

Grant Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Grant Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:05 pm. on May 18, 2017 by Tim Martis, Acting Chairman

Present

Tim Martis, Diana Ludlow, Jason Campbell and Pat Collins

Absent

Doug Berends, Edith Elsenheimer and Pam Hawley

Purpose

To review the use solar energy collectors which are not currently addressed in the Grant Township Zoning Ordinance

Kim Martens provided an overview solar use permit request (solar farm) which is a commercial request. In review of information received from Williams and Works, Engineers, surveyors and planners, the township does have a current ordinance for wind power.

Use Regulation 7.1. B2 was reviewed as well as 7.2. B2 and found that verbiage was questionable. The board felt that 7.3 should be added for Lake Residential or is this not allowed.

Very few townships currently have zoning ordinance addressing the installation and use of solar energy collectors.

The board questions if residential requests should require a Special Land use permit. They reviewed meeting minutes from May 2016 when Mike Toth from Green Energy visited and provided a presentation on solar power usage.

It is recommended to have Mike Toth revisit and review the information and suggestions made by Williams and Works and zoning amendment for feasibility. Kim will contact him for a possible June meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 16, 2017 meeting were read individually and approved by the board at the end of this meeting, with one verbiage change and one typing correction.

A motion to amend the minutes was made by Diana Ludlow and seconded by Jason Campbell. All in favor; motion passed and an amendment will be made.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Tim Martis and seconded by Pat Collins at 8:10 pm. All in favor and the motion carried.

The next tentatively scheduled meeting will be held on June 15, 2017 at 7 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk