

Town of Hammond Planning Meeting Monday, April 7th, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Paul Hueg.

Planning Commission members Leon Hawkins and Heidi Benson were absent.

Fifteen guests were present.

Approval of agenda, Weidling / O'Connell

Minutes from Mar. 3rd, 2025, reviewed and approved, Miller/ O'Connell

Requests from the Public for Agenda

No requests from Public to review

Planning Commission Discussion

Continued discussion of Xcel Energy Solar Farm. Xcel. Paul Hueg started discussions with updates on information he obtained in the last month. Paul was informed the Memorial Day map submission is behind schedule. Not sure when it will be available but needs to be 60 days prior to PSC application. Paul suggested everyone review the DATCP Impact Statement available online. Paul did say that Hammond Township has more Development which provides Village Powers.

Other topics discussed as a group,

- 1) Town of Baldwin Voted on a moratorium for one year.
- 2) Town of Erin Prairie working on an Ordinance with setbacks.
- 3) Discuss Cylon and Range Solar Farms (smaller scale)
Range project topsoil is gone
- 4) Need map to see townships affected by Solar Farm.
- 5) Further discussion on whether the acreage/solar farm will be contiguous.

Dan Weatherly submitted a sample ordinance to use as a guide for Hammond Township to develop their own. Dan is looking for a timeline that Hammond Township can complete and approve. Paul and Planning to review. Discussed Health and Safety Issues.

Dave Dalton presented concerns with water table, residual issues and glass shards when useful life is over rendering land un-useable.

Other guests presented opinions, questions and concerns.

Paul closed by stating this topic will continue to be on the Planning Commission agenda monthly and updates as Paul receives will be made public.

Chairmans's Report

Discussed Board of review Alternates required and requirements for the Public Postings.

The May meeting to be Monday 5/5/2025.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm, Miller/ Weidling

Submitted 4/14/2025 Greg Olson, Planning Secretary