

MIAMI TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2024

Call to Order: Mr. Corry called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Roll Call: Brian Corry (Chair), Greg Shrader (Vice-Chair), Dale Amstutz, Fred Legge, Mark Willis (Alternate) Jayne Brahler (Alternate). Also present were Trustees Marilan Moir and Don Hollister, Zoning Administrator Bryan Lucas and three township residents.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: The Commissioners reviewed the minutes of their September 17, 2024 meeting. Greg Shrader motioned to approve as presented. Dale Amstutz seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve.

Agenda Review: The meeting agenda was reviewed with no changes made

Old Business: The meeting began with discussion in response to the November 13th public presentation on Community Solar given by Dale Arnold, Director of Energy Development, with the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. In his presentation, Mr. Arnold pointed out that Ohio House Bill 197, which would amend the Ohio Revised Code to establish the community solar pilot program and solar development program, is currently in committee and will be presented to the general assembly for consideration at a later date. Mr. Arnold indicated that the process could take another 18 to 24 months, and recommended that townships use that time to prepare appropriate regulations. Commenting on Mr. Arnolds presentation, ZC members expressed concerns regarding how they could write code for "Community Solar" since the details of the legislation have not been finalized and is not yet legal in Ohio. There was consensus that this will require some professional help, which will most likely need to come, in part, from legal counsel. Another question raised was how will "Community Solar" be different from Small Solar that is commercial use in nature, which is the current topic of ZC discussions. Concern was also raised over the impact that solar renewable energy facilities could potentially have on the rural feel of the township and preservation of farmland given that there are now multiple types of solar applications (Large Scale, Small Scale and Community Solar) that could potentially be sited in the township. Zoning Administrator Bryan Lucas will research the definitions of the different types of solar land uses and report back to the ZC with his findings. No action was taken by the ZC, and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

New Business: There was no new business discussed.

Announcements and Future Agenda Planning: The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 17, 2024, and will continue discussion on Small Solar for commercial use.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

  
Brian Corry, Chairman