

**Salem Township Planning Commission – Special Meeting**

**May 16, 2023**

**(as noticed on doors 3 days prior)**

**6pm, Salem Township Hall**

**Call to Order, pledge of Allegiance – 6 pm**

**Roll Call of Members – Present – Striegle, Coupe, Pitsch, Oosterink, Meyers, Wagner. Absent – Berens**

**Recognition of visitors – none**

**Comments from the Public – none**

**Approval of the Agenda for the Meeting – Motion b coupe, Second by Wagner. Motion carried.**

**Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted**

**Purpose of the Meeting – Solar energy Update discussion – Working through materials, Memo III from Content block III p. 10 to the end of materials. Agreement was reached on the following which will be forwarded to Jason at PCI:**

**SOLAR ENERGY ORDINANCE**

**CORRECTIONS//CHANGES BASED ON MEMO III**

**By page numbers then sections, etc. Includes things discussed and decided in table format.**

**p. 2, A.4 – should be only Industrial District**

**p. 4 regarding Professional engineer – take out 5 years of education and good moral character**

**p. 5, b. 1 – all private SES – 3 % maximum coverage**

**c. 1 – should be Industrial District only**

**p. 6 # 6 – Industrial district only but 20 acres min OK.**

**p. 7 height maximum at 16 ‘ okay but setbacks should be 40’ side and rear and 100’ from road**

**p. 8 # 10 – take out word “facilities”, fencing – not sure we required but we did discuss  
add oil containment of holds over 50 gallons oil**

**p. 9 # 18 – keep greenbelt as is**

**p. 10 installation of plant materials – dates not discussed or decided**

**p. 11 a. change every 3 years to every year**

**b. add report metering annually after date that SUP is approved – as proof of activity**

**p. 12 e. keep 4 foot depth for removal**

**f. i. add approval by the township at the expense of the utility operating SES/Solar Farm**

**f. iii. Take out ‘purpose of’ put in “full or partial decommissioning”**

**p. 13 v. change compliance to adherence, add semi colon after Ordinance, add in ‘the Township’ and eliminate ‘the townships right to’**

**#24 add ‘mitigation plan in place’**

**14. D. 4 – add ‘as supported by DNR report’**

**D, 5 – “ with supporting evidence from EGLE”**

**15. add #12 – “ oil containment – shall be provided for any oil filled equipment 50 gallons or more**

**16. change Ingham County to Allegan Country**

**PC will read through the corrected version at next PC meeting, then schedule a Public Hearing.**

**Correspondence received regarding this meeting – none**

**Other/ Roundtable – none**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF PLANNING COMMISSION – JUNE 1, 2023, 7 PM.**

**Adjournment – Motion by Wagner, second by Stiegle, Motion carried, 8:12 pm.**