From: [redacted]
To:
Subject: Fw: Solar Field
Date: Monday, November 6, 2023 8:33:38 AM
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From: judy wilton <[redacted]>
Sent: Saturday, November 4, 2023 9:45 AM
To: Robert Crawford <[redacted]>
Subject: Solar Field

I urge you to vote NO on the proposed solar field that is being proposed! This community does NOT want it and your job is supposed to represent the WHOLE COMMUNITY NOT JUST A FEW!!!

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fw: New Message (sent by contact form at Fort Gratiot)
Date: Monday, November 6, 2023 1:09:19 PM
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From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 11:06 AM
To: Robert Crawford <[redacted]>
Subject: New Message (sent by contact form at Fort Gratiot)

First Name: Stephanie & Joe
Last Name: Helton
E-Mail: [redacted]
Subject: Proposed Solar Farm

Message: Fort Gratiot Township Leadership:

Just a quick note of complete support for the proposed Fort Gratiot solar farm. As Fort Gratiot residents, we are asking that the township do everything in its power to ensure this and other opportunities around green energy are embraced and fully utilized! We have to do everything we can to preserve our environment for generations to come.

Thank you-
Joe & Stephanie Helton
5133 Lakeshore Road, Fort Gratiot

Planning

From: Ellen Walczak <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 4:20 PM
To: AJ Armbruster; George Kish; Linda Bruckner; [redacted]; Planning; Robert Buechler; Robert Crawford; Scott Bradley; Fort Gratiot Twp Treasurer; Vicki Ostrander
Subject: NO industrial solar facility in Fort Gratiot

As a resident of Fort Gratiot Township, Fort Gratiot Township planning commission must vote NO on the special land use application!

Planning

From: Jake Halek <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 6:07 PM
Cc: AJ Armbruster; George Kish; Linda Bruckner; [redacted]; Planning; Robert Buechler; Robert Crawford; Scott Bradley; Fort Gratiot Twp Treasurer; Vicki Ostrander
Subject: NO industrial solar facility in Fort Gratiot

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Planning

From: Richard West <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 2:46 PM
To: Planning
Subject: Solar Project- DO NOT SUPPORT!

Good afternoon,

I am writing in response to the current solar project that is proposed to be happening in Fort Gratiot Twp. My name is Richard James West, son of Richard and Angela West who live at 5321 State Road, Fort Gratiot Twp. My grandparents Robert and Linda Wessel live next door to my parents at 5325 State Road, Fort Gratiot Twp. Between these 2 pieces of property they own approximately 50 acres of agricultural land and have been approached numerous times in the last year about signing a lease for solar.

My grandparents inherited this property from my great grandparents in the late 1980's and it has been in the family ever since, and I plan on taking over this property when the time comes to hopefully pass it down to my children in the future. But that is all getting put in jeopardy if this solar project moves forward. I could not bear raising my 3 children on a property surrounded by these solar panels. I am writing as a concerned future citizen of your township. As someone who has moved away to attend college, I was drawn back to the Fort Gratiot area, not only because of family, but because of the landscape as well. I have always been amazed at what our township has to offer as far as commercial opportunity, to the large area of agricultural land that supports many of its citizens. To start infringing on the agricultural property is wrong and not what it was ever intended to be used for. I am 33 years old and grew up in Fort Gratiot and now currently live in Burtchville Twp, on Jeddo Road, and would hate to see a project such as this gain steam and move forward as it would have detrimental effects on all of the surrounding areas.

My grandparent's neighbors to the North of them have already signed on and I understand everyone has their reasons...and can't fault them for those reasons.....but as a current outsider looking in, I don't see how any of the people who are going to be near these solar farms are going to benefit from this....other than monetarily. Several of the properties they have already signed leases with are property owners who don't even have a residence in Fort Gratiot Twp.

After doing some research on solar energy, one cannot argue that it has many downfalls, including its major inefficiencies, let alone the noise they put off, the aesthetics, and potential contamination that could happen if one were to break or wear after years of abuse from the weather. What happens after their 20 yr lease is expired and they elect not to renew, who pays for the clean up?

I just don't see this as a viable option for Fort Gratiot Twp. It is wrong to allow it and it is wrong that this has gotten this far without the voices of your township having an input. I hope with the overwhelming responses you have already received, plus the voices of the 1000's of people that will be attending tomorrow's meeting that you do whatever you can to put a stop to this project before it can even get going.

Regards,

Richard James West
4633 Jeddo Rd
Burtchville, MI 48059

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Dear Sir or Mam

My name is William D. Pickard And I am writting this Letter, I have been farming over 60 years, Im a fourth generation farmer! I farm in Grant Township, Lyde Township, Burtchville, Township and Fort Gratiot Township. Our food does not come from the supermarket, It come's from farm's. Without farm's no food And we have a growing population that need's our food. So I ask you please don't ruin our very productive land In Fort Gratiot It is the most fertile soil in the state of Michigan or the United States, And I don't want to see these dangerous solar panel's ruin the soil And make it toxic to my wife, me and my children! If the state wants to go green plant more tree's. And we should consider Hydro like they do in Canada. It's working for them over →

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Thank-You very
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Sincereley
William D. Pickard

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: Proposed Portside Solar Project
Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 3:38:15 PM

My name is Angela West and I along with my husband, Richard, reside at 5321 State Rd. He has already sent you an email back in October ahead of the originally scheduled meeting on October 10th. Our stance is still a hard NO to this proposed project!
We are, as you know, directly affected by this proposed solar project. It essentially surrounds us on 3 sides. It also borders the creek to the back of our family's property. All of the research and information that we have read, listened to and studied since this has come to light is inundating and downright frightening. If what we've seen to be true, the noise it generates alone, would be enough to make us want to move, that's if anyone would even buy a house located next to this abomination. What will it do to our property values? How would anyone on this planning commission feel if this were proposed adjacent to their property? So please consider this when making your decision. There are so many other questions and concerns that we deserve to have answers to, but at this point, I'm not sure if it will make a difference.
We've "heard" that this is a "done deal" and your township "screwed up" and we really hope that is not the case. We would like to know the actual benefits to our community and residents, besides the 5 landowners looking to line their pockets. Of the 5 landowners, only 2 live on or near the proposed project. They should all have to live within the sight and earshot of this project and face the consequences of their decisions, like we will, only at a detriment to our lives and homes. We honestly don't even understand why this is an issue we are even considering in our community, other than, simply put, MONEY! Money for the landowners and money for the township.
We would also like to know how many letters of support you've received, besides the landowners, versus how many you've received against it? A question that hopefully you can answer tomorrow. Also, who will benefit from the power that is generated from this project? We could go on and on but hopefully, again, all these questions can be answered tomorrow.
We were happy to speak with The Times Herald a couple weeks ago to make people aware of our concerns. For us and our future generations that are to inherit this property that my grandparents bought in the early 60's, it most definitely leaves us worried about the noise, what it will do to our well water, the environment, the wildlife and so many other things, all of which must be addressed.
This planning commission was appointed, some of you many years ago, to make decisions on what is best for Fort Gratiot Township. Our township board was elected to do what is best for the majority of our community. This Portside Solar project does not positively impact our community in any way, shape or form.
Thank you for your time and consideration. We will leave you with this.....maybe just maybe try to put yourself in our shoes. Again, how would you feel (and vote) if this were proposed right next to where you live? Would that make a difference? I think so.
Respectfully submitted,
Angela & Richard West
5321 State Rd
Fort Gratiot, MI 48059