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Larry Grunn, *Chairperson*

Date: _____

**MARION TOWNSHIP
2877 W. COON LAKE ROAD, HOWELL MI 48843
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes from the Attended Solar Webinar Session
October 12, 2018**

Special Meeting for Solar On-Line Webinar held at Marion Township Hall

Attendees Present: Bruce Powelson (Vice Chair), Jim Anderson, Cheryl Range (Secretary), Bob Hanvey

Call to Order: Meeting began at 11:30 a.m. by Bruce Powelson

Call to Public: No other public attendees present; No response

Webinar information was given by three MI State Citizen Planner Members regarding the Master Plan /and or ordinances of districts being updated to include the allowing of possibilities of solar panel construction for usage in Residential, Agriculture and Industrial sites in the municipalities/townships/cities. Their information was explained with local areas in Grand Rapids, Lapeer and Washtenaw slides of panel usage in commercial, city power shared source enhancement, agricultural orchard and bee hive cross pollination process, park inclusion in the solar panel system, and residential panels on sides of homes and roof installation areas as possibilities along with the long term future energy source information on these and more. Acreage size minimum set usage, the benefits to the communities, the close proximity necessary for the power lines needed to have the access to involve the power containment are also important factors to be considered. Also, any unique conditions of businesses, land areas, surrounding topographic landscapes and such should definitely be a consideration in any decision.

Question and answer/discussion period.

Call to Public: None again/no response

Motion to Adjourn: 1:38 p.m. By Cheryl and seconded by Jim (all were in favor)