

**WAYLAND TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON 6-11-2025**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Bob Fryling
2. ROLL CALL: Ron DeVries, Deb Nardin, Bob Fryling, Jerry Ross, Larry Brenner, Rodney Standish, Matt Miner and Township Planner Rebecca Harvey.
3. ACCEPT AND/OR REVISE MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes from 5-14-2025 was made by Ron DeVries, 2nd by Jerry Ross. All Aye motion passed.
4. ACCEPT AND/OR REVISE AGENDA: A motion to accept the 6-11-2025 agenda was made by Ron DeVries, 2nd by Larry Brenner. All Aye, motion passed.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT #1: John Scholten asked for information about rezoning his property on 127th Avenue from Ag to R-2.
6. NEW BUSINESS: Battery Storage Facility Ordinance and Wind Farm Ordinance:

Brian O'Shea from Apex Clean Energy stated that they are going from door to door asking residents if they are interested in installing solar panels on their property. Apex plans to file an application this Fall and will host an Open House (to explain their project to township residents) possibly in September.

Commissioner Fryling expressed concern that large battery storage units could explode and create safety concerns for residents and Fire Department personnel. Brian O'Shea stated that Apex meets regularly with area Fire Departments and Emergency Management Teams about safety and to update them on any changes.

Commissioners Fryling and Nardin suggest that both Industrial and Ag Zones be used for Solar Battery Storage. Commissioners Brenner, Miner, Standish, Ross and DeVries feel that Solar Battery Storage belongs in the Industrial Zone only, and then with an SUP.

All agree that the U of M sample ordinance is a good starting point and request that Rebecca Harvey begins creating our ordinance with this in mind.

7. OLD BUSINESS: None
8. PUBLIC COMMENT #2: Brian O'Shea suggested that the Battery Storage would be best located close to a Sub Station.
9. BUSINESS SECTION: None
10. COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL REPORTS: None
11. COMMUNICATIONS: Matt Miner reported that the Township Board discussed the following at the June meeting: Short Term Rentals, complaints about the Cemetery landscape conditions on Memorial Day; Stone Hill farms are fully approved; Apex Clean Energy gave a grant to our FD toward a portable unit for Children's Fire Safety Education; the 128th Street Township property is for sale; recycling expenses for the Township and the Blood Drives are on hold for the time being.
12. ADJOURNMENT: The motion was made by Commissioner DeVries to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Commissioner Brenner. All Aye, meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Nardin