

Greenvale Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
6PM Tuesday April 12, 2022

Planning Commission Members: Eric Workman (Chair), Mark Legvold, Susan Jackson, Richard Fott, Bruce Paulson

Guests: Dave Roehl, Gregory Langer, Tony Rowan, Carolyn Fott, Richard Fott II (presenter), Andy Anderson, Victor Volkert, Tom Wirtzfeld, Adam Langer (presenter), Ron Welbaum, Demian Jackman, Terry Mulligan, Stacy Miller (presenter), Linus Langer

Chair Workman opened the meeting at 6PM leading the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Agenda – There was some rearrangement, and mention of adding permit requests if time allowed. Workman moved on the agenda and there was a second by Paulson. Motion passed.

Volkert subdivision – Victor Volkert had information on a subdivision from parcel 160120025012. He presented a map with discussion there were 8+ acres to be subdivided, though there wouldn't be any new conveyance of building site rights. Attorney Blumhoefer would write the legal description for Board approval and filing at County. Fott moved in favor and a second was given by Jackson. The motion passed with all approving.

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Richard Fott II – Solar slides and information – Mr. Fott shared experiences and profound notes on recent solar installations he was involved with. From design to permitting to installing and later reflections after the fact. Q&A was productive for the Planning Commission with inquiries on roof snow loads, warranties, yield, firewalls, financial incentives, glare, panel technology, neighbors, etc... Jackson asked where do the differing rules rub? Etc...

Stacey Miller – Expert with Dakota Electric credentials, but not representing DE – Spoke about rebates that can be available, installers handling paperwork, connection agreements being required, size constraints, importance of permits and inspections, supply chain issues with meters, shared info on a model ordinance made available by state of minnesota, emphasized priorities on plant pollinator habitat and environmental considerations, recommended looking at life span/decommissioning of systems and who would be responsible for cleanup, MPCA efforts with new bill requiring recycling solar components, funds already in place by investor groups could force zoning questions.

7:12 Items in working document – A: okay, B: take out 5000 sq ft, <40Kw is explanation enough, C: height 15ft, D: okay, E: rooftops, Legvold pointed need to require engineering statement, F: depth minimal, G: add interconnect authority, Jackson todo study soil, climate, ground cover and buffer area, strike 1st line as it's in building code, give glare questions to planner, Legvold reminded advice on decommissioning requirement

Legvold moved to advance the work to the Board. Workman gave a second and there was unanimous approval. Next meeting time TBD as there are scheduling conflicts.

Fott moved to adjourn and Legvold gave a second. Motion to adjourn passed.

Respectfully submitted, Linus Langer/Clerk