

**MINUTES**  
**SOLAR COMMITTEE MEETING**

**February 4, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.**

Jefferson County Courthouse  
Annex Bldg., Surveyor's Office  
315 Jefferson St., Madison, IN 47250

MEMBERS PRESENT: WARREN AUXIER, President, DENNIS BOWYER, VIRGINIA FRANKS, DAVID BRAMER, GENE RIEDEL, RAY DENNING, JASON GOLEY, DAVID FERGUSON, and MIKE PITTMAN

VISITORS PRESENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT: JIM DIERDORF, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer, and LYNETTE ANDERSON, Secretary

President Warren Auxier called the meeting to order.

Warren Auxier read to the board I.C. 36-7-2-8 Solar energy systems; ordinances; reasonable restrictions. Packets of gathered information were handed out. Gene Riedel asked about the amount of phone calls the office receives about solar panels. Lynette Anderson stated a few months back, the office received several inquires about solar energy, such as: are there any permits, fees, restrictions, ordinances, etc., required. As per the recommendation from the Plan Commission in its meeting of August 13, 2019, the only thing we can do when solar companies and/or residents inquire about solar panels is recommend the property owner stay within the setback requirements as it pertains to their zoning district. David Ferguson mentioned Johnson Mellows, a solar company that is working with Madison Consolidated High School on installing solar panels. There was much discussion on how to create an ordinance for solar energy, i.e., height, weight for roof panels, glare, batteries, safety, front yard placement, setbacks, fees, permits, etc., and the procedure on how to adopt a new ordinance. It was determined to have some solar companies come to the next meeting. David Ferguson mentioned two companies, Solar Energy Solutions and Johnson Mellows. Warren Auxier will contact these two companies. David Bramer said he will see about another company coming to the next meeting as well.

President Warren Auxier asked if there is anything else that needs to be mentioned or discussed. There was nothing further. Ray Denning moved for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Pittman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2020, immediately following the regular PC meeting, approximately 6:00 P.M.**

Minutes prepared by: Lynette Anderson  
Lynette Anderson, Secretary

APPROVED THIS 3 DAY OF March, 2020.

JEFFERSON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

BY: Warren Auxier  
WARREN AUXIER, President