

Planning Commission Meeting (Workshop)

March 12, 2025

Start Time	5:00 pm
Members Present	Broderick, Duncan, Green, Lauber, Patterson, Stotler
Audience Members	
Meeting Focus or Work Completed	
Motions/Actions	
<p>The Weare Township Planning Commission convened to continue refining language in the township ordinance regarding policies on renewable energy initiatives, with a particular focus on solar and wind energy. The commission noted with both concern and interest that Consumers Power has recently acquired a significant amount of land within the township.</p> <p>In light of this development, the board is considering the implementation of a moratorium to allow sufficient time to draft comprehensive regulations before any solar or wind projects move forward. Mr. Daneman recommended a six-month moratorium as a reasonable timeframe for this work, factoring in the approximately two-and-a-half-month process required to enact an ordinance on renewable energy.</p> <p>Additionally, Mr. Daneman provided the commission with a comparative analysis of renewable energy regulations from Hart Township, the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), and the State of Michigan. The meeting also included discussions on the next steps and the potential need to schedule a special township board meeting to address these matters.</p>	
Public Comments	none
Next Meeting	March 25, 2025 (Regularly Scheduled Meeting)
Adjournment Time	6:32 pm