

Midland Township
Planning Commission
August 7, 2024

Call to order at 7:03pm.

Attendance: Board:

Guests:

Deb Braeutigam

None

Andrea DuBois

Paul Heyse

Robin Holt

Tim Mott

Approval of May 1, 2024 meeting minutes as they stand; moved by Robin Holt, seconded by Andrea DuBois. Minutes approved as they stand.

Review and discussion – ESA Solar BESS Special Land Use application

Update on BESS and their Escrow approval for the special land use application. Haven't heard from Cynthia Todd from Spicer, but have done our own research so we won't be using Spicer in continuing steps for the application, as per the MT Board. The Township attorney has provided information as well.

Review and discussion – BESS Site Plan

One question is: why doesn't ESA/BESS just rent the property from Consumers Power? If ESA/BESS goes to Consumers to rent the property, Consumers will shut them down with the idea of doing it themselves. Also, it will put Consumers in control of the project; ESA will have to do what they say instead of their own project. Therefore, Consumers Power is not our concern in this project.

Another question/concern: Has ESA Solar talked to the railroad? They have since we talked again, and the special land use site has been moved and the paperwork has been updated.

We compared the old literature provided by ESA Solar and the new literature. We read through the FAQs and discussed a public utility—what is the definition of this?

Date for public hearing

Wednesday September 4, 2024

Other Business:

Master Plan review is coming up—maybe 2025.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Robin Holt adjourned the meeting at 8:37pm; seconded by Andrea DuBois. Meeting adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday September 4, 2024.