

February 9, 2016  
Scotland, PA 17254  
Public Hearing

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA. The Public Hearing was held to gain public input regarding a request for Conditional Use Permit for solar energy conversion system on property owned by Diane Morrow, 687 Houser Road, Fayetteville, PA.

Present:

Todd E. Burns  
Travis L. Brookens  
Shawn M. Corwell

Gregory Lambert  
Daniel Bachman  
Diann Weller  
Welton J. Fischer

Visitors: See list

The Chairman called the Public Hearing to order at approximately 7:00 P. M..

The Zoning Officer presented an Application for Conditional Use Permit submitted by Solar States LLC on behalf of property owner, Diane Morrow, for the installation of a solar energy conversion system on her property located at 687 Houser Road, Fayetteville. A legal notice of the Public Hearing was placed in the Public Opinion (local newspaper) as required by law. He noted this will be a residential installation of a roof-mounted system and the contractor for the project is Solar States LLC; property is located in R-1 (Low Density Residential) Zoning District. He also stated that each Supervisor was provided a packet of pertinent information regarding the request including the section of the Ordinance which references solar energy conversion systems, a copy of correspondence received from a neighbor who stated she had no objection to the project, as well as comments from the Township Planner and Township Engineer which are very similar to those given on other requests for solar conversion systems that have been received by the Township in the past. The Township Engineer only had one further question which he posed to the contractor and property owner who were in attendance, inquiring if the panels would be flush mounted to the roof to which the contractor, George Hart of Solar States LLC, stated the solar panels are approximately 3-1/2 inches above the roof but flush tilt. The Engineer also noted that an engineer's certification, which has not been received by the Township to date, is also required prior to applying for a building permit. The Chairman asked the contractor if he understood what was being required to which Mr. Hart stated he was, the engineer has given his stamp of approval, that a copy had been forwarded to the Zoning Officer via e-mail, and if additional copies were needed, he would gladly forward them. The Chairman inquired if the Applicant (property owner) had any further statements to which Ms. Morrow stated she was hopeful the Board would approve her request so that she could go forward with the project and the only neighbor that would have a view of the panels lived across the street and had stated she had no problem with the project. The Chairman stated the Township has been very supportive of this type of request and the reason why the Ordinance was created but still needed to hold a

public hearing to gain any public input there may be. Ms. Morrow stated she was very pleased to see there was provision and guidance in place for this. There were no further comments from the Board. Therefore, on a motion by Shawn M. Corwell, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Conditional Use Permit Request for Solar Energy Conversion System for property owned by Diane Morrow located at 687 Houser Road, Fayetteville, PA, with condition the Township receives the engineer's certification for the solar energy conversion system prior to issuance of a permit.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary