

The Gladwin City Planning Commission met in regular session on May 22, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Chair Darlington at 5:15 pm, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners present; Stout, English, Czape, Emeott, Darlington, Clayton, Wendell and David.
Absent; Auer

Also present; Zoning Administrator Weaver and Councilwoman Bodnar.

There was a motion by Stout, support from Wendell to approve the minutes of the April meeting with a correction to change the meeting date from April 25, 2018 to April 24, 2018. All ayes.

There was a discussion of recommendations made by the committee of Weaver, Darlington and David regarding the subject of electronic signs being allowed in or adjacent to residential neighborhoods. Matters of sign size, times between changes in copy, colors and hours of operation were discussed. It was decided that there was enough substance to forward the report to planner Doug Piggot for his input on suitable language for a possible change to the existing ordinance.

Weaver talked about the RE-Development Ready Communities education that she and Darlington attended recently. There is to be focus on committee member education, on development of economic development strategies for identifying locations within the community for rehab projects and communities are encouraged to use simple applications for all citizens who apply to sit on city boards or commissions. She also mentioned that there were compliments about a number of procedures already in place in Gladwin such as, an orientation for new commissioners and the recent Capital Improvement Plan prepared by the Planning Commission as part of the city's annual budgeting and long term planning process.

Steve Czape then spoke about his trip to Lapeer MI to see the solar facilities there. And he also spoke to a neighbor whose home abuts part of the property at one facility. Generally there were no problems mentioned except a drainage matter at one spot; a neighbor to whom he spoke. The facilities are highly visible due to the terrain.

Darlington left the meeting at 5:40. Clayton as vice chair assumed the chair. It was also noted that panels are non-glare, applications for such facilities within two miles of an airport must make application to the FAA. The committee will come back to the commission with a full report at a future meeting.

Weaver also noted that Doug Scott of Rowe Inc. was at the city council meeting May 22, to review proposed costs for a Chatterton Street Drainage Improvement project.

There was a motion by Stout, support by English, to adjourn the meeting at 6:05. All ayes and the meeting was adjourned by Clayton.

Respectfully submitted

Joan David, Secretary

