

The Woodville Township Trustees held a public hearing on August 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodville Township Fire Station, to discuss proposed changes to the Township Zoning Resolution.

One Energy Enterprises LLC, a lessee of Parcel No. 28-21-00-0024-00 owned by Martin Marietta Magnesia Specialties LLC, 755 CR 30 (Lime Road), Woodville, Ohio has requested an amendment to the zoning resolution to revise the current definition and requirements for small wind energy systems not more than 100 KW (kilowatt) per tower or 1 MW (megawatt) per group or field of towers to include a new section for large wind energy systems less than 20 MW (megawatts) in total nameplate capacity to be constructed and operated in Woodville Township's M-1 (Limited Industrial), M-2 (Heavy Industrial) and Q-1 (Quarry) Districts only along with other requirement changes.

By law, two public hearings must be held regarding any changes to the zoning resolution. Regional Planning submitted recommendation to our Zoning Commission they met with the public and now the Trustees are meeting with the public. At this public hearing, the Township Trustees will discuss with the public recommendations made by the Township Zoning Commission from the Commission's July 26 public hearing.

Trustee Paul Runion opened the meeting with an overview of the process. Our zoning inspector recused himself due to his business relationship with Martin Marietta. The Sandusky County Regional Planning Director John Willey became the acting zoning inspector. What our purpose here tonight is to let the public ask any questions about the proposal and voice their concerns or opposition whether they are in favor or against it. We want as much information from the people that are concerned and those in favor or opposed to this action before we have to agree or disagree with the recommendation from the Zoning Commission. The Trustees have gotten many phone calls, and a letter from a resident opposing this new language (it is attached).

Following this public hearing, the Trustees will discuss the comments, suggestions, and concerns heard from the public. Within twenty days after the public hearing, the Trustees shall either adopt or deny the recommendations of the Zoning Commission, or adopt some modification thereof.

Trustee Paul Runion - If this amendment is passed it just doesn't apply to MM. It will apply to the entire township.

Patrick Dunn – Woodville Resident – If the turbines spring a hydraulic leak it would make a mess in the soil.

Jereme Kent – The turbines we install are direct drive turbines that do not have a gearbox so they have far less oil than normal turbines. There is a total of less than 5 gallons of oil in the turbines.

Tracy Marr – Village Resident - Has MM considered solar energy?

Wade Weaver, General Manager, Martin Marietta (MM) – Yes, we have considered solar energy & it's not out of the options long term but the power necessary to generate the energy we need - wind turbines is the most effective for MM. It's a chance for us to reduce our carbon footprint and an opportunity for us to have a positive impact on the community.

Kathy Sullivan – Village Resident - MM is a noisy neighbor. You can't leave your windows open and sleep. What about the dust that flies now? Was there a feasibility study about how much lime dust will fly around? Our vehicles and yards already get covered with lime dust. Are these windmills going to encroach on the railroad property? How close are these going to be to the railroad tracks? That's of great concern to the individuals who have houses along there.

Trustee Runion - They don't have to answer questions, but if they did it will clear up some things.

Jereme Kent – CEO One Energy – I can't answer to the noise of MM, but you will never hear the wind turbines where they are being proposed. In the proposal we are talking about, they must be 1500' away from any property lines. They are actually 2700' away so that guarantees nothing will be right by the railroad tracks. The turbines will be located in the middle of MM property, east of the cemetery. They don't fix the dust, but they do not create additional dust. The wind turbines will do nothing to make that worse. They only take the wind that blows into them. They are not creating any new dust. The current wind is what is moving them. They are like a sailboat.

Carl Opelt – Township Resident – Commenting off subject.

The public was shown a zoning district map and explained that there are only two areas in Woodville Township that large windmills are being proposed to be allowed to be installed. M-2 District. Only MM and Area Aggregate on CR 32 are zoned M-2. There are setbacks that have to be met.

Jereme Kent – There are only 2 spots in Woodville Township that they can be put. You cannot fit more than 3 turbines in this spot. No more can go in the way we wrote this. Area Aggregates is not a big enough energy user to probably use more than one turbine, and to my knowledge they have no intentions of doing that right now.

