

**PLANNING COMMISSION
ERIE TOWNSHIP
ERIE, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
September 16, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Jacobs called to order the Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Planning Commission on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 7:01 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 Danny Taylor to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Manny Evola moved supported by Robert Schwartz to approve the meeting minutes from August 19, 2025 as presented. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comment:

None.

B. Budget Report:

Manny Evola moved supported by Paul Perry to approve and place on file the budget report ending August 31, 2025. Motion carried.

C. Correspondence:

Manny Evola moved supported by Paul Perry to accept and place on file correspondence from Monroe County Community Planning and Engagement, Toledo-Lucas County Plan

Commissions, Michigan State Extension Office, and Pat and Dee Siebenaller. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – Draft Master Plan

Dr. Guinn moved supported by Paul Perry to close the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Paul Perry moved supported by Danny Taylor to open the public hearing for the draft master plan at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Danny Taylor thanked Paul Perry and the subcommittee on their work.

Written comments received were from Monroe County Community Planning and Engagement and the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commissions.

No public comment made.

Manny Evola moved supported by Danny Taylor to close the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Robert Schwartz moved supported by Paul Perry to pen the regular meeting at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried.

8. PUBLIC HEARING – Freestanding accessory solar energy systems at 2760 Vienna Rd.

Manny Evola moved supported by Paul Perry to close the regular meeting at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Manny Evola moved supported by Robert Schwartz to open the public hearing for the freestanding accessory solar energy system at 2760 Vienna Rd. from Patrick and Delores Siebenaller, at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Patrick and Delores Siebenaller were present; their request is a special use approval for installation of a freestanding accessory solar energy system, the proposed height is approximately 23 feet, which exceeds the permitted height of 9 feet. The Siebenaller's visited numerous neighboring property owners, explained their plans and provided the commissioners with a signed statement that they're not opposed to the project.

Danny Taylor expressed concerns over the height.

No other public comment was received.

Paul Perry moved supported by Danny Taylor to close the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Dr. Guinn moved supported by Paul Perry to open the regular meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Proposed adoption of updated master plan

Paul Perry moved supported by Manny Evola to adopt the resolution to approve the presented master plan and recommend adoption to the township board. Roll called; Danny Taylor – yes; Robert Schwartz – yes; Bill Jacobs – yes; Manny Evola – yes; Paul Perry – yes; Dave Cousino – yes; Dr. Guinn – yes. Motion carried.

b. Township Planner

Bill Jacobs stated he has had contact with two potential planners, would like the subcommittee to convene and interview them, a meeting will be scheduled.

c. Storage Containers

Mike Demski would like the subcommittee to convene to begin discussions on regulation, a meeting will be scheduled.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Patrick & Delores Siebenaller – 2760 Vienna Rd – Accessory solar panel

Manny Evola moved supported by Paul Perry to approve the request from Patrick and Delores Siebenaller as presented. Motion carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Demski reported that the Sunoco gas station has received their temporary occupancy permit and the owner has provided a bond for the landscape and fence work to be completed by June 30, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Robert Schwartz moved supported by Danny Taylor adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino
Recording Secretary