

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

December 18, 2023

Call to Order

Roger Kuhl called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call – Board Members Present:

Roger Kuhl, Chairman	Randy Lindsey, Vice Chairman
Ron Pickworth, Member	Rick Knight, Member
Susan Yoder, Member	Russ Reising, Alternate
Kimberly Carter – Secretary	

Public Attendance

None

Approval of Minutes

- R. Lindsey made the motion to approve minutes of the November meeting, R. Pickworth seconded the motion, roll call – Knight: YES; Lindsey: YES; Yoder: YES; Pickworth: YES.
- December meeting minutes to be approved at a later date.

Old Business

- Solar Farms – Further discussions on solar farms. S. Yoder and R. Lindsey stated they weren't able to find anything on solar in the zoning of the following townships – Florence, Camden, Grafton, Pittsfield, Penfield, Wellington, Elyria. R. Pickworth said that 5 acres is classified as 1MW which would be just for residential and presented some research he did. K. Carter to scan in and send to all members. R. Reising said that there is a law that if you put up a solar field, that once you're done with it you have to restore the land to the way it was before. S. Yoder said that she read it costs \$30k per MW to decommission the land and the lifecycle of panels is 15-20 years. The average payback period in Ohio is 12 years.

New Business

- Roger discussed some of the important things to discuss in the beginning of 2024 – Solar Farms and Noise Ordinance.
- Noise Ordinance – Discussions on how to enforce noise ordinances and whether they need to be handled as a nuisance complaint civilly. R. Pickworth said that the noise has to be a certain length of time and consistency at a certain decibel. How do you enforce the boundaries of the noise pollution? Grey Hawk is in the Village and the Township residents were complaining about the noise, but the Village wasn't going to do anything about Grey Hawk. R. Reising suggested enforcing "quiet hours" and asked if any other townships have them.
- R. Lindsey motioned to appoint Rick Knight as the Chairman of the Zoning Commission, R. Pickworth seconded the nomination, roll call – Knight: YES; Lindsey: YES; Yoder: YES; Pickworth: YES.
- R. Lindsey motioned to appoint Susan Yoder as the Vice Chairman of the Zoning Commission, R. Pickworth seconded the nomination, roll call – Knight: YES; Lindsey: YES; Yoder: YES; Pickworth: YES.
- R. Lindsey motioned for meetings of the Zoning Commission to be held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm at the LaGrange Township Complex, R. Pickworth seconded the nomination, roll call – Knight: YES; Lindsey: YES; Yoder: YES; Pickworth: YES.
- R. Kuhl made the suggestion at the last Trustee's meeting to move Russ Reising from Alternate to Member. This will be confirmed at the Trustee's organizational meeting in January.

Adjournment

R. Lindsey made the motion to adjourn the meeting, R. Pickworth seconded the motion - roll call – Lindsey: YES; Yoder: YES; Pickworth: YES; Knight: YES. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting for the Zoning Commission will be on Monday, January 15th @ 7:00pm for a regular meeting at the LaGrange Township Complex.

Respectfully Submitted,

~~Roger Kuhl~~, Chairman

Rick Knight

Chairman

Rick Knight

Secretary

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