

**WAYLAND TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR APRIL 8, 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 3-11-26 meeting: Motion by Commissioner Stoddard to accept the minutes, 2ND by Commissioner Nardin, All Aye, motion Passed
4. **Approval of agenda** for 4-8-26 meeting: Motion by Commissioner Standish to accept the agenda as written, 2nd by Commissioner Ross, All Aye, motion passed.
5. **Communication:** Miner gave an update from the Township Board Meeting on 4/6/26 and reminded everyone of visitation services for Ron DeVries next month. Chairman Brenner let Becky Harvey know the PC has been asked by Township Supervisor VanVolkinburg, to start the process of drafting an ordinance for Data Centers.
6. **Public Comment #1:** None
7. **New Business:**
 - a. Public Hearing
 - i. *** POSTPONED TO LATER DATE DUE TO LEGAL NOTICING REQUIREMENTS***
An application from Blazing Star Solar, LLC, interested party, for special use permit and related site plan review to establish a 125-megawatt nameplate capacity solar energy collection facility, otherwise known as a “Solar Farm”, and related substation and generation interconnect line within the A Agricultural District, in accordance with the requirements of Section 3.49 Solar Energy Systems (SES) of the Wayland Township Zoning Ordinance
 - 1 Chairman Brenner explained the required mailing of legal notices were not sent out therefore the public hearing has to be rescheduled.
8. **Old Business:**
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 - i. Chairman Brenner asked for clarification from Planner Harvey if anything could be discussed or not during the meeting. Harvey said the commissioners should not discuss it as a board but could take questions during public comment.
 - ii. Colin Kummerfeldt, representative for Blazing Star Solar, introduced himself to everyone in attendance and offered to stay after the meeting ends to talk with anyone from the public who has questions or concerns.
 - iii. Discussed the date of 5/13/26 to schedule the public hearing. This date works for everyone on the Planning Commission, including Planner Harvey. Confirmed with Colin Kummerfeldt from Blazing Star Solar that this date will work for them. He said it will. Miner had checked with SS Cyril Church on the availability for 5/13/26 and it is available.
 - iv. Scheduled the public hearing for 5/13/26 at 6:30pm with the location of the meeting to be at SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, 131 Ave, Wayland MI, 49348.
 - v. Miner sent an email to PCI to inform them of the public hearing meeting date and to have them send out the required legal notices. Planner Harvey will also make contact with PCI.

- b. SES Ordinance Text Amendment- Tabled (waiting on language from Township Attorney)
- c. BESS Draft Ordinance (Battery Energy Storage Systems)- Tabled (waiting on language from Township Attorney)

9. Public Comment #2:

- a. Comments were taken from the public in regards to the application from Blazing Star Solar.
 - i. If unable to attend the 5/13/26 public hearing can letters be sent? -Yes, send to Miner
 - ii. How far along is this project in regards to application process. -Harvey explained
 - iii. Will this be tabled again like it was this month and last month? This has only been postponed once (tonight, 4/8/26) and do not anticipate it being postponed next month.
 - iv. Asked to clarify the date and location for the public hearing. 5/13/26 at SS Cyril Church, 6:30pm.
10. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Commissioner Standish to adjourn with support from Stoddard, All Aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Matthew Miner, Secretary, Wayland Township Planning Commission.