

Minutes of the Plan Commission

April 18, 2022

A meeting of the plan commission was called to order at 6pm in conjunction with a Public Hearing held by the City Council. Chairman Kretzer called the meeting to order, roll call showed members present: Pat Kretzer, Kevin Hamell, Scott McClure, Tony Verardi, Dyanne Skinner, and Matthew Yard; excused: Jim Altman.

Chairman Kretzer read the purpose of the meeting: to consider the application of the GSI Group LLC for a special use for the development and operation of an approximately 1.125 megawatt solar energy facility to be located at IL route 48, Taylorville, on their property. This meeting was a continuance of the prior meeting on the same subject. City Attorney Romano spoke outlining some issues that have been resolved since the paperwork was submitted ie: references to the county, fire dept. not dist., signage will be posted on 4 sides, HBO officer will be allowed to visit as needed, decommissioning plan, surety bond, and construction estimate to be presented at a later date. RE: glare study for airport, no Federal requirements for study, but one was requested to show due diligence by city and developer.

Mrs. Skinner raised a question about above ground power lines; lines will be underground as much as possible.

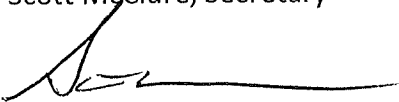
Mr. McClure made the following motion: to recommend to the City Council to direct the city attorney to prepare an ordinance granting GSI Group LLC (owners of the real estate identified in the public hearing) and SolAmerica Energy, LLC (developers/operators) a Special Use Permit to locate a solar energy facility on said real estate conditioned upon the City Council's approval of the following items: building permit; solar panels glare study concerning airport traffic; decommissioning plan including restoration requirements with sufficient surety bond; qualified engineer cost estimates of decommissioning,; drainage tile restoration map and requirements; weed control plan; recording of survey plat of said real estate; detailed construction plans signed by structural engineer; the additional requirements noted by the Plan Commission and City Council on 4/18/2022; and such other conditions, requirements, items of matters as the City Attorney may deem appropriate.

Mr. Yard seconded motion, roll call vote showed all in favor of motion.

With no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm on a motion by Mrs. Skinner and seconded by Mr. Hammell; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Scott McClure, Secretary



Pat Kretzer, Chairman

