

Saline Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting, March 7, 2023

Members Present:

Tom Hammond, Neil Bohnett, Darryl Zink, Stephen Rothfuss, Gary Luckhardt and Levi Smith

Members Absent:

Laurie Leinbach

Others Present:

Robert Marion, James Marion, Jacob Santure, Rachel Mirves, Dave Daprie, Connie Bohnett, Anne Cron, Dan Cabage, and Bob Santure

- I. *Meeting* was called to order at 7:00 pm
Roll was taken; quorum established.
- II. *Pledge of Allegiance* led by Bohnett.
- III. *Approval of Minutes*: Regular Meeting of February 7, 2023: Motion by Hammond, supported by Rothfuss, to approve minutes; vote minutes approved unanimously.
- IV. *Approval of Agenda*, March 7, 2023: Motion by Rothfuss to approve, support by Bohnett; vote; agenda approved unanimously.

- V. **Announcements**
None.

- VI. **Call to the Public**
None.

- VII. **New Business**
 - A. Items from the board
 - Board of Review next week
 - Board approved Bosewell special use permit last meeting.
 - B. Energy Storage Facility (Jupiter)

- a. Fire Chief
 - Discussed the difficulties of putting out a lithium fire.
 - He has concerns of the length of time it takes to put out the fires, adding water sometimes makes the fumes more toxic.
 - He is concerned about the manpower it would take to contain the fire.
 - He has concerns that the technology in lithium batteries is more advanced than the fire codes.
- b. Mike with Carlisle Wortman
 - made recommendations on specific site details if board chooses to write an ordinance for Energy Storage Facility
- c. Township attorney
 - has concerns about environmental issues that could occur.
 - He recommends researching other communities to see if they have adapted any ordinances for this type of facility.

VIII. Old Business

A. Saline Overlook Private Road

- a. Township Engineer discussed the issues they had addressed such as trees, drainage, all were addressed. Neighboring property owner still has concerns about headlight glare on his house. A neighboring property owner came up with angling the entrance and put in landscaping to help with the issue. The county denied that solution. A motion was made to approve the final site plan.

Motion by Luckhardt, Supported by Rothfuss. Motion failed 4 to 2.

IX. Public Comments

None.

- X.** Rothfuss moved for adjournment; Hammond supported; vote unanimous; meeting adjourned 8:22 p.m. Next meeting 4/4/23

Darryl Zink

Saline Township Planning Commission, Secretary