

West Sadsbury Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes December 16, 2024

West Sadsbury Township Building

Members present: Deidre Hosier, Ed Haas, Chuck Eggen, Art Wright, Benuel Stoltzfus, and Ashley Melasecca (VC), Aaron Zook.

Additional attendee: Casey Kerschner of Becker Engineering and Shawn Brandt of New Leaf Energy (West Sadsbury Solar 1, LLC)

Public attendees: Frank Haas, Trudy Haas, Daniel J. Dienner, Steve Dienner and Robert Hosier

Ashley opened the meeting at 7:32pm.

Art read minutes of the October 22, 2024 meeting. Ed Haas motioned to accept and seconded by Deidre Hosier. Motioned carried unanimously.

Old Business:

There was no meeting in November 2024.

Shawn Brandt of New Leaf Energy (West Sadsbury Solar 1, LLC) is asking for a text change to allow solar installation for his project. Current zoning allows Principal Solar systems only in I (Industrial) & AG (Agricultural Zoning Districts). The argument is that RU (rural) has similar purposes.

Ed made the following motion: Recommend the Board of Supervisors consider and approve the text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance (1232.4) to add Principal Solar Energy Systems as a conditional use in the RU rural district. Deidre Hosier seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

2025 Meeting Dates: The meetings in November and December will be moved to November 18 & December 16, 2025.

Reorganization meeting will be January 28, 2025.

Deidre Hosier asked if anyone has heard from Chester County Planning Commission regarding zoning updates.

None has occurred.

Ed Haas motioned to end of the meeting and seconded by Chuck Eggen. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for January 28, 2025 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Art Wright, Secretary