**Solar Timeline**

(this timeline is backed by videos available on Grant County Area Plan Commission Page on YouTube, Minutes, E-mails, Budgets, Calendars, etc…)

(Unfortunately, this does not include numerous phone calls & discussions with residents (many of which came and met in the Office), or discussions with most surrounding County Plan Directors.)



**These can be viewed in the Area Plan Office**

**You Tube Links to Meetings & Videos**

**Grant County Government**

[**https://www.youtube.com/@grantcountygovernment8878**](https://www.youtube.com/%40grantcountygovernment8878)

**Grant County Area Plan Commission**

[**https://www.youtube.com/@grantcountyareaplancommiss4753**](https://www.youtube.com/%40grantcountyareaplancommiss4753)

**This will also be available on the Area Plan Website**

[**https://www.grantcounty.net/grant-county-offices/area-plan**](https://www.grantcounty.net/grant-county-offices/area-plan)

**June 28th, 2021.** Initial Meeting with Tom Schroder with Invenergy & their intention to build a Commercial Solar Farm in Grant County. This began the discussion that Grant County did not have a Solar Ordinance, the State was working on one, & the need to put one together prior to a Solar Development being turn into Grant County Area Plan.

**July 2021**. Ryan Malott, Executive Director of Area Plan, wrote Draft #1 of the Grant County Solar Ordinance to present to the “Solar Committee”, Draft #1 took roughly July 5th thru July17th.

**Solar Committee**:

 Ryan Malott, Area Plan Director

 Chuck Briede, Area Plan Commission President

 Mark Bardsley, County Commissioner, President

 Justin Saathoff, Commissioner Administrator

 Shane Middlesworth, County Council, President

 Tim Eckerle, Grant County Growth Council President

 Charity Bailey, Grant County Growth Council Vice President

 Kyle Persinger, Attorney for County Commissioners & Area Plan

Joe Certain, Attorney

**July 6th, 2021.** Tim Eckerle emailed that the Growth Council would like to offer assistance to Grant County in drafting a Solar Ordinance.

**July 7th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed the Solar Committee asking for Direction for the Grant County Solar Ordinance. Director Malott is using Delaware County, Jay County, Randolph County, and Invenergy proposal as beginning templates after reviewing several other ordinances.

**July 8th, 2021.** Director Malott sent out E-mail discussing direction for the Solar Ordinance and putting together another meeting of the Solar Committee. Emailed to: Mark Bardsley, Ron Mowery, Mike Burton, Kyle Persinger, Justin Saathoff, Shane Middlesworth, Joe Certain, and Tim Eckerle. Solar Committee Meeting is set for July 26th, 2021.

**July 14th, 2021.** E-mail to Director Malott for Introduction from APEX Clean Energy. Meeting set up for July 22nd, 2021. Director Malott emailed the Solar Committee on direction for APEX introduction. Note, Howard County Solar Ordinance was added as a Template. Note, discussed and showed examples of ordinances being “all over the place”, setbacks are the example.

**July 15th, 2021**. Director Malott sent out E-mail to Jim McWhirt and Angie Jarvis discussing how Application & Permitting Fees would be handled, since these funds would be needed during the application & permitting process.

**July 18th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out **Grant County Solar Draft #1**. Included was Permit and Application Fee Comparisons & Set Back Examples. Emailed to Solar Committee, Mike Burton, Ron Mowery, Ed Hartman, and Brenda Harrison.

**July 20th, 2021**. **Grant County Solar Draft #1** email was sent to APC, Ed Hartman, and Staff. “**Solar Ordinance**.  This is in the “First Draft” Stages with the Commissioners & Council.  We (commissioners, council rep, legal, etc…) have a meeting on July 26th @ 2pm to start dissecting the first draft.  This is Fyi only, currently, but want you to be aware of what we are working on.**”**

**July 22nd, 2021**. Introductory Meeting with APEX. Dalton Carr & Jessica Walsh present from APEX. Discussed their interest in Grant County. **Solar Committee present**.

