

**Public Hearing Minutes
Cortland County Industrial Development Agency
July 1, 2019
Town of Lapeer Highway Department
2685 Clarks Corners Road, Town of Lapeer**

Project: Lapeer-Cortland Solar, LLC

IDA Representatives Present: Garry VanGorder, Executive Director
Sandy Griep, Office Manager
Karen Niday, CFO/Director of Development

Roster sign – in: see attached

Executive Director Garry VanGorder of the Cortland County Industrial Development Agency called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. and read aloud the public hearing notice to those in attendance before offering the floor to anyone with comments regarding the project.

Homer resident Victor Siegle was the first to speak, saying he is opposed to the project as “not a productive use of public money” when “we don’t need the electricity” to begin with. Mr. Siegle provided a complete text of his thoughts and they are attached for your review.

Lapeer resident Katherine Bush asked if the property was still going to be paying property tax. Mr. VanGorder explained that current tax obligations for the underlying property would continue to be met, and CCIDA CFO Karen Niday explained PILOT distribution process relating to the property’s valuation after the project is complete. She then offered to work with the town assessor to ensure each taxing entity is getting the correct payment.

Lapeer Town Clerk Cindy McFarland asked when work would start. -The response was 2019 being completed in 2020. -She also asked if the IDA receives payments as well. Karen explained that only the county, town, school district and fire department will receive payments.

Distributed Sun representative Bharath Srinivasan also spoke in response to some of the comments made at this hearing.

There being no further comment, the hearing was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.