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**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
October 22, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.**

The Planning Commission of Castle Rock Township scheduled a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Jeff Partington, Chair, Mary Ann Enggren, Vice-Chair, Jennifer Wegner, and Barbara Lang, Commission members. Committee Member Mike Betzold was not present. Also attending were Andrew Dahlen, Laura Caspari, Cecelia Wolf, Craig Knudsen, Mark Rathbun, Sandy Weber and Mark Henry.

Hearing was called to order by Chair Jeff Partington at 6:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair Jeff Partington read the purpose of the Hearing: The purpose of this hearing is to review a request for Ordinance Amendments for Zoning Ordinance 2013-01 and Ordinance Amendment 2015-B, modifying language affecting solar electric systems.

Chair Partington then asked the group representing the solar company to explain about their project and the reason behind requesting the language changes in the Zoning Ordinance. Mark Rathbun from Great River Energy spoke about how the project would be set up for power generation and supplying renewable energy supplies to Dakota Electric. Craig Knudsen from Dakota Electric was also present and confirmed that this project would be of benefit to their local customers. Engie Solar was also present, and they will be acting as the developer for the power supply bids for this project.

There was discussion about the various language changes that are requested. The main reason for requesting these changes is that this project would be an energy storage system, which is not currently addressed in our Zoning Ordinance sections for solar energy. The township attorney recommended a modification to Section 7.21 I, which was acceptable to the Engie group. Further discussions will need to take place between the township attorney and Engie legal department about the language requested in Section 7.21 Q. All other changes requested are acceptable.

No further comments being made, Chair Partington asked for a motion for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Mary Ann Enggren / Jennifer Wegner made a motion to recommend adopting these changes as discussed with the exception of 7.21 Q, which will be negotiated between the attorneys for the Board of Supervisors to review at their November 12 meeting. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Jennifer Wegner / Jeff Partington made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Lang, Town Clerk
Castle Rock Township

Attest: Jeff Partington, Chair, Castle Rock Planning Commission