

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Plan Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2023

1. Meeting call to Order. Plan Commission Chair Steve Parrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Plan Commission members Don Ripp, Peter Weil, Chuck Bruhn, Bruce Johnson, Pat Helmenstine, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: David Lucey, Peter Wood, Tom Turk, Brenda Kahl, and Cody Eastman.
2. Proof of Posting. An affidavit of posting was provided.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Peter Weil moved and Bruce Johnson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 6-0
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – June 6, 2023. Don Ripp moved and Chuck Bruhn seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. 6-0
5. Pork-n-Pines Dairy, Inc, approx. 10500 Fesenfeld Rd – driveway construction permit. Plan Commission members discussed observations from the site visit of the proposed driveway. They agreed that an adjustment of 10-15 feet to the north would give a better line of sight for the access entrance and that a culvert would be required where the driveway meets the town road. The Plan Commission will only approve the access entrance; the driveway is to be shared between owners of Lot 1 and Lot 2, and each owner will need to submit a driveway construction permit application and a shared driveway agreement.

Don Ripp moved and Chuck Bruhn seconded the motion to recommend approval of the driveway access entrance up to 50 feet into Lot 1 and to require a culvert. Motion carried. 6-0
6. Consideration of ordinances - Wind Energy System, Solar Energy System, and Communication Tower Siting. The Plan Commission discussed the possible ordinances and will first focus on the Solar Energy System ordinance.
7. Discussion of future agenda items. Develop a Solar Energy System Ordinance.
8. Adjourn. Bruce Johnson moved and Don Ripp seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk