

**Starks Planning Board Meeting
& Site Visit to Madison Electric Solar
May 24, 2022 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Gwen Hilton, Ken Lust, Eric Hoar, Joe Hartigan, Tiffany Bellefleur, Claire Nelson

Guests: Marty Berry (Madison Electric), Ernie Hilton, Chief David Gray & Brian Dickey (Starks Fire Department).

Adequate public notice was given of the meeting, a quorum was present, and no conflicts of interest or bias were reported.

Summary of Site Visit

As the Planning Board considers additions to its Site Plan Review Ordinance to include provisions for regulating commercial solar farms, it seemed appropriate to visit an existing site to help inform the drafting of a document.

Marty Berry of Madison Electric gave a history of the solar project including the bidding process, design decisions and construction challenges. He shared technical information related to energy flow, cost savings, contractual agreements, maintenance and security.

Dana addressed questions and took the Board onto the site to view the layout of the solar arrays and electrical hookups. The Board will discuss its observations and takeaways from the site visit at the upcoming meeting and incorporate its findings in the draft Ordinance.

Adjourn 7:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Nelson, Secretary