

**Miami Township Zoning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

December 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 by Chairman Brian Corry.

Attending: *Greg Shrader absent with consent of the chair 1/21/25*
Members – Brian Corry, Joe Fulton, Dale Amstutz, Fred Legge, Mark Willis
(Alternate) and Jayne Brahler (Alternate)
Also in attendance: Bryan Lucas (Zoning Administrator), Frederick Stockwell, Jennifer Adams,
Scott Fife

Mr. Corry asked for a motion to approve minutes from November 19th. Mr. Amstutz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Legge. All were in favor.

Mr. Corry reviewed the agenda. Public comments opportunity was presented.

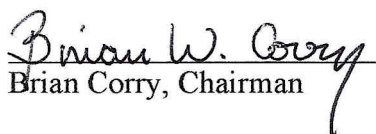
Mr. Lucas gave staff report. Clarified definition of the solar collection types to consider. These types include small solar (self generating), small solar (distribution) and large solar (utility). Mr. Lucas also provided GCRP answers to questions from previous meeting regarding auditor's office classification of solar arrays being considered commercial use that impacts a parcel's CAUV status, and are solar panels not being allowed because it is a commercial use and comprehensive plan does not allow in agricultural district. Consolidated list of public opinions for and against allowing small solar (distribution) was presented to the board for review and edit.

The board entered into a work session to discuss public opinion list and held open discussion regarding small solar (distribution). Points were made by board members that the list of pros and cons of small solar (distribution) were public opinions and concerns collected and discussed previously by board members. The list created is a group of public opinions and not agreed upon facts. The list is not comprehensively endorsed by the board as a whole, but a gauge of public opinion. After some discussion, Mr. Corry stated that it appeared the board's general consensus was not to allow small solar (distribution) in the township, but proposed 2 questions to be asked to county prosecutor's office:

1. If we prohibit the use of small solar for distribution (under 50 MHz) in the township, from a legal perspective what red flags or future concerns could we face in regards to zoning now?
2. If we prohibit the use, what might happen in our township if Ohio House Bill 197 or some version of it passes? In other words, if it passes and we have prohibited small solar for distribution what concerns should we have at that time?

Mr. Corry opened the floor for public comments and 3 residents expressed concerns regarding small solar (distribution).

Mr. Corry asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Amstutz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Legge. All were in favor and meeting was adjourned at 8:40.


Brian Corry, Chairman


Bryan Lucas, Zoning Administrator