

Brady Township
Planning Commission Meeting
Public Hearing for Solar Ordinance
June 5th, 2023

Meeting called to order by chairman Mike Thiel at 7:00pm.

Pledge of allegiance by all present.

Roll call: present- Don Somers, Michelle Loos, Mike Thiel , Glen Reeves, Jeff Roy and Jim Gray.

Public present- Multiple township citizens present and Township Lawyer.

Minutes from May 4th, 2023 read by Planning Commission members present.

Motion to accept May 4th, 2023 minutes by Glen Reeves, seconded by Jeff Roy. All in favor. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

New business: Public Hearing for Solar Ordinance Adoption.

Updated Solar Ordinance reviewed by Planning Commission Board and public present.

Public comment:-Multiple concerns by public voiced- safety concerns and need for licensed electricians, concerns of creating an ordinance wanting solar farms by Consumers Energy, property rights and green energy, don't think the ordinance is fair and does not want the township to miss out on money, citizen sited research on solar farms with no toxic contaminants, property values and contaminants, unable for citizens to enjoy their property if surrounded by solar, who regulates solar farms and who enforces the ordinance violations, would like the board to reconsider due to an email siting putting a poison pill in the ordinance, is there a contract with a company to decommission and can not regress once committed, thanked committee for their responsibility to protect residents of the township and if nothing toxic then why are not accepting solar panels at the dumps, project developer with PHD for last 10 years spoke on

noise level restrictions 25% of parcel max coverage set back of 350ft all harsh, concern of when the federal dollars shut down the solar farms will not go away, concerns for future generations, disappointed in townships masterplan of 77% being agricultural pros and cons destroys ag, once solar farms established will be here for generations then sited bible verses supporting farming the land not solar, concern of farming wants to farm without restrictions, letter read aloud by Nixon family spoke on property values decreasing, concern of no good evidence not to have solar 250 acres will power 11,000 homeland township needs money to fix roads, bill 4317 and 4318 sited, consumers was mandated by the state of Michigan act 295 for green energy, coal plant in bay city shut down and will have solar on the land there, concern of land not in PA 116, concern of restrictions in all areas including building and why should solar farms not have restrictions and regulations, realtor stating to a citizen that a home sale with a deposit on it the purchaser walked away due to solar coming into the area, citizen spoke on litigation in other townships due to solar, concern of why should others have any concern of what is done with your own land.

-Close of public comment.

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-Solar Ordinance reviewed by Planning Commission Board members. Review of prior changes read aloud by Glen Reeves.

-Motion to accept solar ordinance. Jeff Roy-I, Michelle Loos-I, Glen Reeves-I, Mike Thiel-I, Don Somers- abstained. Motion passed.

Ordinance to be presented to the Township Board of Trustees.

Motion to adjourn by Glen Reeves, seconded by Michelle Loos. All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by Michelle Loos
Planning Committee Secretary