Weare Township

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes DRAFT, for September 29th, 2026

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mr. Paul Duncan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

B. Planning Commission Members: present Judy Lauber, Paul Duncan, Brian Broderick, Lori Green, secretary Melanie Sayles. **Absent were** Lane Stotler,Joe Daly, Adam Kokx.

C. Public Attendance: Richard Saint Denis, Joe Lawson, Jill VanDerZanden, Sue Payne, Larry Doran and Andrew Clark Zoning Admin., Marc Daneman-township special counsel.

D. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 7/28/26 are tabled until 11/24/26 meeting.

E. Agenda: Bryan Broderick made a motion to accept the agenda 2nd by Judy Lauber.

F. Old Business: ssSes, BESS, ssBESS ordinance amendments from planning commission a discussion took place on defining the 300 feet set back more.

Lori Green recommended amending the Weare Township Zoning Ordinance regarding small scale solar energy systems, and large- and small- scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (as shown in the attached proposed Ordinance) with the following changes: (1) In Section 4's Caption, replace "Solar Energy" with "Battery Energy Storage" and replace "(ssSES)" with "(ssBESS)"; and (2) In Section 9, subsection 4 (a) (i), add the following language: "non-project related" between the words " any structure" (... any non-project related Structure …). Green further recommended forwarding the draft as revised to the County Planning Commission and to the Township Board.

This motion was seconded by Bryan Broderick.

Role Call Vote: Bryan-Yes, Judy-Yes, Lori-Yes, Paul-Yes. Motion passed.

G. New Business: Andrew Clark presented the zoning change for parcel #002-030-200-15. The client's realtor was here Sue Payne discussion took place on all the factors. Andrew will need to post 15 days before the next planning commission meeting that there will be a public hearing. Melanie offered to help with that.

Claudette Reid's inquiry to fill the open spot on the planning commission was handed out and Larry Doran will appoint her at the next meeting.

H. Correspondence: None

I. Public Comment: Larry thanked the planning commission for all their work.

J. Planning Commission Comments: None

K. Adjournment

Motion by Brian Broderick and second by Judy Lauber. The meeting adjourned at 7:47PM. Minutes were recorded by acting secretary Mrs. Sayles.