

Westfield Township Zoning Commission

Public Hearing Solar Panel Language July 8, 2014

Sturdevant opens the Public Hearing at 7:37 PM to discuss the proposed Solar Panel Language.

Roll Call: Doty-aye, Sturdevant- aye, Kemp- aye, Anderson- aye.

Absent: Brewers and alternate Brezina

Also in attendance: Trustee Schmidt, Trustee Thombs and ZI Sims

Sturdevant reads the proposed Solar Panel Language. ***With no comments from the floor, Sturdevant makes a motion to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Doty. Roll call: Unanimous.***

Open Regular ZC Meeting

Sturdevant calls the meeting to order at 7:42 PM.

Roll call: Sturdevant- aye, Kemp- aye, Anderson- aye, Doty- aye.

Absent- Brewers and Brezina

Anderson makes a motion to approve the Solar Panel Language under Article II, Accessory Uses Section 205. L.; seconded by Kemp.

Roll call: Kemp- aye, Anderson- aye, Doty- aye, Sturdevant- aye. The motion passes.

Porter will send the final language proposed to the trustees within 5 days.

Doty makes a motion to accept the May 13, 2014 meeting minutes as submitted; seconded by Sturdevant.

Roll call: Anderson- aye, Doty- aye, Sturdevant- aye, Kemp- abstain. The motion passes.

Anderson makes a motion to accept the June 10, 2014 meeting minutes as submitted; seconded by Sturdevant.

Roll call: Doty- abstain, Sturdevant- aye, Kemp- aye, Anderson- aye. The motion passes.

Porter has sent the Medina County Department of Planning Services the proposed fence language for informal review.

Trustee Thombs addressed the Zoning Commission regarding creating a cooperative group that will plan the direction that the township will take when creating zoning policy. Thombs requested that each member email him (trusteebill@gmail.com) with their personal views or perspectives for what needs to be addressed. This new group (composed of Sturdevant, BZA representative, ZI Sims and Thombs) will then create a new target/goal sheet that will guide the ZC. This new target page is necessary since the previous comp plan dates have already passed. The group will meet on September 9th to work on a process that has substance so the township collectively has a direction.

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Sturdevant also mentioned that Planning Services has made several requests from the ZC to provide ideas for topics that could assist the township with a purpose and a direction for establishing zoning or to help train members.

Thombs has made the cooperative meeting on the ZC regular meeting date. This way it could be a special meeting for the board members to voice their personal views. Thombs would also like all members to read the current Comp Plan and the community comments that are included in the updated plan.

Schmidt mentioned that the previous plans do have supporting documents that can be included; soil types, etc.

Doty would like to know if the ZC should continue with the new Highway Commercial District or wait until this process has had a chance to get started.

Heather had concerns that meeting outside of the structured meeting that the legal separation of the boards may be illegal.

Thombs assured the board that the Prosecutor's Office has been consulted and there are no issues and that sharing ideas amongst boards is fine.

Schmidt would like to talk with the trustees about the inclusion of the WFRD and perhaps a fire committee that would report to the three trustees.

Sturdevant mentioned that a workshop or training could include an "Ask Bill Thorne Night".

Announcements:

Zoning Commission Reg. Meeting- August 12, 2014 @ 7:30 PM

With no further business before the board, Sturdevant makes a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM; seconded by Anderson.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cheryl Porter, Zoning Secretary

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Date Approved: _____

Heather Sturdevant, Chair

Jill Kemp, Vice Chair

Scott Anderson, Board Member

Joseph Doty, Board Member