

1 **TYRONE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
2 **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
3 **March 12, 2024 7:00 p.m.**

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5 **This meeting was held at the Tyrone Township Hall**

6 **PRESENT:** Kurt Schulze, Rich Erickson, Jon Ward, Bill Wood, and Garrett Ladd

7 **ABSENT:** Steve Krause and Kevin Ross

8 **ALSO PRESENT:** Karie Carter & Matteo Passalacqua

9 **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chairman Kurt Schulze called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

10 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Commissioner Rich Erickson moved to approve the agenda as  
11 amended. The Master Plan portion of Old Business was deferred to the next regular meeting. They  
12 are awaiting approval from the Livingston County Planning Commission before recommending  
13 approval to the Township Board. Commissioner Garrett Ladd supported the motion. The motion  
14 carried by unanimous voice vote.

15 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Commissioner Garrett Ladd moved to approve the February 13,  
16 2024, regular meeting minutes with changes. There were two typos (Vice-Chairman Kurt Schulze's  
17 last name was spelled incorrectly in two places). Commissioner Jon Ward supported the motion.  
18 The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

19 **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Public comments were received.

20 **OLD BUSINESS:**

21 **1) Master Plan:** Deferred to the next regular meeting.  
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23 **2) Solar (Utility Scale):**  
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25 The Planning Commission reviewed the latest versions of the draft ordinance text. They also  
26 discussed the Utility-Scale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Zoning Ordinance draft and Solar  
27 Overlay Draft edits. Some topics discussed were what setbacks, lot coverage and geography should  
28 be considered. They also talked about wildlife protection and a required letter of credit for solar  
29 facilities. They talked about decommissioning once the solar farm was out of business. They  
30 discussed how to handle battery fires and the possibility of having training provided to the local fire  
31 authorities. They recommended contacting the local fire departments to inquire as to their  
32 capabilities and procedures regarding the extinguishing of battery fires. The Commissioners and the  
33 Planner continued to discuss the topics for several minutes.

34 **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Public comments were received.

35 **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** The next Planning Commission Workshop meeting is scheduled for  
36 Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

- 1 **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. but was reopened due to one other
- 2 resident in the audience wishing to give a public comment. It was re-adjourned at 8:34 pm.

APPROVED