

August 13, 2013
Scotland, PA 17254
Public Hearing

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, 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 for a solar energy conversion system submitted by Wilson College for property identified as the "Fulton Farm" and located off Philadelphia Avenue on the Wilson College/Penn Hall Campus, Chambersburg.

Present:

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

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 Chairman asked the Zoning Officer to present the request. The Zoning Officer read the legal advertisement as it appeared in the local newspaper. He noted copies of the various items included in the packets distributed which included the Application from Wilson College which stated the project is the proposed construction of a rooftop solar energy conversion system on a newly constructed pole barn. He stated the Fulton Farm is located behind Penn Hall, adjacent to the Conococheague Creek. He forwarded the request to the appropriate reviewing agencies as follows: Franklin County Conservation District – reviewed and commented that project is generally consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan, should not pose a conflict with surrounding land use, and proposed project will utilize renewable energy resources; Township Planner – recommended all required/necessary criteria be met, a building permit per UCC requirements be obtained for solar panel installation, licensed engineer's certification of design compliance, owner's written acknowledgement for ownership and maintenance responsibility; Greene Township Planning Commission reviewed at their July (2013) Regular Meeting and recommended approval subject to the Planner's comments and a building permit be obtained; Township Engineer – adequately addresses and conforms with conditions established as part of Township Zoning Ordinance Section 7.B.15, therefore, would recommend approval with condition the applicant secure a building permit through Commonwealth Code (Inspection Services).

There were no further comments from those in attendance at this Public Hearing or the Board. The Township Engineer stated the request is a very appropriate use of the location, the reason for solar panel installation, no problem with surrounding properties.

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 for a solar energy conversion system for Wilson College/Fulton Farm Complex be approved with the condition the Planner's/Engineer's comments regarding a building permit be addressed.

There being no further business regarding this Public Hearing, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:06 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary