

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Cherrytree Township, Venango County, PA intends to consider and enact Ordinance #01-2021 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance at its regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at the Cherrytree Township building located at 1311 Cherrytree Road Titusville, PA, 16354. A public hearing on the proposed Ordinance will be conducted before the Board considers its adoption. The title of the ordinance is **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHERRYTREE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, ADOPTED MARCH 6, 2006, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**. A summary follows. The ordinance amends section 3.01 (“Definition of Terms”) to add definitions related to the regulation of Solar Energy Systems; adds new sections 5.32 and 5.33 to identify the purpose and authority for the adoption of the regulations; adds new sections 5.34 (“Accessory Solar Energy Systems (ASES)”) to allow certain lower energy producing Accessory Solar Energy Systems (ASES) used to provide energy to a residence or business on the same property, and , 5.35 (“Principal Solar Energy Systems (PSES)”) to allow by conditional use higher energy producing Solar Energy Systems intended to produce energy for sale only in limited areas and, 5.36 (“Inspections and Fees for Both Accessory Solar Energy Systems (ASES) and Principal Solar Energy Systems (PSES)”). All Solar Energy Systems are subject to certain regulations to provide for the safe use of such systems, including such things as installation and maintenance in accord with applicable regulatory standards and requirements, prevention of glare, fencing to control access and provide security, provision for access for emergency services, setbacks and screening to minimize interference with neighboring properties, and removal when abandoned. Ordinance #01-2021 is enacted to provide reasonable allowance for such energy producing systems that were not permitted before. The Ordinance is the same ordinance previously advertised and considered except for amendments to enlarge the area allowed for PSESs, to clarify setback requirements, to revise the forest protection standards, and the internal roadway standards. The remainder of the Township Zoning Ordinance will remain in force as written. Ordinance #01-2021 will be effective 5 days after enactment and can be examined at the Cherrytree Township building at the address above during normal business hours, at the newspaper in which this notice appears, and at the Venango County Law Library at the Courthouse in Franklin, PA. Copies can be purchased at the address above for \$20.50 per copy. Contact the Township Secretary at 814 827-1078 with questions.