

February 22 2022 Wilson Township Public Hearing

The public hearing for Novel Energy and WAIDA was held on February 22 2022 at the town hall. Chairman Mike Conway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Mike Conway, Nate Beyerstedt, Tony Chelmowski (by phone) Clerk Robin Jandt and Zoning Administrator Pat Pawlowski.

Others Present: List is attached.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The public hearing tonight for WAIDA is to discuss platting out 1 more parcel. Last year 5 parcels were plotted off. An excess driveway to the east will be put in for more parcels down the road. The engineer was present and commented that an Annual Risk Survey would be done yearly. With no questions or comments N.Beyeratedt made a motion to approve the recommendations and forward on to the town board and T.Chelmowski seconded. All approved.

Novel Energy is proposing to put 1 MW solar gardens on 2 properties in Wilson Township. The Gelbeck property and The Miller property. These solar gardens are supported by the State of Minnesota as a renewable energy supply. Scott Temple was not in attendance. Pat Pawlowski reported that they have met the insurance limits, bond requirement of \$50,000.00 was agreed upon will receive that before project begins. Plants were discussed for appearance these will come from Prairie Moon Nursery. Shrubs will be planted around the panels. Majority of the panels are recyclable. We each had received a packet explaining the time line, shut down, disconnect, removal and disposal. Every 4 or 5 years will switch panels out. The lease agreement is 30 years with the land owner but normally in 25 years they will start to come down. With no comments or questions N.Beyerstedt made a motion to approve and recommend it on to the town board as is and T.Chelmowski seconded. All approved.

Permits were discussed. N.Beyerstedt would like to see minor repairs have no permits and if it is something major then require a permit. M.Conway would like to see permits more for major projects. P.Pawlowski commented make it easier on everyone not a burden. P.Pawlowski would like to see it listed on the website what you don't need a permit for. T.Chelmowski agreed with N.Beyerstedt. P.Pawlowski used for an example gravel to blacktop. The school house on County Road 17 a lady is interested in buying it. A small discussion took place. With nothing else N.Beyerstedt made a motion to adjourn and T.Chelmowski seconded at 7:55.

