



Watertown Township

2630 South Sandusky Road, Sandusky, Michigan
48471

Watertown Township Planning Commission

Approved Minutes: Thursday August 22nd, 2024 - 6:00 P.M. Meeting

CALL TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE @ 6:03 PM by Chairman Jim Hacker

PRESENT: Becky Cambridge, Mark Batkie, Nathan Campbell, Jim Hacker, Al Stoutenburg, Jim Franzel, and Jason Radloff

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Mike Homier, Cassi Meitl, Scott Kenny, Mike & Christine Papp, Jim & Holli Boyles, Mike & Karen Smith, Bill Parrish, Lyne' Stauffer, Dick Henderson, Diane & Don Ferguson, Seth McArthur, Soyoung Park, Steve Scribner, Rick Pangburn, Marc Kaszubski, Ken Landsburg, and many others.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST BOARD MEETING:

Motion to accept the minutes as presented by: Becky Cambridge, Support By: Jason Radloff, motion passed unanimously

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda as presented by: Becky Cambridge, Support By: Nathan Campbell, motion passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE: none

PUBLIC OFFICIALS: none

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of the conditions of approval for Watertown Solar LLC's special land use application. Clarification of the content in the Special Use Agreement with Mike Homier representing the township regarding the Watertown Solar's special land use permit.

Motion by: Jason Radloff to keep 5pm as the end of the work day schedule and no work on Saturdays,

Support By: Becky Cambridge

Roll Call Vote: JR yes, BC yes, MB no, NC yes, AS yes, JF yes, JH abstained, passes 5 yes, 1 no.

Motion by: Al Stoutenburg to change the dates in the condition's agreement from August 22nd to September 19th and September 5th to October 3rd to finalize and vote on the special use permit agreement-resolution on September 19th. Support By: Becky Cambridge

Roll Call Vote: BC yes, NC yes, MB no, JF no, JH no, AS yes, and JR yes. Motion passes 4-3

Discussion of drafting the special use permit agreement as a contract with a resolution is to make the agreement legal binding with the Township Board having the final vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Don Ferguson a simple man doesn't believe the PC has the authority to make any decisions for the township, not voted in.
2. Marc Kaszubski representing members of the township and is disappointed that there was not an attachment of the conditions of the agreement to the agenda so he could talk about the reasons why it will not work.
3. Rick Pangburn 50 yr resident has asked about the frequency of the development and is worried about the damage that it can do. He also stated that he has reached out and has not got a response. He is also worried about the heat and glare that solar panels can produce. He talked about a representative from Samsung that tried to offer a good neighbor agreement, which he felt was a bribe. He's never hurt a neighbor and can't sell his property because of the talk of solar coming in.
4. Diane Ferguson passed out an invitation to an assembly that is gathering to take the state back over and they are serving notices, and started to talk about storms that damaged solar facilities in other states. Talked about the paper that the board of commissioners wrote about 87% of people don't want solar. She stated that solar is only about money and chasing money is the root of all people. Recited articles out of the Michigan constitution.

ADJOURN: *Motion By: Nathan Campbell @ 8:41 PM, Support By: Becky Cambridge, motion passed unanimously*

Next Scheduled Planning Commission Meeting Thursday, September 19th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.