

Approved Planning Commission Minutes  
July 20, 2023

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Marc Cuddie at 7:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Tom Brennan P

Heather McDougall P

Mark Jewell P

Dale Lucas P

Marc Cuddie P

Jim Warbritton P

Tim Golding A

Also Present: Doug Lammers, Zoning Administrator; Supervisor John Lesinski; Tom Loveland, Treasurer; Adam Young (Wade Trim) and Kunhal Parikh (NextEra Energy). Also attending were 10 on Zoom and approximately 80 people in attendance.

Pastor Caldwell from Grass Lake Baptist Church led us with prayer

**Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Brennan, seconded by Warbritton, to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Approval of June 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

A motion by Lucas, supported by Jewell, was made, to approve minutes as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Public Hearing**

Marc Cuddie opened public hearing at 7:07 – Case # 23-06-0004

Adam Young (Wade Trim) Township consultant. Rezoning request from Grass Lake Solar LLC to rezone 6 separate properties. All properties are currently R-2 to be rezoned to AG. Application states they want to establish a Solar Energy System. If approved they will come back and do an application accompanied

by site plans. Public hearing is for the public to give the planning commission their thoughts and if they approve or deny the request. The Township Board has the final approval at a later date.  
Kunhal Parikh, representing NextEra Energy (NEE), did a presentation on the rezoning of the six parcels.

Public Comments – There were approximately 25 residents in person and on zoom addressed the Commission about their concerns pertaining to the rezoning of the six parcels.

The board discussed amongst themselves pertaining to the public comments for rezoning the six parcels and they decided to table it for 90 days until the October 19, 2023 meeting. They each need to do more research to come up with the best decision. Motion by Warbritton, seconded by Brennan. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing closed 8:28 pm, Motion by Brennan, seconded by Jewell. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Re-open Meeting at 8:29 pm

### **Township Board Report**

Township Board Member Brennan stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

### **Old Business**

Sign Ordinance – The proposal was approved and Adam Young (Wade Trim) would like to get a sub-committee together to discuss the sign ordinance. Warbritton volunteered to be a part of the sub-committee.

### **Proposed Business for Next Regular Meeting and Meeting Date**

The next meeting date is scheduled for August 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm

### **General Discussion** None

It was moved to adjourn by Brennan, seconded by Jewell. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Sherwood  
Recording Secretary