**July 26th, 2021**. **Solar Committee Meeting**. Discussion on Grant County Solar Draft #1, which eventually generated **Grant County Solar Draft #2 (July 30th)**. **Solar Committee present.**

**July 28th, 2021.** Director Malott talked to Purdue Extension about Vegetation Plans. Purdue sent Area Plan their “Purdue Solar Site Pollinator Scorecard”. This was added to the Solar Draft as a requirement for the Vegetation Plan.

**July 28th, 2021.** Tim Eckerle asked Tom Schroder, with Invenergy, for a copy of Invenergy’s typical vegetation plan. Tom sent the vegetation plan; Tim forwarded it to the Solar Committee. Director Malott asked Mr. Schroder to call him over concerns of maintenance & such. Invenergy Vegetation plan included in email.

**July 29th, 2021**. Director Malott had a conversation with Jackie Monk, Sullivan County Councilwoman over her concerns with Solar in Sullivan County that she sent out in an e-mail. Emails went between Jim McWhirt, to Shane & Mark, then Shane forwarded it to Director Malott. Director Malott spoke with Ms. Monk and e-mailed the Solar Committee some of the highlights of the Conversation. Ms. Monk’s concerns were with Invenergy, which is a company interested in Grant County. Ms. Monk stated Sullivan County was paying an Indy Lawyer $25,000 to write their Solar Ordinance.

**July 30th, 2021**. Director Malott e-mailed out **Grant County Solar Ordinance Draft #2** to the Solar Committee noting that he would like to include David White & Jim McWhirt to the Committee. He added the Minor Solar to the Ordinance. He noted that he also wanted to begin discussion with the APC. He also noted that he had a discussion with the Jay County Plan Director. E-mailed to Solar Committee, Mike Burton, Ron Mowery, and Brenda Harrison.

**August 2nd, 2021**. **Area Plan Commission Meeting**. President Briede and Director Malott discussed their work on ordinance and the Solar Committee’s progress on the current Solar Ordinance Draft #2. Discussed upcoming Commissioner’s Solar Summit meeting, not yet scheduled. Noted in Minutes. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**August 4th, 2021.** Director Malott attended the **Farm Bureau** Monthly Meeting to discuss the Solar Ordinance’s current status and reasoning for writing the Solar Ordinance.

**August 5th, 2021.** Director Malott shared pictures of current Solar Farms located in Grant County that include Oak Hill High School, Madison Grant High School, and AEP. Gas City Solar Farm #1 was annexed into Gas City and not included. “…just wanted to get a visual of what we have out there and what they looked like as far as maintenance.” Note, sent with prior Vegetation Plan E-mail.

**August 9th, 2021.** Director Malott sent out an e-mail on feedback for Solar Ordinance Draft #2 from the Solar Committee. He also asked about sharing this with the Solar Companies, APC, and if we were ready to put together a “Summit” type meeting with the Solar Companies. E-mail sent to Solar Committee, Mike Burton, Ron Mowery, and Brenda Harrison.

**August 10th, 2021.** E-mail introduction to Tamara Ogle, Regional Educator for Purdue Extension Community Development. This is important as Tamara is working on a Statewide “Snapshot” on Wind & Solar for every County. The **Purdue “Snapshot”** was instrumental in putting together Draft #3 and Draft #4. It eventually let us compare 32 Solar Ordinances to ours. Original E-mail was to discuss the Grant County Wind Ordinance (which has a moratorium).

**August 17th, 2021. Upland Town Board Meeting.** Director Malott discussed Two Ordinance Amendments as well as the development of a Solar Ordinance & coming Solar Summit Meeting.

**August 18th, 2021. Van Buren Town Board Meeting.** Director Malott discussed Two Ordinance Amendments as well as the development of a Solar Ordinance & coming Solar Summit Meeting.

**August 23rd, 2021**. Mark Bardsley e-mailed questioning the Decibel Levels. Director Malott shared that the Solar Ordinance mirrored the Wind Ordinance for Decibel Levels, which also matches the Area Wide Zoning Ordinance Noice Ordinance. Director Malott noted “this is not on all References” means the item was only found in some Solar Ordinances, but not in the majority of Solar Ordinances reviewed.