Jereme Kent – There will be three 1.5-megawatt (MW) wind turbines for a total nameplate capacity of 4.5 MW. Each would have a hub height of 262-feet and a total tip height of 405-feet and would be 2,700 feet from the closest residential property line and 2,775 feet from the closest residence.

Trustee Runion – I would like to clarify something that this zoning proposal does not cover. If for some reason the Ohio Power Siting Board (governed by the State) decides to put a large-scale wind turbine farm in, we have no jurisdiction or authority over it. It is not put up to a vote to the public, not to the board of trustees, not to village council. We have no authority over them. We have no control over the zoning. It does not stop a large scale wind farms (600' towers) like they have in Paulding County. That is way above our jurisdiction.

Jereme Kent – There is a proposed limit 20 MW – But there is room for 13 more towers. MM owns 1,700 acres but they would need more land for this to be possible. The proposed zoning language fixes a gap in the zoning resolution. Either way this township should have clear language that says for all sizes we have jurisdiction over the rules so this tries to clean up that gap.

Todd Atkin – Township Resident – Does our cemetery come in that setback rule? I see signs in many different communities that say no windmill farms. Why are they doing this if this is such a great thing for the community? If we open the door and allow them, what argument will you have to stop them.

Trustee Bill Hammer – I think those signs are directed at the Paulding County type windmills.

Trustee Ken Green – That's why we want to have regulations on where these can go and where they can't. They would have to change the regulations.

Trustee Runion – Yes. Cemetery is S-1 (Special District) It's not M-2 (Heavy Industrial).

Kim Reitzel – Township Resident – When MM buys all that other land are they going to put windmills up there?

Trustee Ken Green and Bill Hammer – It would have to be zoned M-2. Most land around MM has been zoned Q-1 (Quarry), not M-2 (Heavy Industrial). Q-1 doesn't allow windmills.

Kim Reitzel - What about the wildlife? In Ohio, 35 Eagles have been killed by windmills. We have eagle nests on SR 105 I can see from our property on CR 44. They soar right over the quarry. I thought they were supposed to be protected.

Kimberly Kaufman, Executive Director, Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO) – I know that this project was being discussed for 2 years and in the interest of transparency, are there discussions about buying more land and forcing a zoning change?

Jereme Kent - With the current power load at MM it would not make financial sense even if there were more land. So, unless the plan would substantially change, as it exists today it would not make economic sense to do regardless of land or zoning.

Wade – If you look at the boundary lines that we do own, at some point in time MM may move in that direction. We do have some buffer zones along Water Street and CR 44. As you go north west and east, there's viable property for us.

Ms. Kaufman read a prepared letter. It is attached. We have concerns with the language of the variance.

Christy Frank – a freelance journalist asked Mr. Kent - Have there been any controlled studies in regard to wildlife?

Jereme Kent – CEO One Energy – There are numerous studies that we do. They are internal proprietary. This is a zoning issue. The townships have no rights to pass over environmental laws. It's governed by the state. Its not a zoning issue. It can be a state process separate from this. Even if they want to, these gentlemen wanted to they have no authority to pass environmental laws. That is governed by the state.

Christy Frank - Have you done any specifically in that location on the impact to wildlife?

Jereme Kent – For every project we do studies to ensure we comply with all state and federal laws.

Christy Frank - Why are they proprietary?

Jereme Kent - Because MM is a very large industrial company so releasing the information would have to go through all of their corporate legal processes. As a general matter as long as they are complying with laws they are not concerned.

Christy Frank - So if that is something the community is concerned about, that doesn't matter.

Jereme Kent – I guess for the purpose of the meeting tonight mam, I don't think it does. I love what environmental birds do. I enjoy all of the outdoors. The reality is there are federal laws and state laws. There are township zoning laws. There is obviously no place in their ordinance that has any environmental restriction. Everything we do with our sites is in compliance with the US Fish & Wildlife guidelines for land-based wind energy systems. They have 27 Best Management Practices and we have complied with all of them. The Nature Conservancy has best practices in an industrial setting. We've complied with all of those. This is the only project in Ohio that complies with all of the recommendations of both of those. We take environmental and social responsibilities and very seriously.

