Village of Mazon Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes June 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 4:47 pm on June 5, 2024. Present were: J. Marques, D. Punke, E. Emrich and M. Murphy

Absent: K. Webster

Guest: D. Misener, K. Houchin

The meeting was to review and make recommendations for solar panel regulations.

- D. Punke questioned what the issue is with the current solar panel regulations.
- J. Marques explained that currently the ordinance does not have regulations pertaining to pole mounted solar devices. He went on to say anyone can put them anywhere.
- D. Punke suggested limiting them to back yards only.
- K. Houchin added there should be regulations on how far set back from property line/roads they must be as to not block vision of drivers.
- D. Misener suggested restricting to roof and back yards only.
- D. Misener questioned how to regulate homes with side yards as back yards.
- J. Marques suggested restricting it to out of line of sight.
- K. Houchin and E. Emrich agreed with the line-of-sight rule.
- J. Marques explained how line of sight would work. Similar to the Village's fence ordinance. He added that wording is important when setting these regulations.

The committee went on to discuss placing them in back yards and side yards as long as panels are behind the line of sight. Behind vegetation and fences.

- J. Marques suggested removing part of the existing ordinance that states power produced must be used for property where panels are located. He also suggested allowing installation on garage roofs and take out color match rule.
- D. Misener suggested adding plans on how area under and around panels will be maintained. It was decided that the Zoning Committee will return to discuss further after reviewing the current ordinance.
- D. Punke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. The motion was seconded by E. Emrich. Roll was taken: D. Punke-Yes, E. Emrich-Yes. Motion carried.