

MARATHON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Public Hearing for Solar Ordinance Amendments

And Battery Storage Ordinance

**Minutes
June 15, 2026**

Smokey Meinecke, Chair
Sandi Glesenkamp, Secretary
Charlie Brockriede
Justin Church

Russell Cossaboom
John Deitering
Stacy Baker

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman, Meinecke. Roll call was taken. Church and Brockriede were absent. See Guests list

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

A motion was made by Deitering with support by Baker to approve the agenda. All votes aye, motion carried.

Chairman Meinecke called the Public Hearing to order at 6:02 pm.

Public Comments included: Noise Concerns, location of generators, size of property vs project, fire safety and local fire department involvement. Many topics were explained by a representative from DTE. Chairman Meinecke clarified that the solar ordinance is already in place and that the amendments to it was only to clean up wording, include more definitions and add more requirements for Fire Safety and First Response teams. Much of the Fire Safety information came from the advice of Michael O'Brian, Fire Chief of Brighton, Michigan. Chairman Meinecke reiterated that no projects or plans have been submitted as of yet. The Township is only aware of signed leases by the property owners and DTE. Many comments and concerns were addressed over about an hour of discussion.

Chairman Meinecke closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 pm.

Discussion took place among Planning Commission members. A motion was made by Glesenkamp with support by Deitering to recommend approval to the Township Board of the amendments to Solar Ordinance Article 19 and the addition of Battery Storage Ordinance to Article 19. The PC will work on a list of conditions for this special land use.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cossaboom, Meinecke, Deitering, Baker, Glesenkamp. Nays: None.

Absent: Church and Brockriede.

Chairman Meinecke declared adjournment at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by _____
Sandi Glesenkamp

Approved _____
Smokey Meinecke