Mark Shieldcastle – Research Director and Founder, Black Swamp Bird Observatory, read a prepared statement. It is attached.

Don Bauman, Board Chair, Conservation Committee Chair BSBO, read a prepared statement. It is attached.

John Lang, Village Resident, Retired Engineer, I have some significant problems with the proposed zoning language from the Regional Planning and Zoning Commission, but have had a change of heart of the project itself. Originally, I was very much against it. I was very concerned about the people that live close to it and what kind of visual monstrosity this would be on the horizon and also concerned about the flutter effect from this. When the sun is setting or rising, the veins cast really long shadows. And if it happens to hit a house that fluttering across the window can really be disturbing to residents.

So, I went up to the grave yard and made some elevation measurements and calculated how big this would look on the horizon to the closest landowner which is 2,700' away. What I found is it is just under 10 degrees. If you put your arm out and you set your palm right at the horizon and have your thumb sticking straight out, that's about 15 degrees for most people. That's not very high. If you have trees or house, you might not see it. Flutter - Woodville is South. This flutter will be going east and west. So, when I took those factors into account I started to feel that this wasn't that big of a problem.

I would certainly prefer for them to not come here, but we are going to have to deal with this issue because they are sprouting up everywhere and this gives us a golden opportunity to test this out. It's a low risk experiment for Woodville to put these up. They're not going to bother us much considering the distance to the closest property owners. The problem I have with the zoning is I think the new zoning should be very tailored very strictly so it doesn't allow anymore than what MM is asking for. If some other parcel were to be rezoned to M-2 then this could become an issue. I think this should be very narrowly tailored. He gave the trustees a copy of his recommendations. (It is attached) I know a lot of people are against this, but I think this is a low risk thing for Woodville.

Kevin Joyce – Attorney for BSBO - We only became aware of this situation a couple of days ago, so I would ask the Trustees to please postpone any action on the ordinance for 20 days to allow us to review all of this information, but alternatively if the Trustees choose to vote tonight, I urge you to vote no on this ordinance.

Pat Perry – Township Resident – I fully understand what MM is attempting to do, I don't think there is any question you have to look at the economic needs and costs and this is a major consideration. I also understand the impact of this from an employment taxes side in being a contributor to the community, but I don't want to look at this as an "experiment". I can't say I'm for or against it. My largest concern is the visual effect. You've all seen them. You all know what they look like. You three men are going to make a decision on a major change in zoning here, and it will set a precedence in this township and set a precedence for townships further away from us to look at for a guideline. The companies around us with large industrial sites. This visual effect is what really concerns me. I challenge you to take it at heart deeply. There seem to be a lot of concerns. This is no experiment. This is going to change the landscape of Woodville visually tremendously and it will continue in all directions. It's a source of energy we are all going to have to look at and live with, so think really hard about what you are going to be doing.

Kim Kaufman – BSBO – The bird observatory has been deeply immersed in this conflict between wind turbines and birds for more than 15 years. So, we know a lot about how this industry works. One of the most disturbing things that comes up is the lack of transparency. When we first heard about turbines, there is a turbine at Clay HS, 2 at Eisenhower middle school, and 2 more in Erie Industrial Park in Port Clinton. We already have turbines on the landscape if you want to experiment. I would also suggest an ecological experiment. How many birds and bats are being killed. For three years, we tried to get this data and ultimately, they filed a lawsuit to prevent us, arguably the Midwest's most experienced and knowledgeable bird people, from looking at their results. They flew attorneys from all over the country to face us that day. They had a consultant give us a presentation and he did list the types of birds the turbines were killing. Those turbines

killed 43 species of migratory birds in one year. To this day, we still have not been able to find out how many birds or to see their methodology of how they collected the data.

Even if this study does not have to go before the Ohio Siting Board, the community should still have transparency. MM literally and figuratively provides a foundation that our communities are built on. This project was in the works for 2 years before anybody knew about it. They stated they did studies of the site, but we can't have them. Please at the very least I urge you to vote no. I think this is so controversial. We have solar that is manufactured in Perrysburg, Ohio. Not turbines made in China. Give us 20 days to sit down with Jereme Kent and Wade and say show us those studies. Let us evaluate how your pre-construction studies evaluated the effect of birds and bats and give us a chance to look at that.