**August 23rd, 2021.** E-mail introduction to Trena Roudebush with Geenex Solar. She asked, “Would you be able to share a draft and any insights on your process/timeline for adoption, realizing it can be fluid?”. Director Malott informed her that we would not be sharing the information with Solar Companies till the “Summit” Meeting. She also invited me and anyone else interested to a Public Officials Workshop put on by the Center for Energy Education in Muncie on September 16th, 2021. Director was already registered thru invite sent to me by Tim Eckerle on 8-6-2021.

**August 23rd, 2021. Fairmount Town Board Meeting.** Director Malott discussed Two Ordinance Amendments as well as the development of a Solar Ordinance & upcoming Solar Summit Meeting.

**August 24th, 2021. Jonesboro City Council Meeting**. Director Malott discussed Two Ordinance Amendments as well as the development of a Solar Ordinance & upcoming Solar Summit Meeting.

**August 25th, 2021.** Director Malott e-mailed out a “News from the Office” E-mail to the Area Plan Commission & Staff. Part of the E-mail discussed, **“**I am hoping to be able to discuss more on the upcoming Solar Ordinance at our upcoming meeting as we will be having a “Summit Type Meeting” with some of the Solar Companies, Commissioners, Council, Growth Council, etc…in the Near Future.  I have expressed that I feel the Area Plan Commission should be involved in these meetings as there are two proposed projects out there currently for $100 Million & $150 Million that are going to land on APC’s doorstep.  I think it is important that the Area Plan Commission Members become as knowledgeable as possible, not only on Solar Energy, but on the thought process & debate of the Solar Ordinance.  I suspect this is going to be a BIG Public debate in our arena when the time comes, I would like for us to be prepared.**”**

**August 26th, 2021**. Director Malott became aware that Taylor University was planning on doing a Solar Project, but according to the Contractor, the project was on Hold.

**August 26th, 2021. Sweetser Town Board Meeting**. Director Malott discussed Two Ordinance Amendments as well as the development of a Solar Ordinance and upcoming Solar Summit Meeting.

**August 30th, 2021**. **Grant County Solar Ordinance Draft #3** was emailed out to the Solar Committee, Mike Burton, Ron Mowery, and Brenda Harrison. 3 Pages of Solar Ordinance “Questions” was included. Director Malott noted that he had a discussion with the Grant County Assessor Rhonda Wylie over property values, Rhonda noted little effect from current Solar Farms in Grant County, she also noted, drops in Grant County Farmland value is pretty much uniform thru out the County. She recently went to the State “Assessor’s Meeting” in Indy, they discussed how to assess properties around Solar Farms. Mark replied to everyone, to schedule another Solar Committee Meeting (scheduled for September 20th, 2021).

**August 30th, 2021.** Trena Roudebush with Geenex emailed Director Malott stating she understood about not sending anything out yet. She offered information from IU’s Environmental Resilience Institute (they put out the State Template for Solar Ordinances) and “Hoosiers for Renewables”, she also included a FAQ Sheet.

**August 31st, 2021.** Sent out Invite to the Solar Workshop in Muncie put on by the “Center for Energy Education”. E-mailed to the Solar Committee, APC, Mike Burton, and Ron Mowery.

**September 7th, 2021**. **Matthews Town Board Meeting.** Director Malott discussed Two Ordinance Amendments as well as the development of a Solar Ordinance & the upcoming Solar Summit Meeting.

**September 8th, 2021.** Director Malott contacted Annette McIntyre at AEP, he asked to be directed to someone who could speak on AEP’s behalf and standpoint on Solar and how it would affect AEP. Annette got Director Malott in touch with Aaron Oyler, who then directed him to Todd Bechtold. Director Malott spoke to Mr. Bechtold on the phone discussing the Grid, Connections, AEP’s future in renewables, etc… All of this was on phone.

