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CASCADE TOWNSHIP, OLMSTED COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2023

**Call to Order** – Meeting started at 6:00 PM

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Brad Brech, Commissioner Gary Moore, Commissioner Cheryl Adolphson, Commissioner Chip Applegath and Associate Commissioner Joe Adamson were all present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Attendees:** Clerk/Treasurer Sara Rudquist, Supervisor Arlen Heathman, Craig Diekvoss (RPU)

**Approval of Minutes:** Supervisor Brech made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Moore. Motion passed 5-0.

**Call to Audience:** Nothing to add to agenda.

**Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Maintenance reviews:**

- **16-02 Rochester Public Utilities, WestSide Energy Station** was reviewed with Craig Diekvoss representing RPU, and remains in compliance. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve, with the next review of CUP 16-02 to take place in January 2025. The motion was seconded by Associate Commissioner Adamson, and was approved, 5-0.
- **19-01 Veit Disposal Systems** – No Veit representative was present at the meeting so this review will be rescheduled to February 2023.

**Study Session:** None

**Continuing Business:**

- **Status of requested letters from TCPA to UNWired, LLC regarding Town Board hearing on null and void CUP-20-02:** As described in an email dated January 4 2023 from Roger Ihrke (TCPA), based upon his communication with UNWired, they have had supply chain delays on the steel for the tower so have not been able to start construction as planned. Current outlook is to start construction in spring 2023. No further action is required at this point.
- **Status of requested letter from TCPA to Loy IUP 20-01 regarding field driveway:** See next item status.

- **Status of requested letter from TCPA to Loy Show Barn regarding need for CUP:** A letter was sent on January 5 2023 from TCPA to the Loy's describing their current non-compliance with both IUP 20-01 and with the Show Barn activities. Mr and Mrs Loy are invited to attend the February 13 Town Board meeting to discuss both items and plans for compliance. If no communication has been received from the Loy's by February 13, the issue will be turned over to the township attorney for further action.
- **Status of requested letter from TCPA to property owner of 5610 Valley High Drive West (just west of solar farm) regarding commercial business without proper zoning or CUP:** A letter was sent from TCPA to Matthew Dohrmann, owner of the subject property, on January 4, 2023. The owner has 30 days to respond with the plan to comply with township ordinances and was invited to the February 13 Township Board meeting if he wishes to discuss the non-compliance. No communication from the owner within the 30-day period will result in the matter being turned over to the township attorney for further action.

**New Business:**

- **Other Township Board Updates:** Supervisor Brech provided a few miscellaneous updates from the January 9 2023 Town Board meeting.

**Round-the-Table:** None

**Upcoming Meetings:** Next Planning Commission meeting will be February 21, 2023.

**Adjournment:** A motion for adjournment was made by Supervisor Brech, seconded by Associate Commissioner Adamson. Motion was approved 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Submitted:

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Gary Moore, Scribe

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Cheryl Adolphson, Chairperson