

Unadilla Township Planning Commission

Minutes

August 22, 2023

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL: Topping, Green, Hause, Constable present, Spadafore absent.
3. APPROVE AGENDA: Topping motions, Hause supports, all approve
4. APPROVE MINUTES-
 - a. April 25, 2023 Meeting: Topping motions, Hause supports, all approve
5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC-limit of 2 minutes per speaker.
 - a. Theresa Marie Hannath (DTE Site Manager) states there is little area in Unadilla Township that would support a large-scale solar or wind farm.
6. PUBLIC HEARING- None
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Review proposed template and Solar Ordinance supplied by Attorney Homier.
 - i. Briefly review possible overlay area in township, table for further discussion and review.
 - b. Review proposed template and Wind Ordinance supplied by Attorney Homier.
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8. OLD BUSINESS- None
9. NON-ACTION CORRESPONDENCES-None
10. Reports
 - a. Township Board Representative: Linda Topping-None
 - b. Zoning Administrator-Ron Houghtaling-None
 - c. Planning Consultant- John Enos-None
 - d. Z.B.A. Representative- Diane Constable-None
 - e. Planning Commission Members-None
- 11.FINAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC
 - a. Further general discussion with T. Hannath concerning solar and wind farms.
 - i. DTE criteria for creating solar/wind farms including land availability-and land non-availability which includes wetlands, state, township owned properties, woodlands, floodplains, roads, setbacks from existing homes, businesses and environmentally sensitive areas.
 - ii. Substations unlikely due to multiple requirements.
 - iii. Future changes as technology improves.
- 12.ADJOURN MEEETING
 - a. Topping motions to adjourn, Constable seconds. 8:25 PM