

Dallas Township Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, December 6, 2021 7:00 pm

Call to order by Ken F. at 7pm

Planning Commission Members Present: Ken Farley, Rick Fink, Kurt Marvel, Kurt Thelen, Jamey Myers

Planning Commission Members Absent: Renee Hufnagel and Stephanie Schafer

Louis Martin, Tim Epkey, Lee Ann Thelen, Doug Thelen, Richard Poljan, Kimberly Thelen, Brian Thelen, Rose Thelen, Julie Thelen, Brett Feldpausch, Glen Feldpausch

Previous meeting minutes not available

Public comment:

Richard Poljan: Stated he would like the solar moratorium taken off. Ken inquired where Richard currently resides, and Richard responded he resides in Dewitt currently with plans to move to Fowler in 2022.

Ken informed Richard you must be a current resident of the township to ask for policy change.

Kimberly Thelen: Stated she would like the solar moratorium taken off. Ken informed her that the Planning Commission only makes recommendations to the Dallas Township Board, they do not have the power to take off the moratorium. Kimberly restated that she desired the Planning Commission to recommend to the Township Board to remove the solar moratorium.

Doug Thelen: Stated he would like answers as to why is commercial and residential solar included in same moratorium? Response from board: The attorney responded that it was a more forward way to enter into moratorium. Doug also asked what has changed since 2017, when the original zoning policy was adopted? Board Response: As time changes, policies need reviewed. There was discussion held that there are currently no residential applications in process. It was stated the moratorium may be removed at any time based on board.

Mrs. Thelen : May we request the moratorium be removed? Board response: Yes, it can be requested but it is up to the township to do so.

Doug Thelen: States that the closed session that occurred at the last Planning Commission meeting was not permissible. The Board responded that it is permissible due to the nature of consultation with their attorney.

Doug Thelen: Who will conduct impact study will it look at positive and neg? Ken responded that no point person and looking at all aspects pos and neg and conducted by 2 universities.

7:06 closed public comment Motion by Kurt Marvel 2nd Rick Fink

7:07 motion to move into closed secession was made by Kurt Marvel and 2nd by Kurt Thelen.

Lapse in time due to some public unwilling to leave in a timely manner. Lengthy words were addressed at the board

Part 2 of the open session

2022 planning commission meetings

March 14, 2022

June 13, 2022

Sept 12, 2022

Dec 5, 2022

Kurt made a motion to approve 2022 meeting schedule Rick 2nd motion passed

Kurt Thelen made a motion that the board recommend to the township board to remove the moratorium on residential and keep the commercial moratorium in place. 2nd by Rick. Motion passes

Motion to adjourn by Kurt Thelen support Kurt Marvel.

Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm

Recording Secretary,

Elizabeth Marvel