Planning Commission Meeting Sunrise Township
Royal Wilcox Community Center, Sunrise
Tuesday, September 7, 2021

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
Tyler Richter
Tom Chaklos (absent)

Clerk: Wendy Kowalke
Ex-Officio: Eric Leivian

Others Present:

Michael Bufalini – Gordian Solar
Carl Peter "Pete" Johnson
Eric Leivian

Adopt Meeting Agenda: Motion by Ted Krause, second by Greg Strome to adopt the September 2021 agenda. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes approval of January 2021: Motion by Ted Krause, second by Greg Strom to accept the January 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Michael Bufalini (Representative) IUP and CUP 1 MW AC Ground Mounted Community Solar Garden:
Chisago County clearly states that decommissioning costs state 125%. $87,000 should be the base line for the escrow. $25,000 is not going to cover costs to put land back in 25 years. The variance is being asked from CR 9. Legal description is for 3.6 acres which needs to be updated.

Motion by Charlotte Wilcox, second by Ted Krause, to deny the ***Variance and IUP*** because the setbacks requested are so far removed from the language of the Amended Chisago County Zoning Ordinance Section 7.31, Subsection F, Paragraph 10, (which requires 735 feet from centerline of state and county roads) that we don't feel Sunrise Township can act on it; and also because the $25,000 decommission security falls far too short of 125% of the stated $87,767.00 cost of decommissioning. Discussion from Tyler Richter for the rationale of the motion for current law, current regulations to rule on the merits of the current application. Motion carried.

Michael is here for the Variance is due to Gordian cannot meet the 735 feet setback.

Citizens Forum: Charlotte Wilcox is concerned on is this the way we want to run government. This is not a hardship of approximately 15 feet not 735 feet.

Motion by Greg Strom, second by Ted Krause to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

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Attest: Wendy Kowalke, Clerk Chair, Greg Strom