

Butler Township Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting
April 24, 2024

Chairman Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Ed Wilkinson, Dominic Englebert and Danielle Helwig

Others: Sign in sheet is attached to these minutes.

The purpose of this meeting is to start a conversation regarding the solar section of the Zoning Ordinance and revisions to the ordinance that may be needed.

A few residents provided the following comments and thoughts:

1. Moratorium on Solar Farm applications
2. Distance from bordering neighbor
3. Noise issues
4. Blinking light
5. Solar Farm should be called Solar Field or Solar Array
6. Decommissioning Agreement and have 3rd party prepare not the solicitor
7. No lines of credit the company should provide cash % of the project
8. No tree removal should be allowed
9. Height of Units (10 ft is high enough)
10. Should be placed on the worst soils and slope is important
11. Industrial district is the best zoning district
12. Should be built in a way that emergency services would be able to maneuver around
13. Children's safety needs to be addressed
14. The panels cause weather pattern changes. (Micro Claimants)
15. Do they require environmental studies?
16. Why does the County and State not have a plan and help the Municipalities?
17. Is there a limit to how much Solar is allowed in an area?
18. What are the hazards of solar panels for example during a tornado?
19. Is it possible that neighboring properties could be compensated for the inconvenience of the farm?
20. Will it decrease the value of the neighboring properties?

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Danielle Helwig

