

Chesaning Township Planning Commission Special Meeting

Date: June 12, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Chesaning Twp. Hall

Members Present: Pete Hemgesberg, Brian White, Scott Mrdeza, Russell Krish

Also Present: Seth Koches, Attorney, retained by the Township for DTE Solar Project.

Members Absent: Thomas Tithof.

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda:

Approval of Agenda motion was made by Brian White, second by Russell Krish. All ayes.

Approval of minutes for May1, 2024 meeting motion was made by Brian White, second by Pete Hemgesberg. All ayes.

New Business:

Welcome new member to Planning Board, Russell Krish. Scott Mrdeza was appointed as Chairman for Planning Board.

Old Business:

Q & A Session with the General Public.

Seth Koches discussed the possibility of working with DTE on the Solar Application instead of waiting until November 29, 2024, when the State of Michigan takes over. He also said he would sit down with DTE and talk about the township concerns with setbacks for non-participating parcels, the special use permits that the planning board asks for to go along with application for the Solar.

Talked about Fire training that will help fight a fire in and around the solar panels.

Discussed the \$5,000 per megawatt the township could get by allowing DTE to install the panel on sights they choose.

Talked about the decommissioning of panels when they are no longer being used and the site they are being used on.

Discussion about doing an environmental study on run off in creeks and rivers and getting the engineer involved.

Talked about allowing interior boundaries for continuous solar for connecting parcels.

Public Comment: Joe Ruthig, Mike Hafner, Fran Kukulis, Heather Wirwicki, Curt Barancik.
Public concerns were, migrating birds, run off into the creeks, and not allowing damaged panels to lay around on the parcel involved with solar.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by Acting Secretary Pete Hemgesberg
