

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC HEARING – MAY 17, 2023

A Public Hearing of the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners, held at the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Jon G. Wilt.

Roll call was taken with the following officials in attendance:

- Jon G. Wilt, President
- Todd F. Truntz, President
- Michael J. Davies, Commissioner
- Ronald J. Paul, Assistant Secretary
- Christopher DeHart, Commissioner
- Zachary Border, Manager
- Jean R. Arroyo, Secretary
- Mike McAuliffe Miller, Solicitor
- Richard Snyder, Planning and Zoning Coordinator
- Shawn Fabian, HRG

Residents and visitors in attendance: (see attached sign-in sheet)

President Wilt announced that the purpose of this evening's Public Hearing is to consider the enactment of a proposed ordinance pertaining to solar energy systems and related equipment in the Township. He turned the floor over to Solicitor Miller, who read into the record the title and summary of the proposed ordinance: "An ordinance of the Township of Lower Swatara, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, amending Part 2 (Terminology) and Part 20 (General Regulations) of Chapter 27 (Zoning); Part 3 (Terminology) and Part 5 (Design Standards) of Chapter 22 (Subdivision and land Development) of the Code of Ordinances of Lower Swatara Township to update the use regulations regarding accessory and principal solar energy systems." He explained this has been before the Board Commissioners on several occasions and has gone to the Planning Commission and staff for numerous revisions. It has been properly advertised in accordance with the municipal planning code and is ready for adoption. Solicitor Miller added that this ordinance basically changes the manner in which the Township regulates solar energy systems in order to be more efficient and effective as to where they are placed in the Township.

The floor was then opened for comments.

BOARD COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Solicitor Miller asked Mr. Fabian if he had any comments on the proposed ordinance. Mr. Fabian stated he did not. Hearing no comments from the Board, public, or professionals, Solicitor Miller closed the comment period and asked that the Board now act on the proposed ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 607 RE: SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

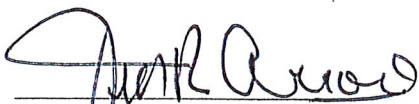
A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner DeHart, to approve Ordinance No. 607 amending Part 2 (Terminology) and Part 20 (General Regulations) of Chapter 27 (Zoning); Part 3 (Terminology) and Part 5 (Design Standards) of Chapter 22 (Subdivision and land Development) of the Code of Ordinances of Lower Swatara Township to update the use regulations regarding accessory and principal solar energy systems.

A roll call vote was taken with the following ballot tabulation: Commissioner DeHart – aye, Commissioner Paul – aye, Commissioner Davies – aye, Vice President Truntz – aye, and President Wilt – aye. Ordinance No. 607 was approved by a 5 – 0 margin.

CLOSE:

Solicitor Miller closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
Jean R. Arroyo, Secretary

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