

GRANT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2021

PRESENT: Chair; Laura Rodriguez, Brian Heminger, Edith Elsenheimer, Tom Stuart, Tim Martis, and Kim Martens.

ABSENT: Pam Hawley and Joel Newton

Regular Meeting /Two Hearings

This meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chair, Laura Rodriguez. The board reviewed the minutes from the May 20, 2021 meeting. Edie made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Tim. All were in favor. Minutes approved.

Ransom Lake Updates: The lake is not under township jurisdiction. DNR does have an access, no rulings regarding No Wake, boating rules etc. can be established or enforced by the township.

Mata Food Truck owners have obtained legal counsel. Reminder to all board members that “No form of conversation or communication can be had between board members and others involved”. All questions, concerns etc. must now be handled attorney to attorney.

Application to change Zoning from Ag to Commercial:

Applicant was delayed due to notification issues. No objections have been received from neighboring properties. Applicant also owns property next door which is zoned Commercial.

Discussed possible plans for future use which include:

- Banquet/conference/wedding venue utilizing the prior church building
- West side would be stripped and add crushed concrete for parking area
- New septic/drain field would need to be installed. Possibly enzyme system
- Possible storage units on long leg portion of property

After hearing plans and setting forth the following guides;

- Applicant would need to come back to board for special land use permit
- Change of use permit with site plan

Tom made a motion to submit change to the board, seconded by Edie. All were in favor and this will be recommended to the Township Board at the July 12th meeting. Applicant was asked to also attend that meeting to answer any questions the board may have.

Application to Increase Current Solar Array size:

Applicant has requested approval to increase his current solar system of 1500 sq ft to 2200 sq ft. which increases the wattage from 20 kw to 35 kw.

Applicant presented historical data for his current electric use which more than justifies his request. Site plan submitted shows a change in transformer to handle any possible excess energy and diagram of future array which would be 2 sets of panels (44 each)

After review and question answered by applicant, Tom made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Brian. All were in favor to approve with the following notation.

- Usage supports need
- No objections from neighboring properties
- Applicant has ample property to house the units

Letters will be sent out to both applicants verifying approval by the board.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom, seconded by Brian at 8:08 pm.

All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Notes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Recording Secretary / Grant Township Clerk