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--- TOWNSHIP ---

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CASCADE TOWNSHIP
OLMSTED COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2020

Call to Order: Commissioner Brech called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call: Commissioner Dean Hegrenes, Commissioner Brad Brech, Commissioner David Lucas, Commissioner Nicole Brueck all present. Commissioner Cheryl Adolphson present via phone. (Associate Commissioner Joe Adamson was also present via phone)

Pledge of Allegiance Attendees: Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Lois Freed and 10 members of the community.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from August 18, 2020, were reviewed with no changes. Commissioner David Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hegrenes seconded this motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Call to Audience: Nothing to add to agenda.

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Maintenance review: CUP 16-02 was tabled until November meeting.

Public Hearing: CTCUP-20-03 Westside Solar Partners

Public hearing was opened at 6:03pm.

- Roger Ihrke, TCPA, presented the staff report. Clarified that fence will need to be 7 feet tall vs. 6 feet tall as stated in our ordinance as electric code states fence must be 7 feet, and that would supersede our ordinance requirement.
- Presentations by Gordy Simonson, Ian Schonwald and Kirk Gill. Presented information and answered questions from commission members and community members.
- Richard Badger, community member, asked about property values.
- Matt Prigge, community member, asked about times of day for construction.
- Todd Rolf, community member, asked about possibility of ground contamination.

3 calls for comments for and 3 calls for comments against went unanswered.

Pending a landscaping plan, staff is providing updates on the original proposed condition of buffer plan.

Two additions to CUP were made:

- Construction hours will be 7a-5p, Monday to Friday, 7a-3p on Saturdays with no construction allowed on Sundays.
- Wiring that enters and leaves fenced facility must be underground, wiring within the fence can be above ground on frames of panels.

Commissioner Hegrenes made a motion to accept findings of staff with new conditions, proposed and modified up to number 21, and to approve permit. Commissioner Lucas seconded this. Motion passed 5-0.

Public hearing was closed at 7:39p.

Continuing Business: Cascade Township Zoning Ordinance Review – information and new changes will be sent to staff and review to be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to dismiss was made by Commissioner Brueck and seconded by Commissioner Hegrenes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted: Nicole Brueck, Scribe

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Brad Brech, Chairperson