

Greenvale Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday March 9, 2022

Members Present: Eric Workman Chair, Susan Jackson, Bruce Paulson, Richard Fott, Mark Legvold, ex officio Board member Charles Anderson

Guests Present: Linus Langer, Gregory Langer, Victor Volkert, Tom Wirtzfeld, David Roehl, Mary Collins, Perry Collins, Jane Dilley, Tony Rowan, Andy Anderson, Ken Malecha, Tyler Cemenski, Adam Langer, others

6:00 pm The meeting opened by Chair Workman with pledge of allegiance, followed with statements of purpose and procedures.

Agenda – The agenda was focused on solar language questions. Susan Jackson moved to accept the agenda and Mark Legvold made a second. All approved.

February Minutes – Bruce Paulson gave a motion on February Minutes and Richard Fott made a second. All approved.

Board Liaison Report – Workman shared Board of Supervisors would review proposed policies and procedures manual and return a consolidated reply. There is information from Minnesota Association of townships on Board training but specific training for Planning is not currently available. Next meeting for the town board will be 3/17/22 – changed from 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

Solid Fuel and Propane – Paulson asked if this portion was vetted by Board yet? Workman shared whole package would go later to the Board on approval and then to attorney for draft ordinance, and subsequently published (summary form) for NOTICE of public hearing.

Student guests and future planners Tyler Cemenski and Adam Langer (no relation...) had research information to share on residential solar. They presented data showing how other communities were experiencing solar. Kilowatts, setbacks, height limits, and other criteria were part of their research findings. Workman asked about technical advancements and size considerations with solar components becoming more efficient over time? Paulson asked about ground mounted systems vs rooftop systems? Legvold and Fott discussed opportunities with updating if/when needed. Legvold shared electricity providers want to limit systems to present need, vs oversizing for commercial gain. Legvold also brought up question of regulations by meter or by address? Workman and Paulson suggested section G be modified with reference to building code. Tyler and Adam asked if anyone in township would require more than 40Kw? Fott pointed down the road – dairy... Jackson complimented student's work and suggested reviewing further at next meetings. There were inquiries on "forested land" and on "decommissioning systems". Fott related wind turbine blades not being recycled vs other types of materials. Paulson added that could be part of section G.

April meeting date of 4/12/2022 was confirmed.

Next meeting to include guests from Dakota Electric and member Richard Fott's son who has experience with two recent Solar installations in other communities.

6:45 Legvold moved to adjourn and Fott gave a second. All in favor (less than an hour!) approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linus Langer/Clerk

APPROVED