

**March 18, 2019**

**Dallas Township Planning Commission Meeting**

Call to order by Chairman Farley at 7:00pm

**Present :** Rick Fink, Ken Farley, Kurt Thelen, Kurt Marvel, Jamie Myers, Kurt Thelen , Stephanie Schafer, and Renee M. Hufnagel

**Absent: None**

Motion to approve the agenda made by: Kurt Marvel      Second: Rick Fink

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2018 by: Rick Fink      Second: Kurt Thelen

**New Business:** Reviewed zoning and ordinance of Dallas Township for solar farms (Panasonic). Discussed extensively the size of parcels, solar glare, the use of solar, and the different looks of solar farms, ie. MSU parking lots, on roofs etc. The Dallas Township Planning Commission wants to be invited to a meeting with the representatives of the proposed solar farm when the township gets a date. The planning commission would consider this meeting an educational forum, so that all that wanted could be educated on solar and its uses. The planning commission would also consider a "field trip" to also be educated on solar. Stephanie also presented a couple of meetings coming up in the area regarding zoning and ordinance and how it pertains to agritourism in Grand Rapids and another meeting on solar in St. Johns.

No public for comments.

Motion to adjourn : Rick Fink      Second: Renee Hufnagel      Time was 7:43 pm

**Next meeting is June 17, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Dallas Township Hall.**

DALLAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

*June 17, 2019*  
Monday ~~September 17,~~ 2018 at 8:00pm

Location : Dallas Township Hall

225 South Main Street, Fowler, Michigan 48835

Chairman Farley called the meeting to order at 7:59pm

**Present** : Ken Farley, Kurt Thelen, Jamey Myers, Stephanie Schafer, and Rick Fink

**Absent** : Renee Hufnagel and Kurt Marvel

**Guests** : Kathy Farley, Therese K-13, and Andrew Vermeesch MFB

Motion to approve the agenda and changes was made by Rick Fink and Second by: Kurt Thelen

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 18th 2019 of the Dallas Township Planning Commission by Rick Fink and Second by Jamey Myers

**New Business to the Dallas Township** : Guest speaker Andrew Vermeesch from Michigan Farm Bureau Public Policy Division came to speak on the new interpretation of P.A. 116 as it pertains to solar farms. The following bullet points were talked about plus see attached information.

- adds years to P.A.116 contract, deferred tax benefits if in solar and may not be able to graze
- some farms for solar some are against, all risk gets sifted to developer from the land owner
- if land that has solar on it and the land takes on characteristics of a wet land, it may not be able to go back to functional farm ground.
- 1/3 of Michigan Ag land is in P.A. 116, Local government remains in control, majority of solar companies don't have contracts with large energy companies for sale of energy produced.
- solar is becoming cost effective
- Federal Law or Prepa law and rates

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Adjournment at 8:53pm          Motion by : Kurt Thelen and Second by Stephanie Schafer

**Next Meeting Sept. 16th at 8:00pm at the township hall**

Minutes Submitted by Stephanie Schafer

**DALLAS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Monday September 16, 2019 at 8:00pm**

**Location : Dallas Township Hall**

**225 South Main Street, Fowler, Michigan 48835**

**Chairman Farley called the meeting to order at 8:02pm**

**Present :** Ken Farley, Kurt Thelen, Jamey Myers, Stephanie Schafer, Kurt Marvel, Renee Hufnagel and Rick Fink

**Absent :**

**Guests :** Kathy Farley

**Motion to approve the agenda and changes was made by Kurt Marvel and Second by: Rick Fink**

**Motion to approve the minutes from the June 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 of the Dallas Township Planning Commission by Rick Fink and Second by Kurt Marvel.**

**Business:** Good discussion on solar farms. Comments about other counties and what they are doing about solar farms. Brian Thelen put up a solar panel much like Mark Finella's for personal use. The panel might all the requirements of the Dallas Township ordinance and zoning.

**NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Adjournment at 8:21pm          Motion by : Stephanie Schafer and Second by Renee Hufnagel**

**Next Meeting December 2, 2019 at 7:00pm at the township hall**

Dallas Township Planning Commission

Monday December 2nd, 2019 @7pm

Location: Dallas Township Hall

225 South Main Street, Fowler, MI 48835

**Meeting Minutes**

**Chairman Farley called the meeting to order at 7pm.**

**Present: Ken Farley, Kurt Thelen, Jamey Myers, Renee Hufnagel, and Rink Fink**

**Absent: Stephanie Schafer & Kurt Marvel**

**Guests: Kathy Farley**

**Motion to approve the agenda made by Rick Fink and Second by Kurt Thelen.**

**Motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 16th, 2019 and changes made by Kurt Thelen and second by Rick Fink.**

**\*\*\*make change might to met under business section**

**Motion to approve meeting dates for 2020: 3.16.20 @ 7pm, 6.15.20 @ 8pm, 9.14.20 @ 8pm, & 12.07.20 @7pm.**

**Motion made by Renee Hufnagel and second by Jamey Myers.**

**No Public Comment**

**Adjournment @7:06pm Motioned by Rick Fink and Second by Kurt Thelen.**

**Next Meeting March 16th, 2020 @7pm**

**Meeting Minutes by Renee Hufnagel 12/02/2019**