

**VILLAGE OF BISMARCK**  
County of Vermilion, State of Illinois  
Minutes of Planning Commission Committee Meeting and Public Hearing,  
March 12th, 2024, at 6:30pm

1. At 6:30 p.m. the Planning Commission Committee held a public meeting regarding the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance- Solar. The meeting was held at the Bismarck Men’s Club to allow space for the public to attend the meeting. Roll call was taken and the planning commission committee members present were Chairman Rick Kentner; and committee members Misty Hillard, Tim Landers, Alex Kentner, Eric Siddens, Tim Hillard and Ryan Smalley. There were 20 persons in attendance (see sign-in sheet).

Call for approval of the agenda was requested by Chairman Rick Kentner. Motion to approve agenda as presented was made by Mr. Alex Kentner, with a second made by Misty Hillard. Motion passed by acclamation.

Chairman Rick Kentner opened comments to the public and stated he was happy to see the community coming out to give their input. It shows that the community is concerned about what is happening in the Village of Bismarck and the planning commission values any feedback from the community. The Planning Commission heard public comments from the community regarding the proposed amendment change in zoning. The planning commission committee gave everyone in the audience a chance to speak and ask questions. The majority of the audience members were in favor of amending the zoning ordinance to include solar restrictions. Chair Rick Kentner asked if anyone in the audience was against having the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance- Solar approved. No opposition was voiced.

Chairman Rick Kentner stated that the current proposed change is for commercial solar at this time and in the future, residential proposed changes may be discussed. There were no further concerns, comments or questions by the public.

The planning commission chairperson Rick Kentner thanked everyone for attending the public hearing and stated that they would reconvene immediately at the current location for the regular Planning Commission Meeting to discuss the residents’ concerns and opinions raised during the public hearing and vote on a recommendation to give to the Village of Bismarck Board of Trustees at their next meeting scheduled for March 19th, 2024 at 6:30pm.

- 2. Adjournment of Public Hearing** – With no further business to come before the Committee at this time, motion was made to adjourn the public hearing meeting. Motion was made by Ryan Smalley, with a second made by Alex Kentner. The motion passed by acclamation.

- 3. Planning Commission Regular Meeting**

At 6:50 p.m. the Planning Commission Committee opened their regular planning commission meeting regarding the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance- Solar. The meeting was held at the Bismarck Men’s Club to allow space for the public to attend the meeting. Roll call was taken and the planning commission committee members present were Chairman Rick Kentner; and committee members Misty Hillard, Tim Landers, Alex Kentner, Eric Siddens, Tim Hillard and Ryan Smalley. There were 20 persons in attendance (see sign-in sheet).

Call for approval of the agenda was requested by Chairman Rick Kentner. Motion to approve agenda as presented was made by Mr. Tim Hillard, with a second made by Eric Siddens. Motion passed by acclamation.

Call for approval of the regular minutes from planning commission meeting held 2/15/2024 was requested by Chairman Rick Kentner. Motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Mr. Ryan Smalley, with a second made by Misty Hillard. Motion passed by acclamation.

Planning Commission discussed the previous Public Hearing, public comments, questions and current Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to include Solar. It was discussed that the community appears to be in favor of the ordinance proposal and that the Planning commission Committee will recommend the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance-Solar as presented to the public at their upcoming meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion to approve the recommendation of the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance-Solar to the Village Board as presented was made by Tim Landers, with a second made by Misty Hillard. The vote passed with a unanimous vote among present committee members. It was discussed that Mr. Tim Hillard will present to the Village Board for Chair Rick Kentner as he cannot be in attendance.

Eric Siddens- Yea	Tim Hillard- Yea	Alex Kentner-Yea	Rick Kentner- Yea
Misty Hillard- Yea	Ryan Smalley- Yea	Tim Landers-Yea	N/A

**4. Adjournment or regular planning commission committee meeting** – With no further business to come before the Committee at this time, motion was made to adjourn the public hearing meeting. Motion was made by Alex Kentner, with a second made by Ryan Smalley. The motion passed by acclamation.

**5. Date and Time of Next Meeting** – The next regular meeting of the Bismarck Planning Commission Committee will be held at the Village Office in Bismarck, Illinois, on April 16, 2024 at 6:30pm. Items to be considered for the agenda are to be submitted by the 20th of the month, to the Village Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandye Kizer, Village Clerk

**APPROVED 05/14/2024**