Brady Township

Planning Commission

May 4th, 2023

Meeting called to order by chairman Mike Thiels at 7:00pm.

Pledge of allegiance by all present.

Roll call: present- Michelle Loos, Mike Thiel, Glen Reeves, Jeff Roy and Jim Gray. Don Sommers absent.

Public present- Multiple township citizens present.

Minutes from March 2nd 2023 read by Planning Commission members present.

Motion to accept March 2nd, 2023 minutes by Jeff Roy, seconded by Glen Reeves. All in favor. Motion passed.

New business: Special use permit 2023-1 request by Avery Gibes for Unleashed Canine LLC at 16370 Oakley Rd currently zoned A-1. Proposed site for dog training and boarding.on 2.29 acres. Project summary presented by Avery Gibes to the Planning Commission Board and public present. Public concern voiced by Randy Stoddard of noise level and barking. Concern addressed by Avery Gibes.

Motion to approve special use permit 2023-1 for Unleased Canine LLC by Jeff Roy, seconded by Michelle Loos. All in favor. Motion passed.

Old business: Updated Solar Ordinance reviewed by Planning Commission Board and public present.

Public comment:-Multiple concerns by public voiced-do what cost are we going green?, appreciate 25% of parcel limit, concern of discussions being one sided, less than 1% of the township wants solar farms within the township, change from ordinance of 50% to 25% of the parcel(stated by Glen Reeves this was an error and should have stated 25%), what land is leased for solar?, rain tile damage from solar projects causing issues with drainage on adjacent land, concern of when people are outside they use their back yard and if solar surrounded them they would not be able to enjoy their property, concerns of decreased property value, concerns of retaining the 25% parcel limit, concerns

of 25% of a parcel is ridiculous, concerns of why divide between parcels, concerns of contamination of land and ground water,, concerns of height of solar farm projects, concerns of lead in the panels causing contamination, concern of violation of special use permit and who will police this, concern of solar projects using union workers.

-Close of public comment.

-Solar Ordinance reviewed by Planning Commission Board members. Ordinance to be revised with changes discussed then presented to the Township Board of Trustees with Public Hearing to follow with proposed date of May 5th, 2023.

Motion to accept Solar Ordinance with changes and submit to the Township Board of Trustees with public hearing to follow by Glen Reeves, seconded by Michelle Loos. All in favor. Motion passed.

Next meeting May 5th, 2023 7:00pm. Public Hearing on revised Solar Ordinance.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Thiel, seconded by Jeff Roy. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by Michelle Loos Planning Committee Secretary