

## Public Comment

1. Joann Haas, 10785 Fleming Rd. - See attached submitted comments, letters and research.
2. Clint Beach, 11388 Owosso Rd. - Thanked the Planning Commission for communication efforts and transparency. He stated that we are talking about large scale solar systems, not personal household. The solar company is trying to change the narrative with paid actors and misleading ads. They are not against solar, farmers, or green energy. The impact on wildlife, watershed, shading large areas of farm land is harmful. Dr.Mills even states it does cause definite harm. Last year 4 large scale solar projects were fined. Ranger Power and DTE want to put 2 projects in Cohoctah alone. 7000 acres are projected to be used in Livingston County. Clint asks that the Planning Commission limit the number of acres, maximize the setbacks and protect the Township.
3. Ken Carmack, 7990 Schrepfer Rd. – Thank you for the mail, email and correspondence efforts to get the information out on a complex issue. He supports the actions being taken tonight and by the board.
4. Kyle Howell, 8200 Owosso Rd. - Owns Sabine lake. He already has issues with erosion and sediment buildup. He is concerned about drainage and runoff to his property. He purchased the 178 acres from Bernie Link, a WW2 Vet, and promised to keep the property as is. Many years ago the power companies stole easements to this land. Bernie wanted to donate the land and make it a nature preserve. Kyle would like to honor his wishes and preserve the land. Go to the city and keep it out of our Township.
5. Mike Buza, Swartz Creek, Sierra Club- (provided board with copy of Harvest the Sun newsletter) Electrification of our society is threatening fossil fuels. It is a multi trillion dollar industry. Solar will last for years. The amount of lead in a panel is not life threatening. The amount of lead in 750 panels is equal to one car battery. Most farmers must work a 2<sup>nd</sup> job. Many are elderly and would like to retire. Solar can help them do that. Look at the benefits to the community and look out for the farmers.
6. Frank Kersanty, 5475 Hayner Rd. – Thank you for the opportunity and listening. This is the wrong deal for the Township. They have been trying to make solar work since the 70's. It feels like we are being forced into it since someone decided global warming was a thing. Use it somewhere else. They promise us utopia, without giving us utopia. The Township should push back. They need to come up with a better solution.
7. Mary Ratelle, 2345 Gannon Rd. – See attached written comments. Mary grew up in the area and loves it here. She has made sacrifices to keep her property over the years. The drain issue is real. The drains were improved in the 90's but there are still problems on Byron Rd south of Gannon. Each person has given valid arguments. They should use brown areas and along freeways. Michigan is the 3<sup>rd</sup> worst state for sun. Native plants need 3 years to root and flower. Wildlife needs more than flowers to survive. Soil is a living thing and needs to be worked. Mary is concerned about first responders. If solar

panels are damaged by weather it could pose a danger to the people responding to the call. There are noise factors as well as concerns for wildlife.

8. Sarah Porter, 9402 Sober Rd. – Thank you for the complete 180 on communication. I am not in favor of solar or a paid puppet. Property owners will see a 30% decrease in property values. We do not want to be the industrial slums of the State. We are not against solar; we are against utility scale solar (stated 3 times). We can't save the climate by destroying the environment.
9. Heather Hodge, 9801 Marsh Rd. – I have been in the biotech industry for 16 years. I am passionate about environmental issues. I was thrilled at first, but surprised there was not much support for it. I thought everyone would be happy. I read Steve Horton's article. I have always had a passion for nature. I grew up in Cohoctah and cherish my time here. I try to be patient with others and care about the community. There is no truth to the property values being lower. Panels will not pollute or contaminate the water. The community will receive 18 million in tax revenues. It is a farmers right to decide what to harvest.
10. Jennifer Davis, 8058 Hemingway Rd. – Our ancestors fought for their rights. Solar is not the way to go green. We need to stop at nothing to fight this. Be with us, stand by us and say no.
11. Jamie Ward, 11818 Fleming Rd. – Not in support of the project, not against solar or green energy and has panels. My big concern is for the farmers. 7000 acres would be taken away from small scale farmers. The large farms should consider selling to the smaller farmers. This past harvest farmers yielded 273 or more bushels per acres. At \$6.82 per bushel they made approximately \$1872 an acre. The cost to harvest was approximately \$882 an acre. Farmers can still earn money. How can small farmers grow? Sell the land if they don't want to farm. My husband is in the green industry. Look at the trees and plants you are putting in for screening and use the proper ones for the conditions. My daughter wants to go to college and become a farmer. How can she do this locally if there is no farm land available? Let the farmers work the land.
12. Tammy Schoenbeck, 8720 Antcliff Rd. – I am a certified appraiser and the solar farms will have an impact on home values. Even large power lines impact the land value. Drains are also a concern. Our property floods when there are large amounts of rain. Studies need to be done. I am passionate about this. Listen to the facts.
13. Coralene Bloss, 6436 N Burkhart Rd. – My family has been in the community for over 100 years. I am concerned about land values. What would my grandparents think? They had an old Delco system when electricity first came through. The electricity needs to come from somewhere. Would you rather have nuclear? The cadmium is sealed inside the panels. In 30-40 years I imagine they will have better ways to recycle the panels. We need alternatives. We can recycle and cut use of electricity. Drainage is a concern. Years ago our woods were flooded and killed all the trees. There are lots of issues to consider.

Have an open mind to see all sides of the issue. No more energy will be used once the panels are manufactured and delivered.

14. Brian Lieberman, 5217 W Lovejoy Rd. – When subsidies end who cleans it up? Tax payers will fund the subsidies and clean up.
15. Joann Haas, 10785 Fleming Rd. – We are talking about large scale solar, not on a house. We are not spreading misinformation. The information I gave is from OSHA and Sarah Mills. I am not going to park 2000 cars on my property. Property values will go down. The panels are sealed but I don't trust China made products and don't want to be their guinea pig.
16. Mary Ratelle, 2345 Gannon Rd. – Give the subsidies to residents to put solar on their homes. Natural disasters happen and can damage panels.
17. Emily Rupert, 6315 Fisher Rd. – My Grandparents were soil conservation farmers in the area and family has been here for years. My family would like to stay here for years. Noise is a concern. I looked at the Master Plan and larger plots are required to maintain the preservation of land. In the long term, these areas will be land locked for 30 years and no growth will occur. The roads can't handle the traffic and equipment. The Master Plan states the Township is committed to look out for the safety and health of the residents. Who benefits from this?
18. Richard Allen, 2073 Lovejoy Rd. – Thank you. Why is Granger getting involved in solar farms? On Lovejoy Rd a company named Ceres has bought up farmland and leases it out to someone to farm. The person selling the panels will tell you everything about them to sell it to you. They could be using political prisoners and slave labor to make them. Congo Mines China. 15k men, women and children using hand tools to mine the minerals needed. Many of them are slave labor. You should be ashamed to have them on your property.