

**ROME TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**October 23, 2024**  
Rome Township Hall

Chairperson Rob Apoian, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Rob Apoian, Matt Minnick, Leo Oswald, Pat Bournes, Kevin Fisher and Scott Peters were present. Bill Millner was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Leo Oswald made a motion to approve the October 23, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Rob Apoian; motion carried 6-0.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Pat Bournes made a motion to approve the agenda for October 23, 2024. Motion seconded by Leo Oswald; motion carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Leo Oswald informed the Planning Commission that signs were installed at the corner of Gilbert Hwy., and Burton Road informing drivers that cross traffic does not stop. A PA 116 application was approved by the Rome Township Board for Chad Hart. The Planning Commission also asked for an update regarding Cemetery Rd., Mr. Oswald had no update.

**PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:** Chair Apoian stated that he would like to explore adding monitors/televisions to the back room. This was prompted after a conversation with Matt Minnick regarding the amount of printing that has already been done. It was suggested that the PC could have meetings in the North room utilizing a large monitor/television. This would allow all members to see suggested changes will in person and limit printing and allowing current files to be utilized. Chair Apoian also asked if the PC would be receptive to starting PC meetings at 8:00pm instead of 7:00pm. This suggestion was accepted by all. Chair Apoian made a motion to change the Planning Commission meetings to 8:00pm instead of 7:00pm starting in January 2025. Leo Oswald seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**1. Review Rome Township Solar Energy Ordinance.**

Matt Minnick updated the planning commission to tell what the next steps are in regard to the Solar Energy Ordinance and updating the Rome Township Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission will need to modify their existing Wind Energy Ordinance and the draft Solar Energy Ordinance.

**MEETING DATES:** The next Planning Commission meeting will take place on December 5, 2024, at 7:00pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Pat Bourne moved to adjourn at 7:14pm. Rob Apoian seconded; motion carried 6-0.



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Matt Minnick  
Secretary  
Rome Township Planning Commission

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Robert Apoian, MD  
Chairman  
Rome Township Planning Commission