

**PLANNING COMMISSION
ERIE TOWNSHIP
ERIE, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting
June 17, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Jacobs called to order the Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Planning Commission on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Erie Township Hall, Erie Michigan.

2. ROLL CALL

Bill Jacobs	Present
Dave Cousino	Present
Dr. Larry Guinn	Present
Dan Taylor	Present
Paul Perry	Present
Robert Schwartz	Present
Manny Evola	Present

Also present: Building and Zoning Official Mike Demski and Recording Secretary, Kimberly Cousino.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Guinn moved supported by Robert Schwartz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Manny Evola moved supported by Paul Perry to approve the meeting minutes from May 20, 2025 as presented. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comment:

Diane La Plante asked chairman Bill Jacobs to read the correspondence from Temperance Solar regarding the change of ownership, interested in who has taken over. Michael Demski responded that Brookfield Asset Management is now the ultimate parent company of Temperance Solar, LLC.

B. Communications: Temperance Solar, notice of change in ownership

C. **Budget Report:** Robert Schwartz moved supported by Danny Taylor to approve and place on file the budget report ending May 30, 2025. Motion carried.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Master Plan

Supervisor Michael Grodi notified the commissioners that he is actively requesting state and federal funding to complete the extension of the sewer line infrastructure from Sterns Rd. north to Mason Schools. Supervisor Grodi has had recent meetings with Monroe County Business Alliance, Michigan Economic Development, and a representative from Senator Slotkin's office about earmarking funds for this project. Supervisor Grodi is requesting the commissioners to revisit and explore possible future land use for the South Dixie Hwy corridor between Sterns Rd. and town center. Supervisor Grodi requested the commissioners to complete this task before September. Discussion was held.

Paul Perry moved supported by Dave Cousino to refer the master plan back to the sub-committee to review and explore future land use options as requested by Supervisor Grodi. The sub-committee will consist of Bill Jacobs, Manny Evola, Danny Taylor. Motion carried.

A sub-committee meeting was scheduled for Friday, June 20, 2025 at 10 a.m.

B. Battery Storage

Commissioners were presented with a draft ordinance regulating battery energy storage systems, amending zoning ordinance 117. Discussion was held.

Manny Evola moved supported by Danny Taylor to recommend the amendment to zoning ordinance 117, regulating battery energy storage systems, to the township board for adoption. Motion carried.

C. Storage Containers for use as Accessory Structures – Board request

Michael Demski stated the township board has requested the planning commission to review and explore the regulation of storage containers. Discussion was held. A sub-committee was formed and consists of Bill Jacobs, Paul Perry, and Dave Cousino.

D. Discussion on Planning Consultant

Chairman Bill Jacobs would like to form a sub-committee to research a planner to assist the planning commission as needed. The sub-committee consists of Bill Jacobs, Dave Cousino, Paul Perry.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Diane La Plante stated the park commission's next meeting is July 10, 2025.

Dr. Guinn asked for an update on the downtown improvement project. Danny Taylor responded that the submission to the state has experienced delays, hopeful the bidding will be released soon and work can begin in the fall.

Michael Demski recognized the Monroe County GIS Department on their updates to the zoning map and software available to make the necessary updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Perry moved supported by Robert Schwartz adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino
Recording Secretary