



**Van Buren County Planning Commission**  
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**Minutes**  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**  
**6:30 PM**

## **Agenda**

### **1. Call to Order & Attendance**

**Present:** Jan Petersen, Pam Sterner, Scott Cedarquist, Tom Motycka, Tony Hemenway,  
William Pugsley, Kurt Doroh, Alyssa Hosbein, Celinda Gilmore

**Absent:** Barbara Rose and Ray Martin

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

- **Motion:** Tony motioned to adjust agenda to add dark sky initiative to a. under reports, Tom supported motion.

### **3. Approval of Minutes from January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- **Motion:** Tom motioned to approve minutes and Pam supported motion

### **4. Public Comment**

- None

### **5. Reports**

- a. Dark Sky Initiative **-Amended to add**
  - Dark Sky Park website: <https://www.darksky.org/>
  - Text 269-501-5014 with questions for local initiatives
- b. County Commissioner
  - John Fall interim until new finance director starts April 11th
- c. Land Preservation
  - Reappointments/ New Appointments

d. Local visits

- Tom reported a petition to stop solar project in Decatur until next elections
- Kurt to get more info regarding RRC
- New Board for Arlington Township was put in place at annual meeting

**6. Unfinished Business**

- **Support for Reappointments to VBC Planning Commission**
  - **Kurt motioned to reappoint Barb and Jan and Scott supports motion**

**7. New Business**

a) Training Options

- a. Citizen Planner Coursework
- b. MDARA Training
- c. Send to Admin@vanburencountymi.gov

b) Future Training Presentations to board

c) Coordination of Local Visits

- a. Spreadsheet to follow this weekend 4-8-2023

**8. Adjournment**

- **6:57pm**

**Next meeting:** April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30 PM