

Blissfield Township Planning Commission

Special Meeting
September 25, 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:

One (1) individual stood and addressed the Planning Committee. The individual was a resident of the township and was concerned about the proposed project's impact on property values.

Board Discussion:

Questions were raised about the guarantee of the solar panel's country of origin. The board asked what the typical length of time was for a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Orsted said that 10 years is standard, and 20 years would be considered a very long contract. The board inquired about what would hypothetically happen if a 10-year agreement were to end and another new technology or nuclear power project prevented them from securing a new contract. Orsted stated that the existing project would be decommissioned. The board asked what would happen to properties with lease agreements that are not utilized on the project. Orsted stated that the leases would be released.

Determine Recommendation to Township Board:

The board was not in favor of recommending the acceptance of the special land use application. The board debated the ramifications of denying the application. Based on the sound report, there were arguments that the project would fail to meet the sound requirements. There were also some concerns that conditions could be imposed to meet the sound requirements. The township attorney prepared a draft resolution as a potential alternative to denying the application. The resolution would recommend approval with conditions. Tim Barnhart made a motion to accept resolution 336-2025 to recommend that the township board approve with conditions the special land use applications submitted by Orsted Solar. Second by Steve Wilson. Committee vote: Wilson-Yes, Denniss-Yes, Barnhart-Yes, Whiteman-Yes, Bonaminio-Yes. The motion was accepted.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Whitman. Second by Wilson. Supported by all members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Brad Denniss
Secretary