Planning Commission Meeting Sunrise Township
Royal Wilcox Community Center, Sunrise
Tuesday, September 10, 2019

The Sunrise Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Greg Strom at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Planning Commission Members Present:

Greg Strom
Charlotte Wilcox
Ted Krause
Brian Geisebauer
Tom Chaklos

Clerk: Wendy Kowalke
Ex-Officio: Eric Leivian

Others Present:

Luke Nelson
Jeremy Meyer, D&G

Adopt Meeting Agenda: Motion by Tom Chaklos, second by Brian Geisebauer to adopt the September 2019 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes approval of July 2019: Motion by Tom Chaklos, second by Brian Geisebauer to accept the July 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

ReneSola – Luke Nelson: ReneSola has to go through the full interim use process because it is within ¼ mile of another solar garden. Luke Nelson said that the main concern the public has is perimeter aesthetic concerns. Decommissioning plan is not in the home-owners interest. Decommissioning bond is placed before the project starts and everything must come out at the end of the project. ReneSola's oldest project in Minnesota is 3 years old. Jeremy Meyer's house is at the high point and will be looking down on this site.

Motion by Tom Chaklos, second by Brian Geisebauer with the following conditions:

1. Ensure that the screening plan will be approved by Chisago County and financial surety is in place before permit is issued.
2. Decommission Plan: Escrow should be 125%, of decommissioning costs posted before construction begins, held by the county, specified time frame for decommission work (12 months). Decommissioning plan require the removal of all structures, foundations and pilings regardless of depth below grade.
3. If project owner does not remove any temporary construction structures, Chisago County would have the right remove any temporary construction structures 12 months after going on-line and costs for removal will be paid from the escrow funds for the decommissioning.

Motion carried with one opposed (Ted Krause). Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Chaklos, second by Ted Krause to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried.

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Attest: Wendy Kowalke, Clerk
Chair, Greg Strom