

**MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
OPEN MEETING**

**Thursday, October 7, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** John Gormont, Chairman; David Updyke, Vice Chairman; Terry Scholle, Bernie Mazer

**Also Present:** Susan J. Smith, Solicitor; Zac Fringer, Road Crew; Shannon Hare, Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer and Secretary

**Public Comment**

Walt Tilley-Attorney from York representing participating landowners in Brookview's conditional use application. challenges; legal context; decisions on what is best for everyone.

Phil Hunt- Supervisor Updyke about recusal

**Announcement**

- There was an executive session on September 16, 2021, from 8:15-9:15pm-litigation (McCauslin RTK appeal, Reaver PHRC complaint) and personnel
- There was an executive session on September 23, 2021, from 7:03-7:05pm-litigation (Brookview Land Use Appeal).

**Business**

- American Rescue Plan Act Update. Solicitor Smith explained that the only update was the Treasury's extension of the first report date to April 30, 2022. The US Treasury still has not finalized guidelines on reporting or funds eligibility.
- Solar Energy System Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Supervisor Mazer led the discussion with input from the Supervisors and the public of possible amendments to the current solar energy facility systems use section of the Zoning Ordinance. Supervisor Mazer opened with a look at the current Table of Uses and discussion of whether the use should be permitted by right, permitted by conditional use, or prohibited by district. He proposed that the use be allowed only in the AG district and by conditional use. Attendees suggested also allowing the use in the BPC-O district as a conditional use. In response to a question about prohibiting the use, Solicitor Smith explained that it must be allowed somewhere in the Township, it cannot be prohibited in all districts. Supervisor Mazer next addressed setbacks for discussion, proposing setbacks of 250 feet. He also proposed a maximum height of 20 feet. Chairman Gormont proposed setbacks no larger than 100 feet. Finally, Supervisor Mazer discussed the minimum lot size, proposing 100 acres. Supervisor Mazer proposed a containment formula using the sum of acreage that would not allow solar arrays in certain areas such as floodplains, drainage corridors, wetlands, wooded areas, slopes, class one and

two soils, and ecological features. Chairman Gormont said that the Board has a lot to think about and that for now these are all just proposals. At various times during the discussion Supervisor Mazer stated that these were just proposals, “we need to throw some spaghetti on the wall and see what sticks.”

**Executive Session (if necessary)** The Board announced its intent to enter into executive session after the meeting to discuss litigation - Brookview Land Use Appeal and McCauslin RTK Appeal and Gettysburg Concrete Commonwealth Court Appeal.

**Adjournment.** With no further business to be discussed by the Board, Supervisor Scholle moved, seconded by Supervisor Mazer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Shannon M. Hare  
Secretary