

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Aug 2, 2021 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and meeting was called to order by Dean Roney at approximately 7:07 PM. Members present were: Sandy Anderson, Bill Bailey, Pete Dion, Jeff Meeder, Adam Reese, Dean Roney and Frank Sabol. We have a quorum. Also in attendance was Pete Bruno, Owner of Cypress Creek Renewables, Brian Link, PE, Tiffany Kramer, Township Zoning Administrator and Clay Brocius, Township Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Frank Sabol made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12th, 2021 meeting. Dean Roney seconded the motion. All voting in favor with the exception of Sandy Anderson abstaining. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review plans submitted by Cypress Creek Renewals for Erie Solar. Also reviewed decommissioning estimate & agreement submitted. Mylar needs signed. Needs reviewed by Township Engineer, Ashley Porter again.

Other information discussed: Electric is sold to the PGM energy grid; will have long term contracts with energy buyers; open to having community meetings with neighbors & residents; completed FAA online info; fencing has small openings to allow small mammals to escape & not usually a problem with vandals trying to get in but will adjust height to only 6"; EMS safety training is done before construction & before powering up; has a knox-box for EMS; Cypress Creek Renewals likes to be very involved with community engagement and has a full time person at that position; supplies a decommissioning bond which gets evaluated for current costs every 5 years; will provide its' lease for the tax office; they usually have a 20 yrs lease with landowner with (4) 5 years extensions; expected 9 month construction schedule.

Clay & Dean explained how it can benefit Girard Township with no impact on Township services and will increase property taxes on that land. Cypress will pay the property taxes & not the landowner.

ZONING REPORT: 9 permits on report presented.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Per Tiffany: New regulations for the Sunshine Act. Need to post agenda on Website, Facebook & at the office 48 hrs before the meetings.

ANY BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR NOT DISCUSSED:

None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Sandy Anderson and seconded by Bill Bailey to adjourn at 8:43 pm. All voting in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: *Sandra Anderson*