

**Lake Township Planning Commission
Public Hearing
Sleeper State Park Outdoor Center
6435 State Park Road
July 2, 2024**

Approved Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Quinn.

Roll call: Keith Hoffman, Nicole Collins, Matt Pryor, Tim Quinn present. Bob Siver absent.

Supervisor, Valerie McCallum present as well as four (4) guests.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Collins to approve the agenda, seconded by Hoffman. All ayes – passed.

Open Public Hearing on Renewable Energy Ordinance Amendments:

Guest Dave Periso asked where the money from the solar is allocated and stated he believes any profit should be spread amongst the community.

No further public comments; motion by Collins to close the public hearing, seconded by Hoffman. All ayes – passed.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:02.

Correspondence: None

New Business:

Zoning Ordinance Amendments for: Solar, Battery Storage, Wind: Quinn asked the PC members if there was anything that needed to be discussed. Collins stated that the meeting with the Caseville Fire Chief has not occurred but stated McCallum had a conversation with the Fire Chief and was advised that if battery storage facilities do come to fruition, all fire departments in the area will need the training to be able to fight those types of fires.

Hoffman stated the State has the say in what the Township does but he feels comfortable with the amendments; the amendments provide protection for the Township.

Motion by Collins to recommend to the Board the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance Amendments for solar, battery storage and wind, seconded by Quinn. All ayes – passed.

Old Business: None

Public Comments:

Guest Ann Krzeminski stated she understands the Township has worked hard on the ordinances but asked based on what the State requires, how will the ordinances protect or help the community. Collins stated that items that may not be in the State's ordinance, such as vegetation to protect the neighboring property, that the Township has put in its ordinance. Collins further stated that if the legislation did not come to fruition in November, the Township now has some protection for its citizens.

Guest Karen Lanfear asked what happens to the turbines that fail, fall apart. Hoffman advised the company that installs the turbines is responsible for maintaining and decommissioning is addressed in the ordinances.

Motion made by Collins to adjourn, seconded by Hoffman. All ayes – passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Lisa Clinton