Mark Rohr – Village Resident - We're all passionate about this because this is our home. The one thing that drove us is how much will this affect our property values? We looked it up and studies have shown it averages about a 12% drop in property values. The other thing is I think we should have all the studies, and all the information we can get that this group is asking for. I love walking about back seeing the eagles fly, the deer, the coyotes, and even wild turkeys.

Carl Opelt – Township Resident – How much of a tax write do they get? Very belligerent and out of order again.

Jereme Kent – Tax write-off?

Trustee Runion – This question is out of line. We want good and honest comments tonight.

Jane Garling – GSBO – I used to work at the school. We did bird studies. It's very essential for science to study all the different effects of wildlife on our economy and behavior and how much money that brings into our area when they have that biggest bird week at BSBO. It's a fabulous thing. BSBO comes into our schools for free and provides all kinds of education. We need to find other ways than wind turbines.

Rick Rospert – Township Resident - Is it true that sometime in the future MM could expand their M-2? Could they expand and go for a zoning change to the M-2 zoning district?

Trustees – We never know what someone could ask for. We don't know their future plans.

Trustee Bill Hammer – That issue would go before the Zoning Commission/Board and most recently they have recommended Q-1 (Quarry) for any expansion for MM to help limit...

Wade Weaver – And we've supported that when property owners to the north asked for that zoning change to Q-1.

Rick Rospert - Why are solar panels not feasible for this project? With all the concerns from the residents and possible consequences on the wildlife why isn't it feasible for solar? I know you have the buffer acreage. Why would you not be able to put solar field there?

Jereme Kent – So we helped MM with those options. Solar sounds great if it is for your house. Put solar up. At the scale we're talking, solar has a number of problems. One, it takes 100 acres of solar to = 3 windmills. Two solar also causes environmental problems and issues with animals. The real problem is electrically, that solar energy has to be significantly larger in size and produce significantly more power during daylight, so it has to change the entire substation, upgrade the entire system to do anything equivalent in terms of annual energy savings. So, it's very hard for a plant like MM to do anything other. To do solar and have the equivalent impact, you need a substantial amount of land, there's substantial upgrade to electrical needed. We don't even know if First Energy on their existing lines have the solar equivalent. 4-1/2 MW of wind does about what 10-15 MW of what solar does based on their capacity back to those sites. You cannot buy First

Solar panels right now. They are only taking orders of 1 GB or bigger for major projects. We do our best to buy local. We're using American steel, American workers. Solar doesn't work very well for large industrial customers especially with 24-hour lights. It's the most cost-effective thing.

Rick Rospert - So it's a financial decision?

Todd Atkin – Are you normally this aggressive in pushing your projects through?

Jereme Kent – I don't think this comes anywhere close to what aggressive is. This has all been a very cordial relationship with the township. We're working under a process. We've been to 14 public meetings. I don't know that anybody up there is my buddy.

Wade Weaver – Martin Marietta owns 1,566 acres of land in Woodville Township. Some is zoned M-2. The rest is zoned Quarry. This project is projected to have annual average energy savings to MM of 30-40%. We investigate 100s of project. We signed a contract with One Energy to go into this at the very end of 2021. Agreed and signed after the first of the year. They've talked about windmills wat MM even before I even started. So, this wasn't in a vacuum. We have to be careful what information goes public and when because there is shareholder impact. We set a deal with One Energy at the end of December, 2021 and signed in January. Once we had legal review of the language we shared it with public officials and filed for a zoning permit. That started this whole public hearing process. We have to vet things. We looked at a lot of projects. Nothing happens in a hurry. From a transparency standpoint, MM is not trying to hide anything.

Jeannette Rohr – Township Resident – Why was the verbiage put in for the setback of only 200' in S-1 (Special)? Why not just keep it the same all around - 1500' from all land?

Trustee Runion – That was a recommendation from the zoning commission and at the request of the resolution submitted by MM. It can be modified if we want. I think they requested that because it is barren land.

