

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BATAVIA
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 17, 2019**

RE: TROUSDALE SOLAR, LLC-5117 ELLICOTT ST RD- AREA VARIANCE

Chairman John Della Penna called the public hearing to order at 7:03 PM. The notice, as published in the Batavia News was read by the Chairman. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain approval for an area variance.

Grady Mecay, representative of Trousdale, and their attorney Matthew Kerwin explained that Trousdale Solar would like to construct a 35-acre solar farm located at 5117 Ellicott Street Road. Town of Batavia allows a 20-acre solar farm and area variance is required for this 35-acre farm. This solar farm is a single access tracking and will have rotating panels that will follow the sun.

The County has approved the application as submitted.

Mr. Della Penna opened the public hearing to any questions the residents may have.

Russ Coffta, 5060 Ellicott Street Road, commented that his concern is how the reflection from the solar panels will affect the homes in the area. Mr. McCay explained that he wouldn't see a glare, the reflection would be upward towards the sky.

Tim Morrow, 5049 Ellicott Street Road, concern was how this effects his property value and all the wildlife.

Steve and Mary Smith, 5107 Ellicott Street Road, are concerned with curb appearance and the effect this farm would have on the surrounding area resident's health.

William Stevens, 5132 Ellicott Street Road, wanted to know who is selling the power to National Grid.

Kathy Antonelli, 5061 Ellicott Street Road, asked why this has to be built in a residential neighborhood.

Nancy Brock, 5168 Ellicott Street Road, wanted more information as to when the future meetings for this project are and why she wasn't informed of it prior to tonight's meeting. Chairman Della Penna and Mr. Gerould both explained that the residents within 500' of the project are the only ones that would have received the letter regarding the public hearing.

Raymond Strzelecki, 5122 Ellicott Street Road, was wondering if there was a change in the zoning. Chairman Della Penna stated there is no change in the zoning remaining an Ag/Res District.

William Brock, 5168 Ellicott Street Road, wanted to know how this would benefit the Town of Batavia.

Andrew Young explained that this ZBA meeting tonight is solely for an area variance request. The questions the residents have asked tonight need to be brought to the Planning Board meeting being held Tuesday June 18th.

There was a lengthy heated discussion.

When no further comments or opinions were expressed, the public hearing was closed at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


John Della Penna
ZBA Chairman


Sandra Baubie
Secretary