

Jan 8, 2024

To: Green Garden Township Monthly Meeting

From: Mark Sarkisian, Planning & Zoning Committee

Subject: Planning Report for the Residents

In the past three months we have challenged two different Solar proposals for our township at all three Will County review forums. These include reviews at Planning & Zoning, Land Use, and the County Board. With the support of the Green Garden residents we won 6 of 6 challenges. Hats off to our residents, who travelled to Joliet, sat and listened quietly, and then one by one stepped up to the podium and delivered solid and fact based objections. Everyone kept their cool. Everyone had a different aspect that they presented. We were firm and concise, and the County heard us.

Will County has approved every Solar application in other townships that I know about; yet they ruled in our favor every time. We told them that we are not anti-Solar; rather, we oppose projects that violate our Comprehensive Plan. To keep from diluting that idea, I told the Will County Board at our last review that they would see me again early next year – in support of a Solar Facility which IS consistent with our Plan. This is a different applicant than the one we opposed recently, and this proposal is scheduled to appear at our own Planning & Zoning meeting here in our Green Garden Town Hall on Feb 5 at 7pm.

Thanks again to our residents --- your voices matter.

Mark Sarkisian,
Green Garden Planner