

Gustin Township Planning Meeting Minutes

Special Use Permit Application- Group Childcare Home- Capacity/Solar Permit

August 6th, 2026- 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

A Permit Application meeting was held at the Lincoln Sunrise Center, August 6th, 2026. Attendees included Neil Barlow-President, Noreen Mendyka- Board Member, Julie Powers- Board Member, John Schlicker- Board Member, and Pamela Fowler- Secretary. All the members were in attendance.

Adam Brege – Gustin Twp Zoning Administrator on behalf of Neil Barlow

We will hold public comment for the Special Land Use Application, submitted by Vanessa Ritchie, to allow operation of a group childcare home with a capacity of up to 12 children located at 1669 S McConnell Road, Harrisville, MI 48740- Parcel # 050-035-200-015-00

Hold the Public Hearing- Public comment open:

Mr Leesburg- Concerned-35ft deep pond next to property- safety

Ritchie- the yard is fenced and locked, only access is when families come to pick up children.

Dwayne Gillard- on behalf of family- recommend allowing permit. Not many places to take children to daycare.

Julie Powers- Is it just you or have help

Ritchie- yes , have help. Requesting to go to capacity of 12 because they are foster family. Pond is fenced with 8ft wooden fence. State does inspections for the foster home already.

Leesburg- just don't want to see anyone get hurt.

***7:06 pm- Motion by Julie Powers – Second by Noreen Mendyka- Motion carries- All members answer in the affirmative.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm for the Special Land Use Permit/Gustin Solar

Adam Brege spoke on behalf of Neil Barlow- by request of Neil Barlow.

Special Land Use Permit-Requested by Consumers Energy, Addition to previous permit.

Pledge of Allegiance - * 8:01 pm

8:03 Open to Public Comment

Patrice Belial

Dana Raymus

John McMaster

Brad Chas.

Mariel Goddard

Liz McNichols

Pam Idema

Jessica Dobbs

Bob Turek

Caitlyn Deller

Michelle Deller

Nancy Bugg

Terri Goldstrom

Nicole Gauthier Johnston

Mike Goddard

Ann Emington

Amy Mills

Chelsea Nuenfeldt

Bailey Deller

Jason Somer

Sam Megli

Matthew Manton

Joshua ? Gustin Township

Elaina Dunmas

Rachel Somers

Kyle Rice

Kayt McMaster

Mrs. ? - Gustin Township

Paul Rekowski

Jason...

Natalie Goldstrom

Adam from Flint

Gustin Twp. -Killmaster

Erika Rice

Phil Potter

9:54 pm-Public Comment Closed

** Noreen Mendyka- Motion to resume and reopen previous tabled motion to approve the special land use and site plan application Second by John Schlicker: all voted yes

Julie Powers-would like to rescind previous tabled motion

Second by John Schlicker

Roll Call Vote:

- John Schlicker- Yes
- Julie Powers- Yes
- Neil Barlow- Yes
- Noreen Mendyka- Yes
- Pamela Fowler-Yes

Gustin Township Attorney Tim Gulden explained to the Planning Commission that any motion regarding the special land use and site plan application, for or against the application, must be based on the standards contained in the Gustin Township Zoning Ordinance, which were reviewed by the Planning Commission during the prior meeting, and that the person making the motion should specify why the standards have or have not been met.

****Julie Powers-** Motion to deny the application because the record does not show that the application meets the required Gustin Township Zoning Ordinance standards, because it does not show that the use fits the area and will not harm nearby people and land.

****Second by John Schlicker**

10:04 pm- *Adam Brege- Roll Call on Vote

- ❖ John Schlicker- Yes
- ❖ Julie Powers- Yes
- ❖ Neil Barlow- Yes
- ❖ Noreen Mendyka-Yes
- ❖ Pamela Fowler-Yes

Meeting concluded by Neil Barlow at 10:05 pm

Adjournment

Next Meeting to be set for regular date of September 1st, 2026, at 7:00pm

Secretary

Date of approval