



CASCO TOWNSHIP

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Casco Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Attendance: S. Coppens, G. Kaszynski, K. Teltow, M. Karpinski, V. Hauff – Recording Secretary.
K. LaVere and S. Cassin – Cassin Planner, 2 Residents.
Absent – J. Edwards, D. Hill, and J. Sarcone.

Call to Order at 7:01pm
Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

Moment of Silence for our Men and Women overseas and the people of Gaza.

Consent Agenda:

1. Agenda November 21, 2023
2. Meeting Minutes October 17, 2023

Motion by S. Coppens to approve the consent agenda as presented. Supported by G. Kaszynski.
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

This is for citizens wishing to address the Planning Commission on business other than the Master Plan 5-year update. All comments must be done at the podium and are limited to 3 minutes.

J. Stevens updated the commission on the Casco Township Belle River Park.

Time was given to the residents.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Solar Power Discussion

S. Cassin discussed that the Renewable energy sitting legislation passed and will be signed by the governor in the next few days. He explained that it will take away local control from the township. Also, the township can't have ordinances that are more restrictive than the state's requirements. The legislation applies to all solar projects with a nameplate capacity of 50 megawatts or greater. It takes about 2.5 acres for every megawatt. There is a one-time \$2000 per megawatt payment provided from the energy facility owner to the local unit for public safety and infrastructure purposes: however, both parties (the local unit and the energy facility owner) must agree on how the funds can be spent.

The Commission discussed possible options the township can take.

NEW BUSINESS

1. None



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MASTER PLAN 5-YEAR UPDATE:

1. Public comment on the master plan. (Note: Persons wishing to address the Planning Commission must do so from the podium. All comments are limited to 3 minutes.)

Time was given to the residents.

2. Planner Update

K. LaVere updated the commission on the Master Plan 5-year, with the focus on thoroughfares. Goals are to Maintain and improve Casco Townships system of roads. With the Objectives to Preserve the rural character of the road infrastructure. Enhance traffic circulation and ensure that roads are capable of accommodating traffic safely and at an acceptable level of service.

The commission discussed roads that justify paving such as Church for a .25 mile and Meldrum.

Spring 2024 the Public Draft will be available online for 63 days, before there is a Public Hearing on it.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Time was given to Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by S. Coppens to adjourn at 7:50pm. Supported by G. Kaszynski.
Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Motion Carried.

Daniel Hill, Planning Commission Secretary

Victoria Hauff, Recording Secretary