

August 15th 2023.

In response to the Wilson Solar LLC conditional use application to the Venango Township Planning Commission. The Venango Township Planning Commission rejects the conditional use application as proposed. The Venango Township Planning Commission's response is below.

Wilson Solar LLC condition use application

14. Section 309 criteria and discussion.

Pg 7- (B) Stating that the project will indefinitely increase tax revenue to the township is 100% hypothetical. This is dependent upon the Erie County reassessment office. How do they propose in detail that our tax revenue will increase?

Pg 7- (B) How does the proposed project enhanced community utilities. Will Venango township residents have access directly to the electricity being generated? How can residents of the township reduce their energy costs by this project? Again, this is 100% hypothetical with no direct impact to our residents.

Pg 8- (E) The Planning Commission disagrees converting farmland to solar panels drastically changes the character of the neighborhood.

15. Solar ordinance criteria and discussion.

Pg 9- 1. (a) The Planning Commission will approve the rezoning of the two residential lots to agricultural.

Pg 11- 2. (e) The Venango Township Planning Commission believes that the proposed screening and vegetative requirements do not meet the current solar ordinance Continuous barrier definition (Ordinance pg 4- 2. e. ii) Therefore the Planning Commission rejects the proposal. We believe the definition for continuous barrier would mean the entire perimeter needs a vegetative buffer.

Pg 12- 7. (c) The Planning Commission will only accept a bond of appropriate value determined by the roadmaster.

Pg 12- 8. (a) The Planning Commission could not find the appropriate affidavit of authority for the decommissioning clause, as required by the ordinance. Therefore, not sufficient proof of affidavit results in a rejection. The affidavit on file for the lease does not mention decommissioning.

Pg 12- 8. (d) The Planning Commission will only accept a bond of the appropriate value for future decommissioning of the project to be determined by the Township supervisors.

Respectfully, the Venango Township Planning Commission