Jeannette Rohr – My recommendation would be to take that out especially since it's a permanent zone change. To me you are putting that verbiage in just for this project. My fear is in the future are we looking at every single area in Woodville Township? My issue with this is that we're writing this to fit this project and 50 years down the road we may have a lot more M-2.

Kim Kaufman – Mr. Weaver stated they signed a contract with One Energy. Is that contract contingent upon this vote and will One Energy and MM respect and honor the decision that is made if the vote is no? Will they honor that and will that be the end of it?

Trustee Runion – I don't know the answer to that. We do know One Energy has filed litigation against the Board of Appeals after the decision of the zoning inspector and that is going on right now. The Board of Appeals upheld the original acting zoning inspector's decision to deny their original permit.

Kim Kaufman - There's a group called the Hancock County Naturalist Association out of Findlay. One Energy has built a lot of turbines there. And it involves a lot of litigation. In a small community, honoring the will of the people is in the best interests. This decision doesn't just impact Woodville Township. It impacts every other township in this area. This is a successful company, and they are aggressive and I'm not saying that in a disparaging way. It's a fight in this industry. They are a very innovative company in addressing climate change. It's just not the right renewable energy for this situation. If the community doesn't want it, there are alternatives. The school has acres of roof that could have a solar array that could power more than the school. We can have everything. Everybody can be happy if we just work as a community and make decisions based on that. Honor the will of the people. Will they honor the decision of the Trustees and that be the end of it?

Jereme Kent – We actively have filed litigation to appeal the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals at this point. I am completely convinced that the zoning ordinance as it exists requires the township to allow us to have wind without a public meeting and whether anybody likes that we have a whole bunch of lawyers that agree that that is what it says today. So, it sure seems like either way you want a zoning ordinance that doesn't leave it all open.

Carl Opelt – I'll tell you one thing there will be 3 trustees without a job.

Jereme Kent – They don't have a choice under the current ordinance.

Carl Opelt – Why did they change the zoning laws in the first place to accept something like this? Why do you have to have zoning if he ain't going to do nothing to protect the people?

Trustee Runion – I will say this. This has no bearing on whether we're reelected or not. What we are trying to do is the right thing. At the onset of this one person made a comment that we're getting really friendly, well if you see someone 14 times every two weeks you will have an amicable relationship. Mr. Kent is a businessman. Wade Weaver is a businessman. What we're trying to do here is be as transparent as we can possibly be. We've had public meetings. If the bird people can get together with the wind people and take that off the plate that would be fantastic. But that's not on us.

Carl Opelt goes off subject again about a different issue and is quieted.

Trustee Runion – I think we're trying to do the right. Whether we amend our zoning or not, wind and solar are coming at us and what Mr. Kent has said if you are going to have any language, have language that gives you the most protection. Because we had nothing. We took the opinion of our legal counsel that our zoning would not allow this. They took an opposite opinion. This here corrects that and tries to put some sort of restrictions. I'm not a bird expert, but I do know there was a bald eagle killed on the road in Gibsonburg this morning. So, birds get killed. But I also know that we're not on their side, we're on the public's side. That's what we're hear to do.

Pat Perry - There's litigation going on? If this resolution passes, they may or may not pull that appeal against the Zoning Board of Appeals. They are appealing the decision of the Township's Zoning Board of Appeals. This really has nothing to do with tonight. But it could potentially. If we did nothing and they potentially win that suit, they could do this without our approval. We don't think they can win. They think they can win.

Todd Atkin - So they are intimidating you?

Trustee Runion - They challenged the decision of the acting zoning inspector. That's their legal right. At the same time, the bird conservatory has an attorney here tonight and they could sue us and go the other way. Anything can happen when you have attorneys in the room. Sorry to say that...

Trustee Ken Green - Their position is our current language does not prohibit it and so they feel the acting zoning inspector, John Willey, turned it down, they appealed it with the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals decided not to overturn the decision of the acting zoning inspector, so One Energy is appealing that decision. Their contention is that our zoning code as it stands does not prohibit it. In there it says structures are allowed. Their argument is whether or not a windmill is a structure. What we're trying to do here is clean that language up in the code so it is very specific on what is allowed, where it is allowed, how it is allowed, what is the process, the whole thing so it is not arguable. So that's where we are at with this.

