

Blissfield Township Planning Commission

Special Meeting

September 18, 2025

Township Office - 177 Westbrooke Lane.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by chairperson Tim Barnhart

PC members Roll Call – Present: Tim Barnhart, Brad Denniss, Scott Whiteman, Steve Wilson, and Rachel Bonaminio.

Meeting:

Acceptance of Meeting Agenda:

Motion by Whiteman to accept the agenda. Second by Bonaminio. Supported by all members.

Public comment:

Five (5) individuals stood and addressed the Planning Committee. The individuals who addressed the committee were residents of the township, and all voiced concerns regarding the project. There were also complaints regarding the actions of the geological crew hired by Orsted.

Board Discussion:

Questions were raised about the decommissioning requirements as they pertain to PA 233. It states that nothing underground needs to be removed, and the board requires a commitment that all wiring, conduit, and other related materials will be removed at the end of the project. It was also questioned if that guarantee would carry over if the project were to be sold to another entity. The committee would also like to know if the township will be notified if the project were to be sold. The revenue stream was questioned and did not seem to be significant for Blissfield Township, as the bulk of the proposed project will be in Deerfield Township. Orsted was questioned about a possible future phase 2 request. Orsted stated that the proposed project would fill the Morocco road substation's available capacity, so no phase 2 will be needed. Details about the inverter specifications were requested. A resident asked if they could quantify the amount of light pollution that could be expected at night. Those details were not known by Orsted; they would need their engineering team to respond. Possible impacts to property values were questioned, and whether Orsted could help compensate neighboring property owners if they were to sell. No commitment from the Orsted representation could be provided. The importance of proper screening and maintenance was stressed to Orsted. Other projects in the area have dead trees, tall grass, and weeds that are not properly managed. Orsted commented that maintenance teams will be local, and a concern line will be available. A second special meeting is planned for September 25th.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Denniss. Second by Whiteman. Supported by all members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Brad Denniss
Secretary