

Minutes

Washington Township Planning Commission Meeting & Public Hearing

June 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order by Doreen Summer, Chair at 6:05pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call - Present: Eric Whitford (Secretary), Kim Diffin, Carl Kilpatrick, Doreen Summer (Chair) Absent: Charles Misenhelder
4. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Eric to eliminate #8 (to be discussed at Board Mtg on 6/15/2023), Change #7 to Discussion & approve as amended; 2nd by Kim; Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried
5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (April 3, 2023) – Motion by Kim to approve as presented, 2nd by Eric; Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried
6. Public Comment – Kyle from FSBR explained Public Comment vs Public Hearing Comment & introduced visitors. Kyle O’Meara (twp legal representation from FSBR) & Jessie Williams (FSBR Summer Associate)
7. Discuss Bylaws – Kyle from FSBR presented proposed Planning Commission Bylaws. Motion by Eric to table discussion so Planning Commissioners can review, 2nd by Kim; Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried
8. ~~Day Care Special Land Use Permit – Lisa Cano~~
9. DTE Polaris Solar – Special Land Use Permit and Site Plan

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- a. Conflict of Interest Disclosures and Process – explained by Kyle O’Meara (FSBR), Kim Diffin asked to refrain from voting on the matter due to conflict of interest.
- b. Applicant Presentation – by Theresa Hannath from DTE. Jim & Dan, Ryan (re: sound), James Mann (re: construction) were also present from DTE, Ryan Gurreri (DTE Legal Representative from Burns & McDonnell)
- c. Spicer Report – Explanation of report by Cindy Todd. Also present were Jessica Hufnagle & Jeni Stewart from Spicer. PA116 would have to be suspended for the duration of the project for each parcel enrolled. DTE agreements with County Road Commission & County Drain Commission recommended. Tax distribution reviewed. Recommended approval of application with conditions. Q&A after presentation of report.
- d. Public Hearing Public Comment
 - Nancy Rogers re: sale & transfer of conditions?
 - Howard Whaley re: fence / berm / buffer? Road use & repowering? Panels when damaged? Study / conditions prior to construction?
 - Laura Crocker re: current drainage plan?
 - Evan Allardyce IBEW rep comment in support
 - Jim Wheeler GGD re: tax revenue & loss of farm land, comment on support
- e. Questions to Applicant from Planning Commission

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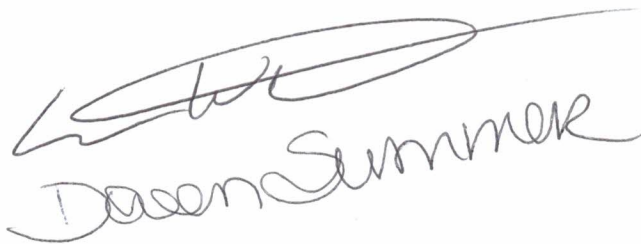
f. Planning Commission Deliberation and Proposed Resolution – proposal options presented by Kyle (FSBR) to Planning Commission. Motion to adopt proposed Resolution recommending approval of DTE Polaris Solar Project Site Plan as amended with conditions to the Township Board by Carl, 2nd by Eric, roll call vote: Carl, Eric & Doreen yes, Kim abstained due to conflict of interest, motion carried

10. Ordinance Review (If Applicable) – tabled until 6/26/2023 at 7:00pm

11. General Planning Commission Discussion

12. Adjournment – Motion by Eric to adjourn, 2nd by Kim, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted by P.C. Secretary Whitford as prepared by Twp. Clerk Hoffer



Jason Summer

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