

Jason Abel welcomes the new county surveyor, Jeff Powell.

Motion to approve minutes from 3/11/2024 made by Kevin Nigh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Parker, approved 3/0.

**Speedway Solar:** Speedway Solar/ Primoris Renewable Energy has 2 topics of discussion today: 1 is to potentially hold a public hearing to make the perimeter drain for the Speedway Solar project a legal drain and 2 is the request to cross 4 legal drains. The drainage board, Jeff Powell (county surveyor), Rick Lawrence (drainage contractor), and Andy Cowan from Primoris Renewable Energy review a drainage map and first discuss the possible legal drain. The goal is to protect the drainage for all parties, both participating and non-participating in the solar project, and to be able to hook in and or repair drainage in the area in the future. Mr. Powell feels the drains on the exterior borders would be best served as regulated drains. Mr. Lawrence confirms the borders will all be double walled plastic pipe. Mr. Powell suggests Speedway Solar petition the Drainage Board to start the process of creating a legal drain and fund the start of the maintenance account. Mr. Cowan states there are essentially 2 parts to their drainage, an exterior and an interior. He says they have been using ground penetrating radar to locate existing tiles and overlaying that onto their drainage plan. Mr. Cowan states they have been going over those maps with surrounding landowners who may be able to point out any tiles the radar has missed to ensure their drainage plan will work. Mr. Lawrence states any existing tile they cut will be tied into the perimeter drain. Commissioner Abel confirms the design is accounting for grading changes post installation of the arrays. Mr. Cowan states the drainage plan considers both baseline elevations as well as future. There is also discussion of possibly keeping the tile private, this is just brainstorming at this point. The main goal is to allow surrounding property owners to do maintenance and repairs on area tiles that will hook into the Speedway Solar tile. Mr. Powell brings up the point that the tile can be adopted as a legal drain before or after it is installed. Commissioner Nigh suggests Speedway Solar submit a letter of commitment expressing their interest of creating a legal drain. He believes this would make everyone more comfortable with Speedway Solar/ Primoris Renewable Energy completing their drainage work now, Mr. Powell agrees. Don Parker motions to table the proposal of creating a legal county drain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.

They now discuss a request to cross 4 legal drains with utility lines, installed by directional boring. It is determined more review is needed before moving forward with these crossings. Don Parker motions to table the drain crossings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Nigh, vote 3/0.

**Meadowview:** County surveyor, Jeff Powell, received a call from a landowner requesting to hook into the county drainage tile located here for a subsurface drain around their septic field. The Drainage Board would like anyone seeking to hook into a county tile to come before the board to get permission so that everyone stays informed.

Adjourn.

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SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA

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