

Minutes from Meeting held September 23, 2021

A special meeting of the South Shenango Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2021 at the South Shenango Township Building, located at 6865 Collins Road, Jamestown, PA 16134. The meeting was called to order at 2:34 pm by Chairperson Joe Livingston. Present were Supervisors Joe Livingston and Mike Richter; Secretary Rebecca Andrew and Property Maintenance Karen Hanna. One visitor was present.

This meeting was held to consider an application for land development made by Welcome Solar II, and to also discuss appointment of a zoning officer.

On or about August 25, 2020, Welcome Solar II, LLC (herein referred to as “Welcome Solar” or “Applicant”), by Lin Hui Sui filed an application for a Conditional Use to permit the use of two parcels of land containing approximately 170 acres of undeveloped property located in the southeastern portion of South Shenango Township, in the Agricultural Zoning District, owned by James J. Potase, Jr., and identified by Tax Parcel Nos. 4706-046-A & 4706-046, for construction and use of the land for a solar energy production system.

Taylor Engineering – Brandy Kunsman, was present to address any questions or concerns related to SWM in regards to the Welcome Solar II project. Brandy stated that the final plans show a reduction in gravel roads compared to the original plan. Brandy does not foresee any problems with the solar panels causing erosion, because the panels rotate and the land will be meadow.

Fisher Associates- Seth Shafer, informed the Supervisors where they were at in the process of other government approvals: E&S is still in the process. All other approvals have been obtained.

Attorney’s Report – Brett Steadman, advised the Supervisors on the process and what needed completed for the project. Brett told Seth that the SWM- O and M agreement needs updated and signed, he will provide Seth with the agreement tomorrow. Brett asked for an executive session regarding legal litigation.

Supervisors’ Report – Mike Richter had concerns about flooding. It was stated rain gardens will be installed to help with this issue. Brandy does not feel there will be an increase in run-off. Brandy stated if earth disturbance does occur it would need to be dealt with and re-evaluated at the time of occurrence. The O and M would go into effect at that time.

Mike Richter made a motion to approve the Land Development plan with the following conditions with a second by Joe Livingston. MC

1. Entering into a Storm Water Management Agreement with the township.
2. Obtaining all other government approvals including but not limited to NPDES/ENS.

There was discussion regarding the zoning officer open seat.

Joe Livingston made a motion to have Karen Hanna temporarily fill the zoning officer position with a second by Mike Richter. MC

Secretary’s Report – None

Correspondence Received – None

At 3:13 pm the meeting adjourned into Executive Session regarding legal litigation.

The regular meeting reconvened at 4:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Andrew, Secretary