

SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Planning Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Amanda Wells at 6 pm at the Spring Arbor Township Board Room.

Members Present: Amanda Wells, Jacob Ganton, Carl Jacobson, Susan Luplow, Terry French, and Ben Parker

Members Absent: Mike Archer, Doug Martz, Jason Vasaris (conflict of interest)

Staff: Jan Gardner

Guests: Amy Gilpin, Katie Lambert & Angela Trent (all representing Consumers Energy)

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Jacobson made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 8, 2025, meeting. French seconded this motion. Approved.

New Business: Public Hearing/Site Plan Review SPR 25-01 – Applicant Consumers Energy:
The applicant, Consumers Energy, explained the need for their request for the Site Plan Review. The project is reconstruction of an existing natural gas facility that provides an essential service. The plan includes a 30 by 35 steel building that will contain equipment to provide a gas heater, filter and separator. The site, once fully operational, will be monitored remotely. Consumers Energy is currently working with the Drain Commissioner to remedy storm water runoff.

The construction process will take 8-12 weeks and will begin in the spring.

Jan Gardner explained that two variances were previously approved for this Site Plan: a variance for the fence height from 6 feet to 7 feet was approved and a 25-foot setback was also approved instead of the 30 feet.

After discussion, a motion was made by Jacobson and seconded by Parker to approve the site plan SPR 25-01 dated 10/13/2025 submitted by Consumers Energy with the following conditions:

- Receive written approval from the Jackson County Drain Commissioner and Township engineer of the plans dated 10/13/2025 and the revised sheet 3
- Comply with Section 7.13 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion Approved

Old Business: None

Reports: Jan Gardner advised the members of an upcoming course available in Jackson County, the Citizen Planner Course.

Member Comments: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Parker, Secretary