

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOLAR ORDINANCE SPECIAL MEETING
PARKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
MARCH 9, 2023, 7:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Lloyd, Bob Hanvey, Tammy Beal, Les Andersen, Dan Lowe, Sandy Donovan, and Greg Durbin

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gormley, Gormley Law Offices PLC; Michael Homier, Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Hanvey called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The board members introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Greg Durbin motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Tammy Beal seconded. **Motion carried.**

SOLAR ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Comments were heard from the following:

Sally Witkowski, 3111 Pinckney Road
Jim, Conway Township
Tim Ryan, 459 E. Davis Road
Donna Borton, 5463 Stone Garden
Bonnie Cheyne, Jewell Road
Steve Willsmore, 5744 Lange Road
Dale Shaller, attorney for Jean Kline
Art Thiessen, 2515 Pingree Road
Andy Herald, 1881 Cedar Lake Road,
Kathleen Harwood, 5104 Scheuner’s Way
Stan Poloski, Marion Township
Jean Kline, Marion Township

Howard Lindsey, 2728 Pingree Road
Kayla Trapp, 4055 W. Coon Lake Road
Jim Witkowski, 3111 Pinckney Road
Cathy Geanides, 5384 Stone Garden
Bradley Savino, 3140 Pingree Road
Pat Macaluso, 4875 Pinckney Road
Joe Farkas, Howell
Sarah Porter, Conway Township
Bob Clark, Deerfield Township
Catherine Dyer, 2715 High Meadows
Jim Whyte, 3505 Prescott
Patty Hostine, 4301 W. Coon Lake Road

Board Comments

Scott Lloyd said he would like a 300-foot setback, requiring a minimum of 60 acres instead of an overlay, and 500 feet from waterways.

Sandy Donovan said a moratorium isn’t going to protect the township.

Dan Lowe said enough new information has been brought up that he would like to postpone action; commercial property might make the most sense; he believes this solar push will collapse on itself in a few years; suggested picking a date for people to go to Lansing and protest.

Bob Harvey motioned to accept the ordinance as presented. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Les Andersen asked Jim Witkowski what his suggestion would be; Mr. Witkowski said put the overlay in commercial and light industrial.

Les Andersen asked about scheduling a special meeting.

Dan Lowe asked the board members if they can at least agree that an ordinance will be put in place.

Sandy Donovan said to email suggestions to Bob Harvey.

Tammy Beal said the school is available on Wednesday, March 22 for another meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response.

ADJOURNMENT

Tammy Beal motioned to adjourn at 11:50 pm. Les Andersen seconded. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by: S. Longstreet

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Hanvey, Township Supervisor Date