

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING**

**6524 N. SEYMOUR ROAD**

**FLUSHING MI 48433**

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES**

**DATE: MAY 10, 2022**

**TIME: 7:30 P.M.**

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**This meeting was held at North Flushing Baptist Church at 7500 Mt. Morris Road, Flushing, MI 48433.**

**MEMBERS OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Steven Moulton, Chair

James Sarka

Richard Vaughn, Vice Chair

Timothy Lloyd

Craig Davis – Planning Commission Representative

Mandy Hemingway – Recording Secretary

- I. VICE CHAIRPERSON VAUGHN** opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with Roll Call and the Pledge to the American Flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Vaughn, Moulton, Davis, Sarka and Lloyd

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 211 other individuals present

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MR. MOULTON MOVED**, supported by Mr. Lloyd to approve the agenda as submitted.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Moulton gave a brief explanation of the purpose of tonight’s meeting, which is solely to give interpretation of Article 18 Special Use Permits Article, Section 20-1804 (OO) Commercial Solar Energy Collector System (b)(2).

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 7:33 P.M.

One individual gave a lengthy comment.

**VICE CHAIRPERSON VAUGHN MOVED**, supported by Mr. Lloyd to limit the public comment to 2 minutes per person.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

39 comments were made, with 29 being against solar farms and 10 comments that were in favor of solar farms.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 8:40 P.M.**

**IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**MR. MOULTON MOVED**, supported by Mr. Sarka to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 ZBA Meeting.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No unfinished business

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Election of Officers.

**MR. SARKA MOVED**, supported by Mr. Lloyd to elect Mr. Moulton as Chair.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MR. LLOYD MOVED**, supported by Mr. Sarka to elect Mr. Vaughn as Vice Chair.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

At this time, Vice Chairperson Vaughn turned the meeting over to newly elected Chairperson Moulton.

2. Approval of meeting dates and proposed time change.

**MR. VAUGHN MOVED**, supported by Mr. Davis to approve the meeting dates through January 2023, with the amendments of changing the Tuesday, September 6, 2022 date to Wednesday, September 7, 2022 and changing the meeting time to 7:00 P.M. for all future meetings.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Public Hearing for clarification of Article 18 Special Use Permits Article, Section 20-1804 (OO) Commercial Solar Energy Collector System (b)(2).

**Public hearing opened at 8:46 P.M.**

- Drew Vielbig, project developer from Ranger Power, gave comment on proposed solar project in Flushing Township
- Stephen Etsey from Dykema gave comment on Article 18 Special Use Permits Article, Section 2—1804 (OO) Commercial Solar Energy Collector System (b)(2) and his understanding of the lot coverage referred to in the ordinance, which is also stated in the letter from Dykema in the attached packet

**Public hearing closed at 8:56 P.M.**

**CHAIRPERSON MOULTON MOVED**, supported by Mr. Lloyd to continue the meeting to a special meeting date for the sole purpose of discussion among the zoning board members to reach a decision on the interpretation of Article 18 Special Use Permits Article, Section 20-1804 (OO) Commercial Solar Energy Collector System (b)(2).

After a brief discussion on availability the following date was determined.

**VII. MEETING CONTINUED TO SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022  
AT 7:00 P.M.**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT NORTH FLUSHING BAPTIST CHURCH  
LOCATED AT 7500 MT. MORRIS ROAD, FLUSHING, MI 48433.**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

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**STEVEN MOULTON**, Chair

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**MANDY HEMINGWAY**  
Recording Secretary

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Date Approved

05/10/2022