

MIAMI TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2024

Call to Order: Mr. Corry called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call: Brian Corry (Chair), Greg Shrader (Vice-Chair), Dale Amstutz, Fred Legge,
Mark Willis (Alternate) Public in attendance: Fred Stockwell

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: The Commissioners reviewed the minutes of their August 20, 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: Discussion of commercial use Small Solar continued with a brief review of some of the points of support and concern that have been shared with the Commission by the public or gathered through research on the topic. A few of the points discussed were financial incentives land owners can gain by leasing land for commercial solar facility development, private property rights, general concerns related to the issue of climate change and other environmental concerns, impact on the township of converting prime farmland to renewable energy production, impact on the township's "rural feel", and general concerns related to possible adverse affects on property values and the future of agricultural operations in the township. Mr. Corry presented copies of the Township Zoning District Map, which had been provided by previous Zoning Inspector, Carrie Smith. The location of current districts will be important in future discussions involving the consideration and possible placement of commercial use Small Solar facilities in the township. Greg Shrader shared a few insights he gained from attending a Greene County Farm Forum meeting that included a presentation on solar development by a representative of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (Dale Arnold). Greg also shared that the Ohio State Legislature is considering the issue of "Community Solar" in HB 197, which is still in committee and has the purpose of establishing community solar pilot and solar development programs. No action was taken by the Commission 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, November 19, 2024, and will continue discussion on Small Solar for commercial use.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Brian Corry, Chairman