Waterloo Plan Commission September 19, 2022

A meeting of the Waterloo Plan Commission was held on September 19, 2022, at 5:00 pm at the Waterloo Town Hall. Members present were:

Robert Knott, President Verlinda Eberly Pam Howard, Town Manager Jennifer Ball, Deputy Clerk Jon Williams Jess Jessup Andrew Kruse, Town Attorney

The following business was discussed, and action taken: Unless specified all votes were unanimous.

1. Minutes: August 15 Minutes reviewed. Motion to approve made by Eberly (Williams) passed. Jessup abstained from voting since he was absent at the August 15 meeting.

Public Hearing - Development proposal for 905 N Wayne Street, Solar Array

Josh Metcalf, Renewable Energy Systems discussed the solar array they will be installing at the residence of 905 N Wayne Street.

Knott asked for public comment: Nancy Kapp, who lives at 910 Ruman Street, is concerned about the solar panel and about the kids playing at the park nearby and if it will effect property values. Discussion was held. Kruse stated evidence would be needed to show if property values are in question. Property owner Jeanne Hall and Richard Immel discussed that they have no issues with children coming on their property where they plan on putting the solar panels. Jon Williams asked if they could put some trees or bushes to act like a buffer. Josh Metcalf, Renewable Energy Systems, stated that in his research Solar has proven to raise property values for the current home and then it will eventually. John Thomson also attended this meeting and told the board that he just googled for Indiana and yes solar can increase your property values.

Howard reviewed the Improvement Location Permit No. 22-024 and read the findings of facts. Discussion was held. Corrections made. Motion to approve the Improvement Location Permit No. 22-024 with the corrections made by Jessup (Ebelry) passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Bob Knott, President

Jennifer Ball, Deputy Clerk