Todd Atkin - You could put an addition in the code that these large windmills are not allowed in Woodville Township. You could do that, but instead you wrote....

Trustee Hammer – Todd, as soon as you tell someone they are not allowed, they are going to fight you tooth and nail on that. That's why we have in our zoning we have that you can have an adult entertainment facility in Woodville Township, but you can only have it in an M-2 district. Can't tell you you can't have it, but we can tell you where to put it and the restrictions on it. Area Aggregate and MM have all the M-2, and I don't think they are going to put in adult entertainment.

Trustee Green – We're trying to make it as with the least impact as possible.

Todd Atkin - So if you change the setbacks in the S-1 several people here must think so... haven't we done enough damage to our cemetery. It's a nice cemetery if you go back there. It's pretty peaceful, but now we are going to be looking at these windmills buzzing at our heads.

Trustee Runion – Just on a personal note, I went to see the windmills in Findlay and I can't hear everything at my age, so I took my grandson. He could hear them farther away than I could, but I never hear the windmills themselves. I heard their exhaust fans, their cooling fans.

Kim Reitzel - But you are still going to see them. The first zoning person recused himself because he was affiliated with Martin Marietta, correct. But then you have Ken sitting up there who sold all that land, and I think that's a conflict of interest myself that he is sitting on the board. He sold all that land to MM, isn't that a conflict of interest?

Paul Runion - Each one of us as Trustees looked at our own ethics and made that decision based on what are ethics are. I'll let Ken answer that.

Trustee Green – There are a lot of people that sold land to MM.

Carl Opelt loudly talked about selling the land. Trustee Runion brought it back on topic again.

Jennifer Rohr – Township Resident - You don't make a policy to fit one particular situation. What is going to happen in 5 years, 10 years, 15 years. I urge you not to tailor to this particular situation, but to think ahead about the future as much as you can. Again, I work with developing policies and you don't develop a policy because one thing happened, or you are trying to correct a situation for one particular employee. You have to think about the whole business.

Paul Runion – I think when they wrote our zoning resolution in Woodville Township, it was not about windmills. I can appreciate your comments.

Christy Frank – Did he really answer the question about whether or not he was going to honor what the community's wishes were?

Jereme Kent – You are deliberating using the word honor. That's an interesting word. We are going to apply all applicable laws we are going to use every legal method we have to exercise the full rights of the property owner just like you would do if you want to build something on your property. So, we can't do anything outside of the law that would not work so we absolutely are going forward with the suit that is already filed and that is publicly available. We think the current ordinance already allows this. We are going to do everything we can to get the best thing for our customer and apply with all applicable laws. And so I don't know what honoring means. We're going to follow the letter of the law all the way down and every last chance we have to make this happen.

Carl Opelt – interrupting.

Jane Garling – BSBO – I just hope that we all consider what we are doing with nature when we do things that just deliberately kill nature. Please consider nature. Thank you.

Trustees – We have to vote in 20 days. I think we still have a lot of questions. If there's nothing new. Please give us copies of your statements. Does anyone else from the community have any more input?

Mark Rohr – Township Resident – I think everybody in this room is for wind power. We're just not sure this is the right fit in this community at this time.

Wade Weaver - I truly appreciate the conversation from the Black Swamp group and the community perspectives. Part of our objective is to reduce our environmental impact. As a large energy consumer this is a great option for us to substantially reduce our carbon footprint. We're talking thousands of metric tons of carbon removed from the industry. Talk about protecting wildlife. (something about natural gas?). This is an opportunity for us to have a positive impact on the environment and the reduction of our carbon footprint.

Pat Perry - If you went to solar power, wouldn't you have to cut down a bunch of trees?

Wade Weaver – Absolutely.

Jereme Kent – Their carbon footprint of their electricity is bigger than the entire township and the entire Village of Woodville combined. There are other things they can do, but in terms of massive impact that would be like everybody in Woodville, city and township, stopping using all electricity. That would be the carbon value of this. So, it is substantial. It's hard to overstate how big of a deal this is from our profile.

