



Watertown Township

2630 South Sandusky Road, Sandusky, Michigan
48471

Watertown Township Planning Commission

Approved Minutes: Thursday March 16th, 2023 - 6:00 P.M. Meeting

CALL TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE @ 6:00 PM by Chairman Jim Hacker

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

ABSENT: none

GUESTS: Jon Arnold, Randy Fahs, Jim & Holly Boyles, Mike & Christine Papp, Seth Arthur, Han Jo Jung, SoYoung Park, Scott Kenny, Mr. & Mrs. Ferguson, Brendon Miller, and others unknown.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST BOARD MEETING:

Motion to accept the minutes as presented by: Nathan Campbell, Support By: Al Stoutenburg, 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Seth Arthur-Samsung Attorney, pleased to be before the PC, gave a brief description of Samsungs presentation and requests the PC schedule a Public Hearing to go more in depth to the Samsung Solar Project.
2. Brendon Miller-Land Coalition farms locally, talks about property rights and how renewable energy doesn't take property from owners. Solar and Wind will pay more in taxes than what the property owner pays now. Claims that Solar is about helping small farms survive and it will give the topsoil rest and be more productive in the future.
3. Jim Boyles-Land Owner that has property leased for solar and wanted to clarify rumors, he does support Samsung's Solar project and he took their money because that's where its at.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Samsung Presentation on the Solar Project by HanJo Jung. He stated that the project is 162mw and its going to cover 611 acres. They have been working on this plan since January 2022, the project is designed to optimal specifications, its beneficial to the land and land owners. It will increase pollination, create over 100 local jobs during construction and he also stated that over the 35 years in production they will pay over 16.6 million dollars in local taxes. With over 10.7 million dollars of that going directly to the schools. He said that Samsung wants to create the best possible project for the community.
2. Planning Commission discussion of the Master Plan, the Spicer Group should have the survey ready for June's meeting. Discussion of the survey that was on Facebook and the content. Clarification that the Rec Plan is going to be separate from the Master Plan, by doing so it allows the Township to apply for grant monies from the state for developing recreation areas within the township.
3. Meeting Dates set for the year: The PC meets June 15th, 2023-September 21st, 2023-December 21st,2023.

4. Election of Officers: motion by Jim Hacker and Second by Mark Batkie to keep the same officers. Motion passed with Al Stoutenburg voting no.
5. Board discussed terms and none of the members terms were expiring this year.
6. Discussion of Samsungs request for a public hearing, residents within the 300ft mailing radius will have to receive notice in the mail and the PC is waiting to hear back from the county.

ADJOURN: Motion By: Nathan Campbell @ 6:30 PM Support By: Jason Radloff motion passed unanimously

Next Planning Board Meeting Thursday, June 15th, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason G. Radloff