

**BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2019**

Call to order: Mark Felton and Sue Hobbs called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Hobbs, Sparks, Kelenske, Kondrat, Matelski
Absent: None

Also present: Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission

New Business: Solar Energy Panels (attached is the proposed zoning ordinance)

An ordinance to amend the Boyne Valley Township Zoning Ordinance to implement regulation regarding solar energy systems was presented to the Board. Mike Skop suggested that a bond be included in the ordinance for cleanup of waste material or hazardous waste that would cover the cost of decommissioning the panels in later years. The cost to decommission is unknown and a bond would help in future years. Need to have Bryan Graham put in new ordinance a bond to be required and who is responsible for the cleanup. Page 7 item V need to clarify who is responsible for decommissioning. Will the panels cause water runoff that will affect the wells in the area. Need to have DEQ involved and to monitor requirements on waste and water quality.

Page 1 Commercial SES: A commercial SES is a principal use of property and may occupy the same property as another principal use. It was suggested that we change this to a special use permit.

Page 7 Item K: DEQ research stormwater runoff, need to have a permit for anything over 5 acres.

Questions on how high a fence shall be. Currently the ordinance states a 6 (six) foot high fence can be constructed but the new ordinance requirement will be 8 (eight) foot fence. Mr. Matelski would like it to be six (6) foot. Also, a berm with trees or just trees to be considered with the site plan. How tall the trees or the berm has to be, what the type of trees and the distance between them must be included in the site plan.

Motion by Felton seconded by Senter to table zoning ordinance until next meeting to give Mr. Graham time to consider the changes the Planning Commission recommended. Motion carried.

Mr. Skop reported on the progress of Church Street hill he is working on a grant to pave the hill to the township line it will be up to the township to pave the top of the hill. This is where the ground water is beginning and running down creating a drainage problem and road washouts.

Motion by Sparks seconded by Kelenske to adjourn meeting. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Lynn Sparks, Clerk