

Keene Township

Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Denny Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present - Denny Briggs, Dan Briggs, Ray Krieger, Corey Wojcik, Nancy Solomon

Absent - Mike Gasper, Matt Stahlin

There were approximately 40 members of the community present along with Zoning Administrator, Jeanne Vandersloot.

A member of the community voiced concern about the previous board meeting stating it was very intimidating. Denny apologized for his tone but felt his comments were accurate.

Motion made by Corey to approve the last meeting minutes and Dan seconded. Motion approved.

Old business:

Jeanne gave an overview to the ADU Accessory Dwelling Unit language noting that changes are on the new revision. She notes that farm help workers are not a part of this and confirmed that an ADU does not need a separate address. Need to add "single family" wording. It was mentioned that "tiny houses" are less than 400 feet and would not qualify as an ADU. It was motioned by Dan to accept the language after adding "Recreational vehicles or anything licensed or registered with the Secretary of State cannot be considered as an ADU". Corey seconded the motion. ADU language approved and motion carried. Corey motioned for a meeting date of October 24th, 2023 and seconded by Ray. Motion carried.

New business:

Minimal discussion of Wind Energy Ordinance. An audience member handed out a court tested wind energy ordinance sample to the members to read over.

Public comment - Any topic:

A member voiced concern about 500 acres of solar panels. Denny mentioned that we are handling other concerns at this time (before the November 7th vote). Denny mentioned the survey will be worked on and that there are 10 people on this committee. Kim Newell asked if a lawyer looked at the 2018 ordinance and if he had an opinion on if it was better than the amendments. Denny said that particular question was not asked of him but the lawyer did work on the amendments.

Motion made by Ray to adjourn at 7:59 PM and seconded by Corey. Motion passed.

