

**Pierson Township Planning Commission  
21156 W. Cannonsville Rd.  
Pierson, MI 49339**

**Meeting Minutes  
Dec. 1, 2022 at 7:00PM**

- A) Call to order: 7:00PM
- B) Pledge of allegiance
- C) Roll Call present: Gates, Erickson, Dunneback, Maioho, Smith
- D) Minutes from the October 27, 2022 meeting were approved.
  
- E) Public comment: None
  
- F) New Business: Lance Gates informed the planning commission that the township has been approached by commercial and private entities that want to install solar farms, and that there are currently no ordinances pertaining to them on the books. Kevin Yeomans from Fresh Coast will begin the process of creating an ordinance based on samples from other nearby townships, as well as the U of M and MSU. The township is also considering enacting a temporary moratorium on solar farms in order to allow it sufficient time to create the necessary regulations. Request for a moratorium will first need to be run by the township's legal counsel, and hopefully approved before the next PC meeting, when discussion concerning this topic is introduced. The regular meeting was closed at 7:13pm in order to open a public hearing.
  
- G) Public Hearing: An updated ordinance was created because there are no regulations for accessory buildings in any of the districts outside of agricultural. In addition to creating definitions for these buildings, size and set back requirements are included in the new ordinance which is also designed to prevent the use of storage containers, trailers, and other moveable objects as accessory buildings. It was stressed that all property owners still have the right to a principal building, an attached or detached garage, an accessory building, and a shack no larger than 200 square feet on their lots. Motions to vote on, as well as updated Ordinance 2022.2 were passed unanimously by the planning commission members in attendance. The public hearing was closed, and the regular meeting was reopened at 7:18pm.
  
- H) Ongoing Business: A question was raised by one of the planning commissioners whether an ordinance could be created concerning the presence of some wooden docks just off the road along Bass Lake which have fallen into disrepair, and pieces of which are drifting across the lake causing navigation and other hazards. It was suggested that a request to remove the docks first be made to the owner(s) of the property in question before the township acts any further.

l) Meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.