

SPECIAL MEETING HELD JUNE 4, 2024 AT 6:30 PM

A SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD ON JUNE 4, 2024 AT 6:30 PM TO DISCUSS THE SOLAR RESOLUTION. IN ATTENDANCE WERE TRUSTEES JOHN WILSON, CHRISTEN STEIMLE, AND RUSSELL DURBIN AND FISCAL OFFICER KATHY BRANNOCK.

TRUSTEE STEIMLE SPOKE ABOUT THE NEED FOR THE SOLAR RESOLUTION. THE CURRENT ZONING DOES NOT ADDRESS SOLAR ENERGY. IF IT IS NOT ADDRESSED THEN IT IS PROHIBITED. HOWEVER, THE SOLAR RESOLUTION WILL ADDRESS FOUR TYPES OF SOLAR: POINT OF USE, PRIVATE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, GRID SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND SMALL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS.

ALL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, EXCEPT POINT OF USE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, ARE REQUIRED .

POINT OF USE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS ARE SELF-CONTAINED OR SINGLE-PURPOSE SYSTEMS SUCH AS SIGNAGE LIGHTING PANELS, WELL OR WATER PUMP SYSTEMS, OR ELECTRIC FENCING SYSTEMS.

PRIVATE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS GENERATE LESS THAN 5 MW WITH THE PURPOSE OF CREATING ELECTRICITY SOLELY TO BE USED ON SITE SUCH AS SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF OF A HOUSE. THIS DOES REQUIRE A PERMIT.

GRID SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS SHALL BE PERMITTED ONLY IN PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE ZONING REGULATION.

SMALL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS HAVE A CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 50 MW WITH A PRIMARY DESIGN AND PURPOSE TO SUPPLY ENERGY INTO A UTILITY GRID. THE HOMEOWNER SELLS EXCESS TO UTILITY COMPANY.

BOTH THE GRID AND SMALL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS REQUIRE SUBMISSION OF A PLAN, IT MUST GO BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSION FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE TRUSTEES, ANOTHER PUBLIC MEETING WOULD BE HELD AND THEN THE DECISION WOULD BE MADE. THIS ALLOWS THE TRUSTEES AND THE PEOPLE TO HAVE A SAY. TRUSTEE STEIMLE STATED THAT SHE HAD SPOKEN TO TAYLOR CORBET, DALE ARNOLD AND ROB WILLIAMS REGARDING THIS PROCESS. THIS IS THE PROCESS THAT BATAVIA TOWNSHIP USES. SEVERAL PUBLIC MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD BEFORE ANY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE APPROVED.

TRUSTEE WILSON THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION. HE STATED THAT DALE ARNOLD COMMENTED THAT THIS IS REGULATION IS VERY SPECIFIC. THE GOAL IS TO PROVIDE A CLEAR PROCESS THAT WILL PROTECT THE TOWNSHIP. DALE ARNOLD WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS REGULATION AS A MODEL FOR OTHER LOCALITIES.

TRUSTEE STEIMLE EXPLAINED THE PROCESS FOR THE REGULATION TO BE APPROVED BY THE ZONING COMMISSION AND COUNTY COMMISSION. COPIES WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO ATTENDEES AND THE DRAFT OF THE REGULATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE. SHE ESTIMATED TO HAVE THE FINAL DRAFT WITHIN SIXTY DAYS. ONCE FINALIZED IT WILL BE SHARED WITH OTHER TOWNSHIP AND COUNTIES.

TRUSTEE STEIMLE EXPLAINED THAT THE TOWNSHIP DID NOT AND STILL DOES NOT HAVE CONTROL OF LARGE SOLAR FARMS LIKE NESTLEWOOD. THE TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY HAVE A VOICE BUT NO FINAL SAY. SMALL SOLAR SYSTEMS (5-50MW) CAN BE CONTROLLED BY TOWNSHIPS. SHE COULD NOT SPEAK ON HOW MANY SMALL SOLAR SYSTEMS WOULD BE ALLOWED.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE WILSON TO ACCEPT THE SOLAR REGULATION. 2ND BY TRUSTEE STEIMLE. ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE STEIMLE, YES, TRUSTEE DURBIN, YES, TRUSTEE, WILSON, YES.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE WILSON TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 519.12 (A)(1) INITIATING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING RESOLUTION OF TATE TOWNSHIP, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO TO PROVIDE SOLAR ENERGY ZONING REGULATIONS. THE RESOLUTION SHALL BE CERTIFIED TO THE TATE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION FOR PROCESSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 519.12 (B). 2ND BY TRUSTEE DURBIN. ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE STEIMLE, YES, TRUSTEE DURBIN, YES, TRUSTEE WILSON, YES.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE DURBIN TO ADJOURN, 2ND BY TRUSTEE STEIMLE.