

**MARION TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
October 21, 2024**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Bob Harvey called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGEANCE

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Les Andersen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Sandy Donovan. **Motion carried.**

RENEWABLE ENERGY OPTIONS

Supervisor Hanvey explained the different options that have been presented to us in the last few weeks. There is the Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance, the Workable Ordinance, Trigger language and the Appeal of the MPSC's Order.

Dan Lowe made a motion to go with option#3 the Trigger language and join the Appeal of the MPSC's Order, seconded by Scott Lloyd. **Roll call vote: Lloyd, Durbin, Donovan, Beal, Andersen, Lowe, Hanvey-all yes. Motion Passed 7-0.**

Bob Harvey made a motion to add Renewable Energy Updates to the October 24th agenda, Sandy Donovan seconded. **Motion carried.**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jim Anderson, 84 Cranbrook Drive says he's a member of the Planning Commission asked what is the Trigger? Supervisor Hanvey answered that to maintain local control over zoning regulations for wind, solar and battery energy facilities to add trigger language to comply with PA 233 for renewable energy projects.

Jim Witkowski, 3111 Pinckney Road says he thinks we should look at small scale solar, when 50 Kilowatts added to residential is not a permitted use. We should also add wind and battery storage because they are not in our current ordinance. Supervisor Hanvey responded that trigger language will take care of that.

Howard Lindsey, 2728 Pingree Road said that he has been approached for battery storage but is not interested.

Jim Anderson, 84 Cranbrook Drive said that he doesn't believe that the projects have to be co-located, they can be in separate locations.

Bernie DeLyon, 5210 W. Coon Lake Road asked about eminent domain, the first overlay was on his property and he is not interested. Supervisor Hanvey explained that they cannot use eminent domain to put equipment on someone's land only underground cables.

ADJOURNMENT

Les Andersen motioned to adjourn at 5:29 pm. Scott Lloyd seconded. **Motion carried.**

Tammy L. Beal, Township Clerk Date

Robert W. Harvey, Township Supervisor Date

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