



Village of Lily Lake

Approved Plan Commission Minutes

Monday October 2nd, 2023

Call to Order:

Chairperson Jeff Lee called a regular Plan Commission meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Plan Commission Members:

Dan Turner, Glenn Bork, Cheryl Pollak, Janice Hill and Leo Kowal were all present.

Also present: Deputy Clerk, Juliette Kerr

Guests

Kelly Diehl, David Diehl, May Strobel, Dale & Jenny Hartmann, Megan Millar, Jeff Lonigro, Andy Melka, Brenda Farrell.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda of the October 2nd, 2023 Plan Commission meeting by Commissioner Pollak and second by Commissioner Bork – all are in favor. **The motion passes.**

Approval of the Plan Commission Meeting Minutes – September 11th, 2023

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 11th, 2023 Plan Commission meeting by Commissioner Turner and second by Commissioner Kowal – all are in favor. **The motion passes.**

Guests and Public Comment

Ms. Millar voiced her concerns regarding the proposed solar project near her home along IC Trail. Her concerns were, is this really a green initiative or a land grab, was the site given due consideration, will Lily Lake be able to support the infrastructure and how will this benefit the community.

Mr. Lonigo expressed concerns about the property values and water runoff issues.

New Business

Mr. Melka from Horizon Solar project, came to inform and answer any questions the committee may have regarding the Solar community project. The land owner Mr. Hartmann, shared why he was choosing to put Solar in that area of his farm land. Andy Melka spoke about the community project allowing customers to sign up and get bill credit. He will also make recommendations to the KC board in changing the appearance of the chain mail fence to something more aesthetic to the agriculture landscape. The project will connect to the power lines on IC Trail which currently would handle the voltage from the solar but they may rebuild a few poles to accommodate more robust wires. The project is committed to having Prairie pollen friendly habitat, which promotes biodiversity in insects and birds. They are willing to work with the Village and neighbors and to make this project as sustainable as possible. They are committed to putting up educational, informational displays to inform residents, public and school children in how renewable energy and use of the land can work together. The timeline for the project once approved, will begin to pull permits into spring of 2024 with the goal to be complete by winter 2024.

The committee had a couple of questions for Mr. Melka, regarding the decommissioning of the project, Property values, using a mix variety of trees for a natural screen planting, use of bird and bat houses and IC Trail access, loads and size of trucks.

Old Business

Lily Lake Fall Gathering this Saturday October 14th, 2023. 2-4 p.m. At Simon Andersen Park. Will move it to the Village Hall if the weather continues to be bad.

The committee had their last Comprehensive Land Use workshop review. All agreed to have the edits forwarded on to Kon Savoy for further process.

Adjournment

Chairperson Lee, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting – Motion by Commissioner Pollak, second by Commissioner Hill - all are in favor (Chairperson voting). **The motion passes.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: *Janice Hill/Juliette Kerr*