



Watertown Township

*2630 South Sandusky Road, Sandusky, Michigan
48471*

Watertown Planning Commission

Approved Minutes for SPECIAL MEETING-Public Hearing

Thursday, March 2, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by: Chairman Jim Hacker @ 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Jim Hacker, Nathan Campbell, Al Stoutenburg, Jim Franzel, Secretary Jason Radloff, Mark Batkie, Rebecca Cambridge, and Zoning Administrator Scott Franzel

GUESTS: Adam Flory, Steve Scribner, Scott Kenny, Ken Landsburg, Rick Pangborn, John Arnold, Clint Stoutenburg, Mike & Karen Smith, Gary Radloff, Soyoung Park, Seth Arthur, Jim Cambridge, and others.

Public hearing opened @ 6:03 PM for the purpose of receiving comments on:

This is notice that on March 2, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Township Hall, 2630 South Sandusky Road, Sandusky, MI, the Watertown Township Planning Commission will hold a special meeting and public hearing on zoning ordinance amendments including an ordinance to impose a moratorium on the issuance of permits, licenses, or approvals for, or for any construction of, wind energy conversion systems, met towers and solar energy facilities.

Public Comments:

1. Seth Arthur representing Samsung offered comments on how moratoriums are illegal and are used in other manners other than how it is being used by the township. Stated that Samsung is willing to work with the township on the future development of solar.
2. Adam Flory representing Ken Landsburg agreed with Seth Arthurs comments on moratoriums and stated that if a moratorium was put on that it would not stand up to litigation
3. Mike Smith a resident of Watertown Township stated that numerous residents are concerned with the development of solar and thanked the board for there carefulness on development.
4. Soyoung Park from Samsung stated that they have submitted an application, package, and permit fee and that they are requesting more meetings for an overview of the project and are happy to work together moving forward.

Public Hearing closed @ 6:10 PM

Discussion between board members on the reason for a moratorium.

Motion by Jason Radloff to recommend the township board put a 1-year moratorium on all renewable energy development, with the ability to remove the moratorium earlier if the ordinances are cleaned up before the moratorium expires.

Seconded by Nathan Campbell and a roll call vote called by Jason Radloff.

Jim Franzel-yes, Al Stoutenburg-yes, Mark Batkie-no, Becky Cambridge-yes, Chairman Hacker-no

Motion Passed 5 yes and 2 no.

Motion to adjourn @ 6:20 PM by Becky Cambridge and Second by Al Stoutenburg, all in agreement.

Next Planning Board Meeting Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason G. Radloff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jason G. Radloff