

WAYLAND TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR March 11, 2026 MEETING

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Larry Brenner.
2. Roll Call: Members Present: Larry Brenner, Matt Miner, Deb Nardin, Jerry Ross, Rodney Standish, Jim Stoddard, Scott Sprague & Township Planner Rebecca Harvey.
3. Approval of minutes from 2-11-25 meeting: Motion by Commissioner Standish to accept the minutes, 2ND by Commissioner Ross, All Aye, motion Passed
4. Approval of agenda for 3-11-26 meeting: Motion by Commissioner Nardin to accept the agenda as written, 2nd by Commissioner Stoddard, All Aye, motion passed.
5. Communication: Miner gave an update from the Township Board Meeting on 3/9/22 and reminded everyone of the joint meeting between the board and planning commission at 6:30pm on 3/18/26. Brenner said the road committee would be getting together soon to check out the township roads. Welcomed Scott Sprague to the Planning Commission. Sprague is glad to be here and confident he can perform the duties of the job. Brenner added an email had come from PCI about a potential application looking to be put on the agenda for April but no details of what the application was for were available. Miner informed PCI that the April agenda is full. Brenner thinks it's best that the only business on the April Agenda be the Public Hearing for the Blazing Star Solar/ Apex Energy application.
6. Public Comment: None
7. New Business: None
8. Old Business:
 - a. Apex Clean Energy/ Blazing Star Solar. Preliminary
 - i. Colin Kummerfeldt-Apex Energy informed the P.C. Members that they have submitted supplemental material for their application. A digital copy was submitted on 3/10/26 and hard copies were dropped off to PCI on 3/11/26. (No hard copies had been delivered to township hall at the time of the meeting)
 - ii. Chairman Brenner discussed the virtual meeting with Apex Energy, himself and Rebecca Harvey. They discussed the application assessment Harvey presented at the 2/11/26 Planning Commission Meeting along with other concerns that were brought up by the Planning Commission members that night. During the meeting Apex inform the Township they would be pulling back from the rezone request and filling a supplemental application.
 - iii. A public hearing is going to be scheduled for 4/8/26. Location is not yet known. The township hall capacity is likely not large enough. Miner will check with S.S. Cyril and Wayland Union Schools. Once the location is determined he will let Harvey know so she can contact PCI to put together the required notices to be mailed out and for publication in the Allegan County News. Colin Kummerfeldt said that Apex Energy is happy to cover the costs of changing the meeting location and can be billed directly from the venue or pay for it from the escrow fund they submitted to the township.
 - b. SES Ordinance Text Amendment
 - i. Commissioners reviewed the comments and proposed changes to the SES Ordinance from Township Attorney Seth Koches.
 - ii. Commissioners asked Rebecca Harvey to make the proposed changes and prepare a revised copy of the SES Ordinance in April with the hope of scheduling a public hearing on the text amendment in May

- c. BESS Draft Ordinance (Battery Energy Storage Systems)
 - i. Commissioners reviewed the comments and proposed changes to the Ordinance from Township Attorney Seth Koches.
 - ii. Commissioners asked Rebecca Harvey to make the proposed changes and prepare a revised copy of the BESS Ordinance in April with the hope of scheduling a public hearing on the proposed ordinance in May.
9. Public Comment #2: None
10. Adjournment: A motion was made by Commissioner Nardin to adjourn with support from Stoddard, All Aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Matthew Miner, Secretary, Wayland Township Planning Commission.