

Cato Township Planning Commission
Official Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2024

The Cato Township Planning Commission met for a Special meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at the Lakeview Community Center.

Meeting called to order:

Chairman Morrow called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present:

Morrow expires 12-2024
Main expires 12-2025
Striker expires 12-2026
Behrenwald expires 11-2024
Cumings expires 12-2026

Absent:

Striker
Kelsey

Others present:

7 members of public

Approval of Agenda:

Morrow motioned and Main supported to approve the meeting agenda as presented
All in favor, motion carried

September 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Morrow motioned and Behrenwald supported to approve the September meeting minutes
All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Morrow opened public comment.
None
Morrow closed public comment.

Board Liaison Update:

Behrenwald reported on the following:
No Township Board Meeting for updates
Morrow asked Behrenwald to bring to the board:
Better Map for zoning districts

Zoning Administrator Update:

Kelsey absent

Public Hearings:

- Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance to regulate Wind energy systems - PA 233
- Morrow Opened Public Comment:

- Morrow read letter from Sidney Township Resident: Robert Scott
 - Morrow Closed Public Comment
- Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance to regulate Solar energy systems - PA 233
- Morrow Opened Public Comment
 - Jamie Snyder Cato TWP- Asked about location of Utility Scale energy system within the amendments
- Morrow Closed Public Comment
- Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance to regulate Utility-Scale Battery energy storage systems
- Morrow Opened Public Comment
 - None
- Morrow Closed Public Comment

Morrow asked the commissioners for comments on the Amendments, No additional comments

Morrow made a motion to adopt each of the three ordinance amendments as presented, Cumings Supported

Roll Call Vote: Morrow-Yes, Behrenwald-Yes, Main-Yes, Cumings-Yes, Striker-Absent

Old Business:

Lakefront-Residential Ordinance:

Morrow read the most recent updated ordinance with the changes made by the Township's Attorney.

Commissioners discussed requirements for lot coverage, minimum lot area, minimum lot width, and minimum dwelling floor area.

Morrow motioned to hold public hearing for adding Lakeside Residential as presented with the added requirements discussed. Main Second

All in favor

New Business:

-None

Public Comment:

Genny Towne Cato TWP

-Encourage the commission to look at current lot sizes for the Lakefront-Residential Ordinance. Also Towne commented of the size and location of accessory building's in the Lakefront-Residential District.

Public comment closed

Next Meeting:

Next Regular meeting scheduled for November 13, 2024.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion was made by Morrow and supported by Main to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Recorded by:

Jacob Cumings

Commissioner, Cato Township Planning Commission