

**Cato Township Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2021**

The Cato Township Planning Commission met for a special meeting on Wednesday, July, 2021, at the Lakeview Community Center. Members present included:

David Behrenwald  
Phil Morrow

Kim Carr  
Quanah Striker

Brandi Clark-Hubbard

Absent: Dave Kelsey, Cato Township Zoning Administrator

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by chairperson, Phil Morrow.

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the June 9, 2021, special meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by David Behrenwald and supported by Brandi Clark-Hubbard to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Phil Morrow opened public comment with a welcome and reviewed the following meeting ground rules:

- One, 3 minutes speaking opportunity will be awarded per person wishing to speak
- Speakers will state their name and the township in which they reside
- Commentary will be addressed to the Commission and not to other guests
- All guests will demonstrate respect for others
- No clapping or booing will be permitted
- No attacking others or opposing views
- No side-bar conversations will be permitted – step out if needed
- Only NEW information that is valuable to the Commission is welcome

There were 23 guests, of which 15 were Cato Township residents. Comments were shared by 15 attendees, both in favor and opposing Wind Energy. An attendance roster is attached to the original meeting minutes document. Phil thanked the public for coming and for feedback. Public comment was closed at 7:49pm.

**Wind Ordinance Review**

Brandi stated that she sent notes, secondary emails and references via email to the commission. She read "key evidence" documents of turbine incidents from multiple states in the United States to the group.

The Commission proceeded with review of the current ordinance beginning on page 57, 19d. Setbacks and Separation. Suggestions for consideration of changes and/or notes made during this meeting went to Page 57, 19f. Access Driveway.

**Other Business**

**Cato Township Board Update Zoning Update**

David Behrenwald, Board liaison and Planning Commission member, communicated that the MTA Board has extended an invitation to the Belvidere and Cato Township officials to attend their meeting and dinner on August 17 at McKenna's Village Restaurant. They have requested RSVPs by August 12.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, motion was made by David Behrenwald and supported by Brandi Clark-Hubbard to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Recorded by,

Kimberlee J. Carr

Recording Secretary

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**NOTE:**

**Documents distributed to the Commission:**

- Cato Township Land Use Plan 2010 (current plan) – Meeting Packet
- Cato Township Planning Commission Membership Information – Meeting Packet
- Mount Pleasant Morning Sun article (6/22/21) – Brandi Clark-Hubbard
- Two documents (originating from Maine and Illinois) requesting the Commission to guarantee property values - Marcy Myers
- Email correspondence from Bob Scott to John Anderson (6/16/21) RE: Belvidere Township Wind Ordinance Amendments and to Sidney Township Officials (2/22/21) RE: Exclusionary Zoning Cases in Michigan and Sidney & Maple Valley maps – Brandi Clark-Hubbard