

Kawkawlin Township Planning Commission
Solar Ordinance Public Hearing
July 28, 2021

Call to Order: Chairman Ric Fletcher called the meeting to order at 7:03pm with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call: Present – R. Fletcher, M. Klass, F. Schmidt, D. Cianek
Absent – K. Fedak,

Agenda:

MOTION: Cianek/support Schmidt to approve proposed agenda for the July 28th public hearing
Aye: All Opposed: None. Motion carried without objection

Public Comment on Agenda: None

Public Hearing: Chairman Fletcher opened the Public Hearing at 7:05pm and reminded everyone to limit their comments to 3 minutes and to state their name and address before commenting.

1. Eric Koch-645 E. Beaver Rd, concerned about groundwater contamination, minimum acreage, hours of operation
2. Joel Corey-910 Parishbrook, feels that setbacks should be increased
3. Regina Woods-1692 Beaver Rd, questioned how close solar panels can be to oil wells
4. Loren Sztajer-333 S. Linwood Bch, concerned about the affects on the older trees and vegetation buffer
5. Bill Hugo-1738 E. Cottage Grove, is in favor of renewable energy, disappointed in the Kawkawlin Wind Watch Facebook Page
6. Michelle Kirchman-309 S. Linwood Bch, gave kudos to the Board for all the work that has been done on the Solar Ordinance to date, recommends taking into consideration the protection of wetlands with greater setbacks
7. Jacob Klann-2110 Lebourdais Rd, questioned if solar farms would follow the natural contour of land, and would deeper ditches be needed for the water runoff, also would like setbacks set at 750ft.

Chairman Fletcher closed Public Hearing at 7:30pm

Correspondence: Fletcher received letter from Paul Coursey. Paul feels all solar farms should require large berm with trees, landscaping and a fence on top of berm. Also feels property should be zoned Commercial.

Public Comment: April York & Kim Wackerle questioned why neighbors were not notified of a grow facility opening in their neighborhood

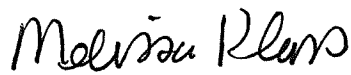
Member Comments: Fred Schmidt thanked the public for their concerns and comments and said the Board would take them all into consideration. Don Cianek, Melissa Klass and Ric Fletcher agreed.

Vote on Ordinance:

MOTION: Schmidt/support by Klass to table the vote at this time.
Aye: All Opposed: None Motion carried without objection

Adjournment: Motion:Klass/ support Schmidt to adjourn
Fletcher adjourned meeting @ 7:52pm

Respectfully Submitted


Melissa Klass, Secretary