

January 10, 2012
Scotland, PA 17254
Public Hearing (#1)

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held the first of five (5) Public Hearings on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA. The Public Hearing was held to gain public input regarding a Conditional Use Permit request submitted by Earthnet Energy on behalf of Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter (CVAS) for installation of a solar energy conversion system.

Present:

Charles D. Jamison, Jr.
Todd E. Burns
Travis L. Brookens

Daniel Bachman
Gregory Lambert
Diann Weller
Welton J. Fischer

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the Public Hearing to order at approximately 7:00 P. M.. He proceeded to request (school) students attending to introduce themselves. Following their introductions, he welcomed all those attending and informed them to feel free to ask questions during or after the meeting.

The Chairman asked the Zoning Officer to present the request. The Zoning Officer read the legal advertisement as it appeared in the local newspaper. (Note that each Board Member received a copy of all documents pertaining to this request.) The ZO proceeded to further explain that CVAS proposes construction of a ground-mounted solar conversion system; said construction would be at the new site of CVAS on land owned by Mr. Steve Parrett. The request was provided to the Franklin County Planning Commission for their review and their comments indicated they were in favor of the request. The Township planner and Township Engineer both provided comments and both recommended approval of the request pending compliance with any required regulations. The ZO stated the request had been presented to the Greene Township Planning Commission at their Regular Meeting held December 12, 2011 and following review and consideration, the Commission recommended approval subject to any outstanding comments which the ZO noted have since been addressed. At this time there were no further comments from either the Applicant or public in attendance. Supervisor Burns inquired if the location proposed is directly behind the existing concrete buildings and Mr. Robert Wollyung (on behalf of CVAS) stated the location is just northwest of the corner of the new building that was constructed in the grassy area. Supervisor Burns inquired as to height off the ground and Mr. Brian McNew (Earthnet Energy) stated approximately 9 feet off the ground. The Chairman inquired 'to the top or bottom' and Mr. McNew responded 'to the top'. Supervisor Burns inquired if the system was required to be fenced for safety factors and Mr. McNew stated 'not really' and Mr. Wollyung stated that initially 'no' but then once it is constructed if a problem would arise then they may consider. Supervisor Brookens inquired what building: main, another building; and Mr. McNew stated 'main building'. Mr. Wollyung stated the connection is to heat water to be used for wash down of kennels, etc and not for use by humans. Following review and consideration of the request, on a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted the Conditional Use Permit request by Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter for a solar energy conversion system be granted.

There being no further business before the Board regarding this Public Hearing, the Chairman adjourned the Hearing at approximately 7:10 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary