

July 12, 2011  
Scotland, PA 17254  
Public Hearing

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held a third Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at the Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Scotland, PA. The Public Hearing was held to gain public input regarding establishing criteria for solar energy conversion systems.

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 7:15 P. M..

The Township Solicitor presented the proposed ordinance stating the Township has not had any specific guidelines regarding solar panels for single property uses as well as commercial operations. He noted the popularity (of solar panels) is growing and the Township has now set guidelines for setting or placing on individual properties and the potential for "solar panel farm".

Following the Solicitor's presentation, the Chairman asked for any public input. An unidentified person asked 'what size farm' and the Solicitor stated the word farm is not in the literal sense but based more on the number of panels in an acre tract but not tied to voltage. The man then noted that Snyder's Pretzel in Hanover has 3,600 panels on a 20-acre site. The Solicitor briefly reviewed the proposed ordinance (wording) to determine if this criteria was included in the proposed Township ordinance and stated the definition of the 'farm' was whether it was commercial and sold the energy but not to the number of panels. The Chairman stated the ordinance was not intended for a commercial business installing and using the power. The Solicitor reviewed the definitions as included in the proposed ordinance. The unidentified person again asked if there were any requirements whether the power generated has to stay in the area or can all go out and the Solicitor stated 'no'.

There were no further comments offered by either Members of the Board or public in attendance at this Public Hearing.

Following review and consideration of the proposed ordinance, on a motion by Todd E. Burns, seconded by Travis L. Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted that Township ***Ordinance No. 2011-2*** establishing criteria for solar energy conversion systems be approved as presented.

There being no further business regarding this Public Hearing, the Chairman adjourned at approximately 7:21 P. M..

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary