

OVID TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

OVID TOWNSHIP OFFICE, BRANCH COUNTY, MICHIGAN

February 5, 2019

SPECIAL USE HEARING

The Ovid Township Special Use Hearing was called to order by Andy AcMoody at 7:00p.m.

Members present: Andy AcMoody, Chris Donbrock, Sean Groves, Jim Snivley, Tammi Schorfhaar

Special Use Hearing from Ovid Township Residences for the Development of Solar Energy Facility on 20 acres located at 540 South Angola Road.

Cypress Creek Renewables presented an overview of their company and specific information about the proposed project.

Public Comment:

Lloyd Barrows – Lloyd owns the property north of the proposed project and he asked how this project would affect him if he wants to do something similar with another company. Lloyd also asked where the deer will be funneled to since this site will be fenced.

Don Esch – Don is from Sherwood Township and he asked about the true cash value of this project. He also asked about the depreciation on solar panels.

Merle Donbrock – Merle expressed positive belief that anytime we can conserve our assets, it's a good thing.

Max Benjamin – Max asked what the overall financial benefit of this project will be to the Ovid Township residents. He also had questions regarding the need for a transformer at the site.

Russ Jennings - Russ asked if there were any other plans for other similar projects in Branch County.

Andrew Foster - Andrew asked who manufactures the solar panels.

Don Beck - Don made the comment that the money generated would be a win/win for everyone – the township and the county.

Dean Walrack – Dean suggested that anyone with concerns should take a look at the smaller solar project located at the old Midwest Foundry in Coldwater.

Chris Donbrock made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Sean Groves; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tammi Schorfhaar, secretary.