

CASS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

July 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting called to order 4:03 p.m. by Dan Stutsman.
2. **Members present:** Dan Stutsman, Roseann Marchetti, Jayne Bailey, Richard Palmisano, Char Hiemstra. **Members absent:** David Kring, Annie File, Edwin Johnson III, Dianna McGrew. **Others present:** Doug Kuhlman and Carl Baxmeyer.
3. Marchetti moved, Palmisano seconded, CARRIED, to have new business proceed old business on the agenda. All were in favor.
4. Marchetti moved, Bailey seconded, CARRIED, to approve the minutes for April 26, 2023 meeting as presented, May 24, 2023 meeting as presented, and June 7, 2023 meeting as amended to show Edwin Johnson III was absent.
5. Doug Kuhlman presented two Zoning Ordinances for Calvin Township advising that Solar Energy is coming to Michigan. Some solar panels make noise.
 - a. Section I: Marchetti moved, Palmisano seconded, CARRIED, to amend text regarding solar regulations.
 - b. Section II: Bailey moved, Marchetti seconded, CARRIED, to approve suggested amendments to Keeping of Animals and Kennel Regulations ordinance.
6. Master Plan Update
 - a. Carl Baxmeyer, Master Plan Coordinator, passed out the suggested changes the group made at previous meetings for MP goals, objectives, and actions.
 - b. Another suggestion to be added was in regard to Brownfield Sites (real property, the expansion, redevelopment or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant).
 - c. Other actions and objectives: county expanded Internet services. MEC received a ROBIN grant for this purpose.
 - d. Natural Resources, Open Spaces and Environment: Dumps and marijuana processing odor were discussed.
7. Marchetti moved, Bailey seconded, CARRIED, to adjourn the meeting at 5:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Char Hiemstra