

## CATO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

June 10, 2020

The Cato Township Planning Commission met on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lakeview Community Center. Those present included:

David Behrenwald  
Jourdan Lindsey

Kim Carr  
Phil Morrow

Carol Kelsey

Also present: Dave Kelsey, Zoning Administrator

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson, Phil Morrow.

### MEETING MINUTES

A review of the February 12, 2020, meeting was presented. Motion was made by David Behrenwald and supported by Jourdan Lindsey to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, no meeting was held in April, 2020.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

No visitors present.

### ZONING PERMITS

A lengthy Zoning Administrator's report of granted permits was presented by Dave Kelsey as follows:

#### March 2020

- Travis Oper – pole building – 7755 W. Almy Road
- Matthew Hubbard – pole building – 11127 Deaner Road
- Donnie Yoder – home addition – 7600 Vining Road
- Rodney Gyger – new home with attached garage – 11661 W. Almy Road
- Ouanah Striker – pole building – 6060 James Drive

#### April 2020

- Laura Sanford – fence – 6205 Bass Beach Drive

#### May 2020

- Richard Rhew – garage – 10957 Berridge Road
- James Zynda – pole barn – 8681 N. Greenville Road
- Mark Bobberstine – storage shed with breezeway (boat house) – 6291 Lakeshore Drive
- Kirt Maul – pole bard – 11836 Hickory Drive
- William Culey – house to garage addition – 10708 Cutler Road

Dave Kelsey reported that he is currently in process of one violation on Gates Road and to-date for June, 5 permits have been approved.

#### TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Jourdan Lindsey reported that there was nothing new to inform the Planning Commission on.

#### ROUND TABLE

No new information or concerns to present.

#### FOLLOW UP

Solar Energy System – The Commission reviewed a sample Solar Energy System Ordinance document in detail. Discussion ensued around the fact that if Cato Township doesn't implement an ordinance, the population will proceed as they wish. Jourdan expressed concern to protect farm land and that the minimum parcels for a solar farm is 20 acres. It was agreed that an ordinance should be presented to the Township Board.

Motion was made by Jourdan Lindsey and supported by Kim Carr to adopt the Solar Energy System Ordinance with revisions as suggested by the Commission. Kim will prepare the Ordinance document for recommendation by Jourdan, on behalf of the Planning Commission, to the Cato Township Board on June 22, 2020. Jourdan will provide hard copies to the Township Board membership at this meeting.

Once officially adopted, the Clerk will submit to the Lakeview Area News for publication. Seven days post publication, with no opposition, the Ordinance will go into effect.

Wind Energy System – Slight discussion was had regarding Wind Energy Systems in the area. Dave Kelsey stated he has received no inquiries of such and David Behrenwald stated he had received one inquiry. Jourdan will seek review of the current Ordinance for Win Energy Systems to ensure the handbook is up to date.

#### 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

August 12, 2020

October 14, 2020

December 9, 2020

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion was made by David Behrenwald and supported by Jourdan Lindsey to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

Recorded by,

Kimberlee J. Carr, Secretary

Cato Township Planning Commission