



Watertown Township

*2630 South Sandusky Road, Sandusky, Michigan
48471*

Watertown Township Planning Commission

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES – Thursday November 18th, 2021 - 6:00 P.M. Meeting

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES:

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:16PM

PRESENT: Chairperson Mark Batkie, Vice Chairperson Nathan Campbell, Secretary William Dixon, Jim Hacker, Jason Radloff, Al Stoutenburg and Zoning Administrator Scott Franzel.

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Kyle O'Mara, Eric Levine, Don Willis, Lee Rich, Raymie Ellis, Rick Pangburn, Scott Kenny, Mike Smith, Adam Flory, et. al. too many to list

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST BOARD MEETING.

Motion for Approval by Hacker, Supported by Stoutenburg. **Unanimously Passed**

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

Chairperson Batkie asked if anyone would like to make changes to the agenda, hearing none, he proceeded with the agenda as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None reported

PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

None present

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

Old Business:

1. Finalize the solar ordinance and forward to the Board of Trustees.

a) Township Attorney Kyle O'Mara presented his recommendations, answered questions and explained each suggested modification on the solar ordinance draft.

(Attached Draft)

b) The Commission then proceeded page by page and approved most attorney recommendations. The instances that required a motion and vote are as follows:

B1) Motion by Fetting to strike the prohibition of restricted use pesticides, Supported by Campbell. Roll Call Vote: Fetting YES, Radloff NO, Stoutenburg NO, Batkie YES, Campbell YES, Hacker YES, Dixon YES.

Motion Passed 5-2

B2) Motion by Stoutenburg to leave item K Limitation of 6% in place, Support by Campbell. Roll Call Vote: Fetting NO, Radloff YES, Stoutenburg YES, Batkie YES, Campbell YES, Hacker Yes, Dixon YES.

Motion Passed 6-1

B3) Planning Commission requests that the Township Board of Trustees establish the minimum insurance coverage required for Solar Energy Systems.

B4) Radloff requested that documents related to setbacks from other municipalities be added to the meeting record. (Attached)

c) Motion by Dixon to send completed solar ordinance to Township Board following the edits approved as a result of the attorney consult. Supported by Fetting. Roll Call Vote: Fetting NO, Radloff YES, Stoutenburg YES, Batkie YES, Campbell OBSTAIN, Hacker Yes, Dixon YES.

Motion Passed 5-1-1

New Business:

1. Started discussion about combining all ordinances into a single book.

a) All members felt there was a need to proceed with the project

2. Started discussion about updating all of our ordinances that need to be revised.

a) Group asked to begin review of the current ordinances and to make a list of recommendations for future changes that could be accomplished while codifying the book of ordinances.

ADJOURN: Motion by Campbell, Supported Dixon @7:24pm **Passed Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

William Dixon, P.C. Secretary

Next Planning Board Meeting Thursday, December 16th, 2021 at 6:00 pm.