

The Hampton Township Public Hearing Meeting Minutes July 11, 2016 7:00pm

ATTENDANCE

Treasurer Leo Nicolai
Clerk Molly Weber

Planning Commission Members

Jeremy Irrthum
Larry Runyan
David Peine
Mike Tix
Casondra Schaffer

The purpose of the meeting was to consider, hear from the public, and act to make a recommendation to the Town Board regarding a conditional use permit for the construction, use and maintenance of a ground-mounted Solar Panel Electric System for Patricia Johnson located at 3940 220th Street East, Hampton, MN 55031 (PID#17-00600-25-012).

The standard Public Hearing Process was followed.

1. Introduction: outline the rules, talk about what the rules are and follow that plan
2. Establish the ground rules: public will be limited to 5 minutes
3. Applicant presentation: applicant presents what they want to build
4. Public Testimony: anyone from public can voice their opinion
5. Rebuttal Testimony: applicant can counter any questions made by the public testimony
6. Closing

Patricia presented what she was going to do. They are going to put in a 10.26 kW ground-mounted Solar PV system. There will be 36 SolarWorld 285 watt modules, 1 - 10.0 Solar Edge Inverter, and 1 - Zilla Ground-mount racking system, 8 feet deep by 60 foot long by 10 foot high. The expected production for the home is approximately 12,700 kWh per year. Patricia stated that they meet the set back requirements on all sides.

Public Testimony - Leo Nicolai asked how they were mounted in the ground. They will be screwed 60 inches into the ground with a post on top of that and then the racking system. The snow will stick on the panels first then melt off. They are at a 30 degree angle. You will still get solar production even if there is a little snow on them. They get about 6% in January and December but June & July (hot days) get more. The longer days you are using the electric more with your air conditioner & such. Dakota Electric will buy back the excess of Patricia Johnson's personal use.

Rebuttal Testimony - None

The Planning Commission reviewed Hampton Township's ordinance. They are greater than 15 feet away from the property line. Height is good. It will be surrounded by trees. The cables will be under ground. We do not require a letter or a credit for abandonment. They have a 25 year power production guarantee.

Larry Runyan recommended to the Town Board they grant a conditional use permit for the construction, use and maintenance of a ground-mounted Solar Panel Electric System for Patricia Johnson. Casondra Schaffer seconded it. Motion carried.

Patricia was instructed to get on the Town Board agenda and get in touch with Benny Svien to inspect it. Powerfully Green representative said they pull the permits as required.

Larry Runyan made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Dave Peine seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.