

Planning Commission – April 20, 2021

Present: Gary Malcangi, Joe Freshour, Steve Duane, Lorie Pfof, Carol Hawkins, Craig Iansiti, Seth Poches; Sarah Ricketts

Public Hearing

Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.

Carol Hawkins motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting; Steve Duane second; motion carried.

Lorie Pfof motion to approve the minutes from March meeting; Craig Iansiti second; motion carried.

Suspended meeting

Open Public Hearing

- Columbia Lakes set back from 10 feet to 5 feet
  - o It is not a licensed mobile home park
- No comments from the public

Motion to recommend approval to the Township Board for the May meeting by Steve Duane; Joe Freshour second; motion carried.

- Solar Ordinance
  - o We have been working on this for a couple of years
  - o Agricultural zones
  - o Special Use Permit would be needed
- Limited public comment
  - o Sarah Zimmerman
    - Put in a system a year ago – spent a few years deciding what to go with – quite, clean, occupies some space – break even in about 8 years – panels guaranteed for about 25 years – after that, they lose efficiency –
    - She welcomes it – clean energy source
  - o Ray Bailey
    - Had a solar system put in about 4 weeks ago – panels are coated with a non-glare – not hearing any noise – consumers approves you for how many panels you can have based on use – extra goes back to consumers
- Craig helped clarify private vs commercial
  - o David Whiting
    - Looking for an ordinance on outside wood burning stoves
      - Board suggested that he take his issues to the next full Township Board Meeting
- Craig asked Seth if he had any other suggestions
  - o Seth – he reviewed it – made some changes - may need to make a few more changes – will go to full Township Board
- Sarah Zimmerman made an offer for anyone to come out and take a look at their system – would give you a close up look

Craig Iansiti made a motion to recommend approval with minor changes to clear up ambiguity to the Township Board to include any comment at meeting, written comment or any comments received before the May meeting; Joe Freshour second; motion carried.

Craig closed public hearing

No other business

Gary Malcangi made a motion to adjourn; Carol Hawkins second; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Prepared by Sarah Ricketts