

Town of Black Earth  
Minutes of Plan Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, October 1, 2024

1. Meeting call to Order. Plan Commission Chair Steve Parrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Plan Commission members Peter Weil, Pat Helmenstine, Bruce Johnson, Chuck Bruhn, Tom Ripp, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Also in attendance: Barb Parrell, Tom Turk, Brenda Kahl, and Bill Pulvermacher.
2. Proof of Posting. An affidavit of posting was provided.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Peter Weil moved and Tom Ripp seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried. 6-0
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – September 3, 2024. Bruce Johnson moved and Pat Helmenstine seconded the motion to approve the minutes from September 3, 2024, as presented. Motion carried. 6-0
5. Solar Energy System Licensing Ordinance – review draft. Plan Commission members discussed the proposed changes, including maximum height, dwelling unit equivalence, and assessed tax value.  
  
Peter Weil moved and Pat Helmenstine seconded the motion to modify section 16.08(1)(m) to read, “The height of the solar energy system and associated structures shall not exceed a height of 14 feet.” Motion carried. 6-0  
  
Tom Ripp moved and Bruce Johnson seconded a motion to recommend approval of the Solar Energy System Licensing Ordinance, as amended. Motion carried. 6-0
6. Discussion of future agenda items. Zoning applications received.
7. Adjourn. Tom Ripp moved and Chuck Bruhn seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk