

Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2019

1. Call to Order
Chuck Miel called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Members
Present: Lori Williams, Don Smucker, Kris Thwaites, Chuck Miel, and Vester Davis.
4. Agenda Approval
Motion by Williams to approve agenda, second Thwaites; approved 5-0.
5. Minutes Approval
Thwaites moved to approve minutes of May 1, 2019 meeting, second Williams; approved 5-0.
6. Public Comments
None
7. Reports
The number of community members on the Planning Commission was discussed. The consensus is that the nine members currently in our by-laws is a number difficult to implement and we may need to consider a smaller number.
8. Public Hearing
Miel opened a public hearing regarding a request for a Special Use Permit to construct a solar energy system (solar farm) located at 665 N State Street on parcel #053-555-003-30. Davis reported that he received no questions or comments regarding the proposed solar farm from letters and newspaper announcement he had sent out. Commissioners asked questions regarding the site plan which were answered by Justin Vandebroek of Renenergetica the project developer who was present. He stated that lighting at the gate was not needed and fence setback was extended 5 additional feet on the south side. Miel closed the public hearing.
9. Old Business
Davis explained that he would wait until after July to finish the annual report as there were additional items in process which he wants to include.
10. New Business
Commissioners considered Davis's review of the application including his finding of facts, his zoning administrator's comments, his site plan review and the general standards laid out in our ordinance in arriving at their decision for action. Williams moved to approve Case #19-01, a request from Renenergetica for a Special Land Use Permit and Site Plan to construct a solar energy system (solar farm) at 655 N. State Street (parcel#053-555-003-30), second Thwaites; approved 5-0.

11. Commissioner Comments

Davis stated that the MSUE Citizen Planner Online series is available at a price reduced by \$50 thru September 1.

12. Adjournment

Williams moved to adjourn, Thwaites second; approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Smucker, Secretary