



# *Watertown Township*

*2630 South Sandusky Road, Sandusky, Michigan*

*48471*

## **Watertown Township Public Hearing**

*Thursday November 18th, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.*

### **PROPOSED MINUTES:**

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:03PM

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS PROPOSED SOLAR ORDINANCE:**

1) Randy Fahs: says that he has 40 acres that he would like to develop solar and that 500' setback will not work for him. 500' is not appropriate distance and said that the planning commission members should be held accountable for their actions.

2) Brenden Miller of Liberty Coalition: 500' setbacks for non-participating landowners opens you up to liability. Questioned the the commissions ability to justify the setback distance and asked for it to be reduced to 300-400'.

3) Mike Smith: There is a proposed development right across the street from my house. My wife has knocked on 325 doors and found very few in favor of the large development. Feels like I'm here speaking for many that are not here but are opposed to large scale solar. Said there is still talk of a referendum. He would like to see the setbacks at 1000'.

4) Rick Pangburn: I'm not anti solar, I'm pro family. Stated that when he wanted to start a business at his home 25 years ago, there were a lot of hoops that needed to be jumped through including discussions with all of his neighbors. He was resentful that he had to learn about the potential development through the grapevine.

5) Leroy Graves: 500' Setbacks are perfect. Favored neighboring farms and farmers for neighbors.

6) Adam Flory: Thanked the board for their work. Asked that a property owners waiver be considered. Said that setbacks are excessive and should be at the minimum required to accomplish goal.

ADJOURN: Motion by Radloff, Supported Fetting @6:15pm **Passed Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

William Dixon, P.C. Secretary