

**Minutes of Zoning Commission Public Hearing & Meeting
Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio
October 24, 2023**

Opening

- The Zoning Commission public hearing & meeting on October 24, 2023, was called to order by Fred Schwarz at 6:30 p.m. Fred led the Pledge of Allegiance and stated that the meeting was being recorded.
- Roll call was taken and the following answered as Present: Jackie Siegel, Sara Sparhawk, Fred Schwarz, Alan Huet, and Rob Broehl.
- Fred stated that the purpose of the meeting is to hold a public hearing for the zoning resolution change for Small Solar, 2023-03 and explain the meeting procedures as listed in the Agenda.

Public Hearing

- Fred swore in the person that was present to testify.
- Melodie stated that the advertisement for the public hearing appeared in the Newark Advocate on September 24, 2023.
- The ad for these changes appeared in the Newark Advocate on September 8, 2023.
- Sara Sparhawk read the proposed changes to the zoning Resolution, Section 939: Small Solar Facility.
- The input from LCPC was reviewed and portions of it were read aloud. Their recommendation was for conditional approval.
- Dan Berglurd, of 4982 Northridge Road expressed his concern that no ground solar is allowed in the proposed text.
- Melodie explained that ground solar could be permitted through a variance. There was discussion about the variance process.
- There was no other public input.

Discussion

- The Zoning Commission discussed ground solar and the need for the proposed text to allow it. There were also concerns that the proposed text is missing other items from the original text proposed by legal counsel. Some on the Zoning Commission felt the need to do more research before making a change to the zoning resolution.
- **Fred Schwarz made a motion to recommend the proposed changes to the trustees. Rob Broehl second the motion. The vote was: Jackie Siegel, NO; Sara Sparhawk, NO; Fred Schwarz, YES; Alan Huet, YES; Rob Broehl, NO. The motion failed.**

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- Melodie Bogantz, the zoning clerk will inform the trustees that the Zoning Commission does not recommend the proposed change to the Zoning Resolution for Small Solar.

Closing

- Rob Broehl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fred Schwarz seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.

Minutes were taken by Melodie Bogantz, Zoning Clerk for Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio.

Approval of Minutes:

Zoning Clerk: Melodie Bogantz Date: 10/20/2023

Zoning Commission: _____ Date: _____

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| <u>Jackie Siegel</u> | _____ | _____ |
| <u>Sara Spunkhark</u> | _____ | <u>11-20-2023</u> |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | _____ | <u>11-20-2023</u> |
| <u>Alan Hunt</u> | _____ | <u>11-20-2023</u> |
| <u>[Signature]</u> | _____ | <u>11/20/23</u> |