

**NEWTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
February 28, 2024**

Members Present—D. Scot Haan, Steve Sartori, Karen Lilik, Gregg Raino, Gary Martenson and Bob McMinn.

Absent: James Norton

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to Flag.

Announcements: None

General Meeting

Minutes: Raino motioned to accept the minutes of the January 31, 2024 meeting, 2nd by Martenson with correction to date. Motion voted, all in favor

New Business: None

Unfinished Business:

Bartholme/Lomeo Subdivision: Mr. Dudey, LaBella Assoc., was present with new plans that has the wording on the plans that driveway permits will be the responsibility of the land owner to develop and will not fall back onto the township if a highway occupancy permit is not granted by PADOT. The supervisors granted a waiver from Section 303.6 requiring a highway occupancy permit contingent on the correct wording on the plans. A wetlands letter was also provided. DEP and LCRPC approvals were received last month. **Motion by Martenson to recommend approval to the Supervisors, 2nd by Lilik. Motion voted, all in favor.**

SAPA: Haan discussed with the commission a possible error in the draft plan regarding solar farms, there is discrepancies in the wording. Haan will reach out to the county to discuss. It was the commissions desire not to allow solar farms in the township.

Public Input:

Melanie Jascoviez was present with property owner Denise Miller to ask what the steps are for a subdivision. The lot they are considering to subdivide is on Newton Ransom Blvd. and will have a shared driveway with three lots. The Planning Commission discussed that a highway occupancy permit will be required from PADOT even though the driveway has been there a long time because they will be doing developing.

Being no public input, **motion by Raino to adjourn at 8:25PM, 2nd by Martenson. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by Francine Fawcett.