chair), Jeff Dolphin (Vice-Chair), James Lantz (Secretary), Robert Hemmes (Zoning Board of Appeals Liaison)
Amy Richards (Township Board Liaison)
- Members absent: None
- Guests/Others present:
 - Mike Nelson (Zoning Administrator)
 - 12 members of the public

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Jeff Dolphin and seconded by Robert Hemmes. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2017 meeting was made by Robert Hemmes and seconded by Amy Richards. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENT FROM ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

- Mike Nelson indicated that he is still pursuing the topic of a private road that is not in compliance with the zoning ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING NEW BUSINESS:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chairman Karnatz commented that he had heard that one township property owner had been contacted by a California based company exploring the possibility of constructing a solar panel farm.
- Review of Public Hearing held July 26, 2017
 - Chairman Karnatz commented that a cursory review of the sign-in sheets suggested that approximately 40% of those who signed in at the Public Hearing were residents of Montcalm Township.
 - Each Planning Commission member shared their thoughts regarding the input received. All agreed that the public comments were valuable and that they will aid the Planning Commission in continuing its task.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING OLD BUSINESS:

- Several comments, similar to those shared at the Public Hearing, were shared by residents and non-residents in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

- Jim Lantz moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jeff Dolphin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Lantz, Secretary