

LeSauk Special Township Meeting
June 12, 2024

The Special Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 6:00 p.m. at the Sartell Community Center – Liberty Room.

PRESENT: Supervisors Dan Heim, Jeff Westerlund and Paul Wagner, Clerk Marlyce Plante, Deputy Clerk Mary Barron-Traut and 7 interest parties.

AGENDA APPROVAL: SUPV HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECOND BY SUPV WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

The purpose of the special meeting was to have a presentation from SolarStone Company regarding solar farms and gardens and a presentation from Sartell Lions regarding their plans for a restroom at the inclusive playground area located on Pinecone Road.

SolarStone – Solar Gardens/Farms

Mr. Gordon Simonton and Jeff Bertch, representatives of the Solar Stone company gave a power point presentation of their company SolarStone. A copy of the power point presentation was also provided to each town board member. Some of the topics were as follows:

- History of SolarStone – Operating solar projects in Minnesota & Illinois, with future development in other states. Their latest project was a 10-megawatt solar facility is the Rochester Public Utility and Mayo Clinic which went on line in 2022.
- They discussed the typical solar equipment used in their projects, using no concrete or asphalt & natural ground cover of native prairie grasses & pollinator plantings.
- Solar facilities must be in the Xcel service territory.
- Reviewed with the Town Board members the considerations for enacting a solar ordinance in the township and the possible advantages to township parcel owners and the township. It is a clean, safe and renewable energy source with low traffic impacts as well as being a quiet neighbor to surrounding parcel owners.

Phil & Marcia Ringstrom – Sartell Lions – Inclusive Playground Restroom Plans

Mr. Ringstrom gave a brief history of the Sartell Lions journey in developing and fundraising for an inclusive playground for the Sartell area. The playground has been extremely well-received but is in need of a restroom that is easily handicapped accessible and allows a caregiver to easily change a child's or adult's clothing with dignity and safety.

Stu Giffin had provided copies of the history and copies of the plans of a similar restroom that was constructed and built at the Watab Splash Park. Mr. Ringstrom stated the Lions would welcome any help with the funding and construction of the restroom. They are hoping to be able to work with the city of Sartell to write grant applications to various state programs offering grant money for projects such as this as well.

Both items will be placed on the next meeting's agenda for discussion.

There being no further business, SUPV WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY SUPV WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyce L. Plante, LeSauk Township Clerk

