

BROOKS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, August 12, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
490 Quarterline Road, Newaygo, MI 49337

1. Meeting Called to Order:

- a. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda:

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Regular Meeting June 10, 2024

4. Public Hearing:

- a. Amendments to the Brooks Township Zoning Ordinance including:
 - i. Article II Definitions– permit Short Term Rentals, Short Term Rental Ordinance, Battery Energy Storage Systems, Solar Energy, Wind Energy Systems
 - ii. Article III General Provisions- Short Term Rental, Amend 3.20d solar Energy Systems, Amend 3.24b Wind Energy Systems, Add 3.20h Wind Energy Systems
 - iii. Article IV Classification of Districts- Amend "Classification of Districts, Amend 4.09 Short Term Rental, Amend 4.09 Solar Energy Systems
 - iv. Article XIV Nonconforming Uses Lots or Structures- Amend 14.12 (AA) Solar Energy Systems, Add 14.12(EE) Wind Energy Systems, Add 14.12(FF) Battery Energy Storage Systems.

5. Public Comment: *Members of the public may address the Planning Commission on any item that is listed on the agenda. Comments are limited to a maximum of two minutes per person.*

6. Correspondence:

7. Reserved Time:

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. Accessory Dwelling Units- Consideration to remove SLU requirement-Staff Update
- b. Parking Lot/Exterior Maintenance Commercial District-Staff Update.

9. New Business:

- a. AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN BROOKS TOWNSHIP, NEWAYGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN
- b. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BROOKS TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE; TO AMEND ARTICLE II TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL; TO AMEND SECTION 4.09 TO AMEND THE SUMMARY OF DISTRICT LAND USES TO PERMIT SHORT-TERM RENTALS AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE AG, R-1, R-2, R-3, LD, AND RTD DISTRICTS AS A PERMITTED USE.

- c. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BROOKS TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE; TO AMEND ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS ACCORDINGLY; TO AMEND ARTICLE III; SECTION 3.20; PART (d) FOR ACCESSORY USE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS; TO AMEND ARTICLE IV "CLASSIFICATION OF DISTRICTS" TO DEFINE SPECIAL USES BY ZONING DISTRICT; TO RENAME ARTICLE XIV; SECTION 14.12; PART (AA) AS "PRINCIPAL USE (LARGE) SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS;" AND TO AMEND ARTICLE XIV; SECTION 14.20: PART (AA) TO REGULATE PRINCIPAL USE (LARGE) SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS
- d. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II TO ADD NEW DEFINITIONS RELATED TO WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS AND RENUMBER SUBSEQUENT DEFINITION SECTIONS ACCORDINGLY; TO ADD A NEW SECTION 3.20h TO THE BROOKS TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NAMED "WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS, SMALL SCALE." TO ADD A NEW SECTION 14.20: PART (EE) TO THE BROOKS TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NAMED "WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS, UTILITY SCALE."
- e. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS ACCORDINGLY; TO ADD SECTION 14.12; PART (FF) AS "BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS)" OF THE BROOKS TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE.

10. Staff Report:

- a. Zoning Administration Monthly Report

11. Public Comment: *Members of the public may address the Planning Commission on any item. Comments are limited to a maximum of two minutes per person.*

12. Planning Commission Member Comments:

13. Adjournment:

Public Participation Guidelines-

As standard practice for meeting efficiency-

- Testimony during public comments or a public hearing is limited to 2 minutes per person.
- Please state your name and address for the meeting record.
- The public should address all comments to the Planning Commission.
- As standard practice for meeting efficiency, Commission Members do not provide responses to any public comment other than thanking them for their input. This is neither an indication of support nor lack of support for the comments provided.
- Groups sharing the same commentary are encouraged to select a spokesperson.