



Watertown Township

*2630 South Sandusky Road, Sandusky, Michigan
48471*

Watertown Township Special Planning Commission Meeting

Unapproved Minutes: Thursday August 6th, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE @ 6:00 PM by Vice Chairman Mark Batkie

PRESENT: Pat Krumenaker, Al Stoutenburg, David Hebreling, Jason Radloff, and Mark Batkie

ABSENT: Rick Pangborn

GUESTS: Scott Kenny, Neil Bishop, Dick & Marsha Henderson, Ken Landsburg, Scott & Nancy Campbell, Cooper Roarke, Tammy Ross, Sue Cole, Mike & Christine Papp, Steve Scribner & Kids, Cassi Meitl, Don & Diane Ferguson, Jeff the DTE guy, Bill Parrish, Clint Stoutenburg, Mark Kaszubski, Nathan Trusak, Gary Radloff, Courtney Agrusa, and a few others.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: Motion by Pat Krumenaker to approve the agenda as presented, Support By: Mark Batkie, motion passed unanimously

ONLY BUSINESS:

1. Neil Bishop discussed ITC's application to construct a 345kv substation/interconnect to move Watertown Solar's Energy to the grid.
2. Cassi Meitl from Spaulding DeDecker the townships engineering firm that reviewed ITC's site plan, presented the board with their Site Plan Review Letter and their recommendation is for the PC to consider approval.
3. The PC discussed the site plan, and Neil answered many questions regarding location, transfer of energy, and many other questions

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Attorney Mark Kaszubski representing Clint Stoutenburg sent a letter in opposition of approval of ITC's site plan for a substation. He stated that ITC is not a public utility, they do not meet setback requirements, also the substation will permanently alter his client's property, also stated that there will be batteries placed on the property. Stated repeatedly that the substation can't be built there.
2. Ken Landsburg told the PC that ITC is a public utility and talked about when the transmission line was built years ago he was approached about a lawsuit being filed against ITC, he took the money that ITC offered and ITC beat the landowner who filed the lawsuit because ITC is a public utility and the landowner who filed the lawsuit got no money.

3. Dick Henderson supports the ITC substation and has been hearing this meeting is about who is going to sue who. He agrees that ITC is a public utility and the PC should approve and if someone doesn't like it, they can take it to the ZBA. He also stated that he has heard a lot from a fellow that has a conflict of interest and he doesn't appreciate it.
4. Zack Heifner the newly appointed supervisor, asked multiple questions regarding the site plan location and the original submission trying to understand the scope of the development.
5. Attorney Nathan Petrusak representing Mr. Stoutenburg addressed the board and stated that names got switched on who was going to build the substation and there should be 500yds/ft 360 degrees around the substation and that the application should be denied and if it doesn't, they are going to appeal it.
6. Neil Bishop from ITC stated that ITC is a public utility, and they have met the ordinance requirements and the 3rd party engineer has confirmed.

FINAL DISCUSSION:

1. The PC discussed other aspects of the solar project and how the substation fits in.
2. The PC discussed conflicts of interest and all members answered no conflicts.

Motion By: Jason Radloff to approve ITC's site plan by resolution 2026-8-6, Support By: Pat Krumenaker, roll call vote called.

Pat Krumenaker Yes, Mark Batkie Yes, Al Stoutenburg No, David Heberling No, Jason Radloff Yes

On a vote 3-2 motion passed

ADJOURN: *Motion By: Jason Radloff @ 7:14PM, Support By: David Heberling, motion passed unanimously*

Next Planning Commission Meeting Thursday, September 17th, 2026 @ 6:00 pm.