

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Augusta Charter Township**  
**Regular Planning Commission Meeting**

**Township Hall**

July-21-2021

6:30 pm

**1. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chair Yurk at 6:31 PM.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Yurk.

**3. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors** Present Yurk, Buxton, Woolf, Spence. Quorum present. Hall arrived at 6:35 PM. Hurd arrived at 6:44 PM. Also attending were Planner Laura Kreps, Engineer Nicholas Bayley and Counsel Victor Lillich, representatives of Ranger Power and DTE, and numerous members of the public.

**4. Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Woolf to approve, supported by Spence. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Minutes:** Planning Commission meeting minutes from July 21-2021 zoom meeting. Motion by Woolf to approve, supported by Spence. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Public Hearings:** SLU 21\_01, Railsplitter #2, Special land use, Large Scale Solar Facility, North of Arkona, South of Talladay, East of Sanford, West of Gooding,(T-20-19-400-001); (T-20-19-400-002); 5655 Willow Rd (T-20-30-100-002); 5760 Willow Rd (T-20-30-100-003); T-20-30-100-004); 12439 McCrone RD (T-20-30-100-005); (T20-30-200-004); (T-20-30-200-008); (T-20-30-200-012); (T20-30-400-006);

Commissioner Yurk spoke briefly on keeping the meeting calm and no debating and keeping comments within the 3 min. There are a lot of people who want to speak.

Commissioner Buxton made a motion to open public hearings, Commissioner Hall 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Public hearing comments: 19 signed to speak and many more residents voiced their concerns.

Ms. S Jantschek Oakville Rd. 48160, Mr. R Heldt Willow Rd 48160, Mr. M Spence McCrone Rd 48160, Mr. B Miller Willis Rd 40435, MS. L Sugamrli Talladay Rd 48160, Ms. A Kruse Willow Rd 48160, Mr. R Love Judd Rd 48160, Mr. Kovalak Stoney Creek Rd 48160, Mr. D Frey McKean Rd 48191, Mr. Dave ? Willow Rd, Ms Dale Lin Mallonen Judd Rd 48197, Mr. R Hammill McCrone Rd 48160, Ms. T Fair McCrone Rd 48160, Ms J Leae Judd Rd 48160, Mr. J Carpenter McCrone Rd 48160, Mr. H Fair McCrone Rd 48160, Mr J Fox Willow Rd 48117, Ms. M Kovalak Stoney Creek Rd 48117, Resident Talladay Rd 48160,

Commissioner Yurk made a motion to close the public hearing, Commissioner Spence 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

## 7. Business Items

7A: **SLU 21-01, Railsplitter#2, Special Land Use, Large scale Solar farm Facility, North of Arkona, South of Talladay, East of Sanford, West of Gooding. (T-20-19-400-001); (T-20-19-400-002); 5655 Willow Rd (T-20-30-100-002) ; 5760 Willow Rd (T-20-30-100-003); (T-20-30-100-004); 12439 McCrone rd (T-20--30-100-005); (T-20-30-200-004); (T-20-30-200-008); (T-20-30-200-012); (T-20-30-400-006); (T-20-19-300-003); (T-20-30-200-009); 12182 McCrone (T-20-30-200-10)**

There were long discussions and a lot of questions from our commissioners and the people too. Ranger Power rep. Sergio Trevino was present to answer questions. There is a 4 step process and this meeting is the 2nd step for the process of considering Ranger Power's SLU permit

Commissioner Buxton made a motion to postpone, Commissioner Hurd 2nd.  
Opened for discussion: Commissioner Woolf spoke, Counsel advised commissioners

Commissioner Buxton withdrew her motion to postpone. There was more discussions and questions

Commissioner Hurd then made a motion to deny, Commissioner Buxton 2nd. Opened for discussion  
Commissioner Woolf spoke, Commissioner Yurk commented and Commissioner Buxton spoke and had concerns. Counsel advised commissioners.

Commissioner Hurd withdrew her motion to deny.

All commissioners wanted more time to get some answers. Receiving a book a short time before we decided on a 30 + year project. Have concerns on underground wiring being left after decommissioning. Improper business dealings. No White Tail solar reference in any form. Setbacks not accommodating adjacent property owners. This is a lifelong large scale project.

Commissioner Hall made a motion to postpone for 60 days to collect more info, Commissioner Hurd 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

### **7B Master Plan Discussion**

Commissioner Hall made a motion to update the Augusta Twp. master plan. Commissioner Hurd 2nd.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Need to follow up with the Planner with a list of what we want to change or add so she can keep us moving forward.

**8. Public Comment** Ms. C Howard, Mr. M Spence, Mr. J Kovalak, Mr. R Heldt, Ms. C Kovalak, Mr. J Carpenter.

**9. Communications** There no new communications this week

**10. Adjournment** Commissioner Hall made a motion we adjourn Commissioner Yurk 2nd no one was opposed 10:01 pm