

**LAGRANGE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8TH, 2021**

THE LAGRANGE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2021 AT 5:00 PM.** IN THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING WITH THE FOLLOWING AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER: Tyler Young called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Jim Young, Rich Sherman, Lynn Bowen, Freeman Miller, Terry Martin, Zach Holsinger & Tyler Young.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

ADOPT AGENDA: Lynn Bowen made a motion to adopt the agenda, Freeman Miller seconded the motion. A vote was taken, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: None.

NEW BUSINESS

REZONE

(Public Hearing)

LAKE AREA DESIGNS ~ By: Brian Miller/ Steve Christner (**21-R-11**) Newbury Twp., Sect. 02, T37N R08E, zoned B-3. Located North of 0845 1005 N Van Buren St., Shipshewana. Application is to rezone 5.9 +/- acres from B-3 (Highway Business District) to I-2 (Heavy Industrial District) zoning.

Robbie Miller introduced the petition. Mrs. Miller also presented a favorable letter from the Town of Shipshewana.

Steve Christner, 950 E North Village Dr., Shipshewana, was present as the petitioner and explained to the board the history of the property and the reason for the proposed rezone.

Joas Slabach, 750 E North St., Shipshewana, was also present as the potential buyer.

Tyler Young asked for public comment on the petition. There was none.

The board discussed the petition. Mrs. Miller explained the rezoning history of the property to the board.

Zach Holsinger made a motion to send the petition to LaGrange County Commissioners with a positive recommendation. Jim Young seconded the motion.

A vote was taken 6 Yes / 1 No / 0 Abstain and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: Robbie Miller presented commercial solar farm filing fee comparisons from other counties in the state of Indiana.

Tyler Young expressed his concern regarding the current solar ordinance, stating commercial solar farms will not benefit LaGrange County. Mr. Young also stated that the solar ordinance needs to be changed regarding a density limit.

Rich Sherman also expressed his concerns, stating commercial solar farms are not a long-term solution.

Jim Young also expressed his concerns, stating he was not in favor of the commercial solar farms.

Jim Young made a motion to create a Solar Ordinance Committee, consisting of Tyler Young, Steve Engleking, and Lynn Bowen, to do further research on commercial solar ordinances. Freeman Miller seconded the motion. A vote was taken, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Lynn Bowen made a motion to adjourn, Freeman Miller seconded the motion. A vote was taken, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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