

**AURELIUS TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 15, 2019**

The Aurelius Township Planning Commission met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:00 P.M., at the Aurelius Township Hall, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, MI.

Members Present: Frushour, Hawkins, Johnson, Malcangi, Perry, Raymond, Ricketts

Members Absent: Hudgins, Iansiti

Also Present: Ben Haggard, Scott Leach, and Larry Silsby

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Carol Hawkins at 7:00 P.M. All joined in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

Minutes of November 20, 2018 were approved by motion of Frushour and seconded by Perry. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Frushour to approve election of officers:

Chairperson	Iansiti
Vice-Chairperson	Hawkins
Secretary	Malcangi

Seconded by Raymond. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve meeting dates for 2019-2020 by Raymond and seconded by Perry. All were in favor. Motion carried.

All meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7 P.M.

2019
February 19
April 16
May 21
September 17
October 15
November 19

2020
January 21

Meeting turned over to Scott Leach for information on solar energy. He is from Touch Clean Energy. He explained his company is looking to purchase a 178-acre parcel on Plains Road.

The plan is to use the total acres for solar power. This project would produce enough power for 4000 homes. It could mean 25+ years of tax revenue for Aurelius Township. Does not have any impact on land or home values.

Discussion on performance guarantee for the lifetime of project. Leach explained one would have to be given to Consumers Power at the start of the project but would not be given to the local unit until near the end of the project. This created some heated discussion with no resolution. The PC members need more information on this matter.

Leach explained that once the project is completed and producing power, it is sold to another company to manage and operate.

Touch Energy does not have any producing projects in Michigan but it is working to establish 3 projects at this time.

Leach explained it would be:

- Single-axis tracking mounting structures
- Underground cabling
- No traffic when completed, only 1-2 site visits a week
- Panels move with sun
- Small substation and transformers

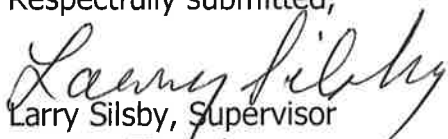
At 8:05 P.M. Leach and Haggard exited the meeting.

Planning Commission discussed some issues of the project:

- Impact on land and home values
- The form of a bond letter of credit or cash for removal of project at end
- The impact that a project of this size would have on adjoining properties
- What would be the life of the project
- The upkeep of the grounds
- Operation noise and glare
- No rezoning of parcel

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Larry Silsby, Supervisor
Aurelius Township