

Mikado Township Planning Commission SPECIAL Meeting and PUBLIC HEARING Minutes
October 17, 2024

Present: Steve Stevens, Carrie Mullins, Steve Sanderson, Bill Spunar, Jim Deller

Absent: none

Guest: Supervisor Anne Harmon

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Pledge

Public Hearing Opened

Discuss Workable Solar Energy Ordinance

Anne Harmon on Buhl Rd. stated that she likes the surity bond and the PC spoke about the Escrow and Fee and the Host Community Agreement. The potential for PILT monies and EGLE grants were mentioned.

Todd Sutherland wanted to know about decommissioning and it was stated that this is part of the proposal should any company want to submit an application for large scale solar, they would need to provide a decommissioning plan. It was also noted that our ordinance would require the applicant/permit holder to return the land “to its original state.”

Georgette Troy was concerned about the land and wildlife and potential hazards. It was noted that our ordinance would require the applicant to provide impact statements for wildlife, water quality and water supply, as well as identify solid or hazardous waste generated by the project.

DeAnn Adkins was worried about property values. It was noted that with the passage of PA 233 the Township could not prevent large scale solar from coming to Mikado.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Mullins, seconded by Spunar, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

6:46 PM – Special Meeting Opened

Discuss Storage Facility Changes

Tom Maxwell showed the proposed changes to the storage facility.

Setbacks were discussed and it was determined that in Commercial District, they don’t necessarily align with Section 9.0 Part Q #2 of the Mikado Twp. ZO. The overall changes to the storage facility were heavily discussed and debated.

Motion to approve the changes to the proposed site and grading plans for the construction of the storage facility located at Parcel #001-002-100-025-00 was made by Mullins and seconded by Sanderson. Roll call vote: Stevens: Yes, Mullins: Yes, Sanderson: Yes, Spunar: No, Deller: Yes. The motion passed.

Discuss WSEO #01-2024

Motion to approve the Workable Solar Energy Ordinance as amended made by Sanderson, seconded by Spunar, the Ayes have it, the motion passes.

Motion to recommend approval by the Township Board at a special meeting on October 29th at 7pm made by Mullins, seconded by Sanderson, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

Motion to adjourn by Mullins, seconded by Sanderson, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

Adjournment: 7:30 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center