

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
Conditional Use Hearing – GreenKey Solar Development  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6:00PM

Chairwoman Tressa Heffron called the special hearing to order at 6:02 PM. Supervisors also present were Bonnie Petruschak, Ronald Reagan and Matthew Moore; Cori Lasco was unable to attend. Solicitor John Thompson, Zoning Officer Edmund Reid and Secretary Meagan Carling were also in attendance, along with Stenographer Elizabeth Brucie to take the testimony for this hearing.

Solicitor John Thompson gave a brief introduction of the Board members and introduced the Stenographer. Edmund Reid, Athens Township Zoning Officer was sworn in and verified all of the exhibits presented noting all processes to date had all been in compliance for both Athens Township and GreenKey Solar Development.

Tracy Tackett, Hunter and Kelsie Strader were in attendance representing GreenKey Solar Development; Tackett presented the proposed project for a the construction of a commercial solar facility on a 36 acre parcel of land located at 259 Bensley Street in Athens Township, Sayre PA. The proposal includes placement of photovoltaic panels racking, inverters and transmission lines with a fenced enclosure surrounding. Additional details to note: no battery energy storage or broken panel storage on site, noise from transformers similar to that of air conditioner – ambient, panel are glass with plastic junction boxes and have anti-reflective coating to prevent glare (angle of panel prevents glare too), life cycle of the panels is minimum 25 years then recycled, GreenKey is responsible for upgrades but repairs will need to be done by someone in the surrounding area (contractor), GreenKey is willing to do a weed management plan if requested and provide vegetation (within reason) to the bordering properties if interested, any electromagnetic frequencies dissipate within a meter of the inverter / transformer, pesticides will be minimal if needed and contracted to the surrounding area, prior to installation the local fire companies and police departments will be trained in case of emergency, local municipalities will be provided points of contact for all contractors, tentative timeframe is 18-24 months to start, and the service volume is 900+ homes. Questions from the Supervisors, John McCutcheon – resident, and Dave Schrader- resident were addressed.

At 7:34pm Solicitor John Thompson advised those in attendance that the board would be going into Executive Session for deliberation and the hearing was reconvened at 7:51pm.

Solicitor John Thompson announced at this time the Board is not prepared to render a decision and need to further look into all of the factors. On motion of Tressa, seconded by Ron; motion passed to announce the decision of this hearing at the Supervisors Meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

On motion of Ron, seconded by Bonnie, it was unanimous to conclude the hearing at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meagan Carling  
Athens Township Secretary