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Kim Kaufman - Aren't there other ways for a company to offset their carbon footprint other than by renewable energy credits and that sort of thing other than turbines?

Jereme Kent - To comply with federal laws when their standards come out carbon emissions and many cases that offsite doesn't. Lots of legislation requires it to be offsite accounts. Here's the problem with offsite stuff. I can say to you I want to be clean, but I want to drive my Humvee around. So, I'm going to pay some kid in Nebraska to be clean to ride around on his bicycle, but I'm going to go ahead and say I'm still going to drive my Humvee around here and say I'm clean. That's not what this is about. That's not what our company is about. Our projects are about going to the largest industrial facilities and helping them clean their act up and lower their carbon profile for the next 20, 40, and 50 years. You talk about saving the environment, climate change does a hundred times more to the environment and species than anything we can ever do.

Kim Kaufman – I'm sorry, but that is not an appropriate argument for this situation. Its very site based. We just have to concede that there are some things where wind turbines are not the right renewable energy. It's like the end of a runway. You would not erect wind turbines at the end of an airport runway. That's what this is. Birds are dropping out of the habitat. Jereme we are aligned in so many things, it's just the devil is in the details in what renewable energy works best. Another option would be for MM to invest in the school and put a solar array on that entire big roof. So, there are options. There are choices. Looking at the ecological impact and making the right decisions based on all of this and not one company's carbon footprint.

Trustee Runion – Kim, do you have any data on the bird kill rate at the windmill in Oak Harbor right across from the fairgrounds?

Kim Kaufman – No. It is very difficult to get in there. They often make people sign non-disclosure agreements. As far as we can tell, please don't quote me on this, but I'm trying to research Sure Energy, was company that constructed all of those turbines in Erie Industrial Park and they appear to be out of business. I was trying to figure out if that was true and what does that mean for the

turbines that are now on the landscape that they were going to maintain and I don't know the answer to that yet. Try to get into the Erie Industrial Park to do any kind of a survey and you'll be prevented from doing that. Initially we were going to be able to do this, but that was rescinded. So, no, I don't have any data. What we have on the landscape is enough. We should not be constructing wind turbines here. It's just not safe for birds.

Pat Perry – Please don't propose a solar field on top of the school because then they will want another levy.

Kim Kaufman – Not if it's funded by MM.

Carl Opelt - How much are these windmills going to cost? Tax write off? I know there is something crooked in this whole scheme of things. All the politics...He was reminded that all Americans write off as much as they can.

At 8:57 pm, Trustee Hammer made a motion to enter executive session to discuss some of the items that we have tonight here. The Trustees stated that no action will be taken after they return to regular session. The decision on this amendment will be made at the Trustee's next meeting on September 7. We would still like to see MM and the BSBO people get together and talk as well. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Jereme Kent – There are things that this group (BSBO) is doing that I think are great. There are things that this group is doing that I disagree with strongly. I also strongly disagree with taking a local non-profit group and putting them on the same level, with all due respect, to the US Fish & Wildlife Association, to state and local commissions, as we follow those published guidelines. We don't follow the guidelines of one group because it's different from another group two counties over. We're always happy to talk. You're welcome to come to our site at any time. We'll give you a tour without NDAs like we do for thousands of people a year. We're open, transparent. Try to be that way. We would love to find common ground. I don't know if we're going to on this particular issue.

Kim Kaufman – The US Fish & Wildlife service consults with us because we know more about migratory birds in the region than anyone else. We're not just a little non-profit. We're a regional and national and international group. We're scientist. We're not just a little non-profit. So, don't understate our expertise in this area.

The Trustees took a few minutes break and entered Executive Session. Present in executive session: Trustees Runion, Hammer, and Green.

At 9:53 pm the Trustees returned to regular session.

At 9:53 pm, Trustee Hammer made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.

Chairman of the Board

Fiscal Officer

Trustee

Trustee

ZI request – Somewhere please add the phrase similar to the one suggested by One Energy **“any uses not listed are not allowed.”**