

Meeting Minutes

Augusta Charter Township

Regular Planning Commission Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Wednesday January 20, 2021

6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Yurk at 6:30 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair led Pledge through zoom meeting.

3. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors

In Attendance: Dwight Bennett, David Hall, Carol Kovalak, Linda Spence, Dan Woolf, Robert Yurk. Absent: Terrance Green Also attending were Planner Kreps and Engineer Bayley with 50 Zoom visitor sites in attendance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Bennett made motion to approve, Support by Hall. Dan Woolf entered discussion to move the elections of Officers to next item on agenda which was agreed to change as 4 (a). Motion carried unanimously.

a. Election of Officers

Bennett suggested Yurk as Chairman, Woolf as Vice Chair and Green as Secretary. Dan Woolf suggested David Hall should be secretary as his position as Twp. Board representative. He declined as did Kovalak and Spence. It then was proposed to keep Green as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes

Bennett made motion to approve, Support by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Hearings – None

7. Business Items

Chair Yurk began by stating that there were only two business items on the agenda and that the solar project had not been submitted.

a. SPC-20-04 – Site Plan Review Pre-Application Conference / Gizgand

Properties 10910/10940 Willis Road (T—20-12-100-031)

Discussion of construction began by the Petitioner without procuring a required building permit. Washtenaw County issued a stop work order. Recent setback changes bring the construction into compliance. Petitioner is now seeking site plan approval with no action currently required at this Pre-Application Conference. The Petitioner was not present.

b. SPC-20-05 – Site Plan Review Pre-Application Conference / Dog Run: 9972 Willis Road (T—20-11-100-011)

Petitioner plans the use of the vacant site for private trails to run dogs by themselves and clients of the owner. It's location at the Southwest corner of Bunton and Willis Roads will require a driveway approved by Washtenaw County Road Commission and would be gated. Discussion by Engineer Bayley shows a proposed driveway with circular access for 5 cars would encroach into the future proposed Willis Road right-of-way. They may also need to reverse the site plan to keep the driveway further from the intersection. Woolf suggested signs at the gate to discourage trespassers and clearing trees to allow traffic visibility. Petitioner next will need to seek site plan approval with no action currently required at this Pre-Application Conference. The Petitioner was not present.

8. Public Comment

Chair Yurk opened the session by not restricting all who cared to make public comments. All comments thereafter made were in reference to the solar power project. Residents Terry Heiss, and Mark Hill voices their approval, as did Jay and Matt Talladay. Mr. Stoepker of Dickerson brought to our attention under the rules of planning commission by-law 6A.1, 6A.3 and 6A.6 that two new Planning Commission members may have a conflict of interest with the project and would be required to recuse themselves from any discussion and voting. He identified them as Carol Kovalak and Linda Spence. Carol Kovalak stated that she did not own land within the area of required notice but her son did. Chair Yurk then asked if Drew Vielbig of Ranger Power had anything to say which he did not since it was not on the agenda. Discussion was then closed after Chair Yurk asked three times if any more wished to comment.

10. Communications – There were no communications presented to the Planning Commission. However nearly all had stated that they individually had received an email from a resident.

11. Adjournment

Bennett motioned to close the meeting and Hall supported. Motion carried unanimously

Meeting was closed at 7:24 PM