

Joint Planning Board Meeting
April 22, 2025

The meeting of the Joint Planning Board of LeSauk Township and the City of Sartell was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 5:30 p.m. at the LeSauk Town Hall.

PRESENT: LeSauk Township Supervisors Dan Heim, Jeff Westerlund and Paul Wagner, City of Sartell Joint Planning Board member Tim Elness, Recording Secretary Marlyce Plante and 5 interested parties.

AGENDA: DAN HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY TIM ELNESS, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

MINUTES APPROVAL: DAN HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 2025 JOINT PLANNING BOARD MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY JEFF WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0. Tim Elness abstained since he was not in attendance at the meeting.

Solar Ordinance Revision Public Hearing - Chairman Dan Heim read the public hearing notice for a proposed amendment to the LeSauk Township Zoning Ordinance. The amendment includes a change from a conditional use permit in the A-20 zoning to an interim use permit in the A-20 zoning to operate a Solar Farm/Garden. He then opened the meeting to the floor.

Mr. Heim stated this change is being considered due to public input when conducting the Kevin Traut-Minnesota Solar Farm/Garden conditional use permit application held in March 2025. The interim permit would give the township more control over how long the use could be placed on the property versus a conditional use permit which continues with the parcel even when the parcel changes owners.

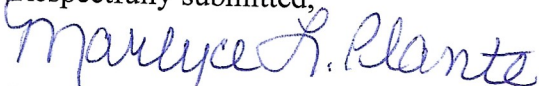
Mary Barron-Traut, 3872 Pine Cone Road – Ms. Traut questioned whether the power lines will be underground to allow for their swing irrigation system that is located where above ground power poles were to be placed. Mr. Heim informed her that will be addressed during the scheduled township meeting that will be held immediately after this meeting.

No comments were heard from the floor or received via email, mail etc. by Township Clerk Plante. **DAN HEIM MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND BY TIM ELNESS, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

DAN HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-06 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V OF THE LESAUK ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS TO CLASSIFY COMMERCIAL SOLAR FACILITIES AS INTERIM USES, SECOND BY JEFF WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

There being no further business, **JEFF WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY TIM ELNESS, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Marlyce L. Plante

Joint Planning Board Recording Secretary