**September 9th, 2021.** Introduction by Email to Evan Turunen with Canacre on potential utility scale solar development. Mr. Turunen was asking for information about our Solar Ordinance, Director Malott noted that information would not be given out till the Solar Summit Meeting.

**September 9th, 2021.** Director Malott forwarded information on the Regulatory Que and the Purdue “Snapshot” to Tim Eckerle, Charity Bailey, Justin Saathoff, and Brenda Harrison. Discussion started with an update on Taylor University Solar Project.

**September 13th, 2021**. **Area Plan Commission Meeting.** Director Malott discussed the Solar Ordinance, Draft #3, and the upcoming Solar Summit Meeting during the Director’s Report. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**September 14th, 2021**. Director Malott had an email discussion with Ron Southerland over the Taylor University Solar Project. Tim Eckerle had emailed stating they were actively working on the project. Director Malott forwarded this to the Solar Committee, Brenda Harrison, and Aaron Elsworth.

**September 14th, 2021.** Introduction thru Email to Partick Poer and Kelly Hipskind, both with SunFunED who were doing the Taylor Project (and come to find out IWU’s also). Mr. Poer and Mr. Hipskind both were curious to see the Solar Ordinance, Director Malott discussed where Grant County was at on Draft #3 and noted that there would be a Solar Summit Meeting.

**September 15th, 2021.** Director Malott asked AEP if they would have anyone how could speak on AEP’s behalf at the Solar Summit Meeting.

**September 15th, 2021.** Greg J. Ewing, Land Use Specialist and attorney at “Dentons” inquired about the Solar Ordinance and orders of approval. Director Malott forwarded this message onto Mark Bardsley, Shane Middlesworth, Justin Saathoff, and Kyle Persinger noting that calls seem to be coming in everyday now.

**September 16th, 2021.** Director Malott attended Center for Energy Education Conference in Muncie, Indiana. All Day Event.

**September 17th, 2021.** Director Malott set up and had a Zoom conversation with Patrick Poer and Kelly Hipskind of SunFunED discussing the Taylor and IWU Projects.

**September 20th, 2021**. Director Malott sent out the Size and Location of the Taylor University Solar Project. Email was sent to the Solar Committee.

**September 20th, 2021. Solar Committee Meeting. Set Date for Solar Summit Meeting.** Discussion on Solar Ordinance Draft #2.

**September 21st, 2021.** Director Malott emailed Purdue Extension about having a representative present for the Solar Summit Meeting**.**

**September 21st, 2021. Solar Summit Meeting Initial Invite.**  Attached with **Grant County Solar Ordinance Draft #3, Solar Summit Meeting Letter, and Webex Instructions.** Emailed to; Solar Committee, Commissioners, APC, BZA, Drainage Board, Growth Council, David White, and Bob Jackson.

Also Emailed; Brookes Fetters (CEE), Jessica Walsh (APEX), Kelly Hipskind & Patrick Poer (SunFundED), Tom Schroder (Invenergy), and Trena Roudebush (Geenex).

**September 21st, 2021.** Director Malott sent email to Mark Bardsley, Shane Middlesworth, and Justin Saathoff noting that we have received several replies asking to reserve spots for the Summit Meeting. He noted that he felt that we were going to outgrow the Council Chambers, so he checked with Purdue Extension on the availability of the 4H Fairgrounds. 4H Fairgrounds were available, but they need to figure out the Wi-Fi.

**September 22nd, 2021**. Courtney Schmidt emailed that Purdue Extension was trying to find people to help with the Solar Summit presentation (from previous email).

**September 27th, 2021**. Director Malott had a meeting with Robert Keisling from AEP to discuss the Solar Ordinance, the Summit Meeting, and AEP’s participation. Mr. Keisling stated as a Utility, they try to stay out of government business, like summit meetings. So, AEP would not be a part of the Solar Summit Meeting. He did leave the door open to call with any technical questions in the future should they arise. He confirmed this with 10-4-2021 Email.

**September 30th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out an update on the Solar Summit Meeting. Commissioner Bardsley confirmed this would be a Commissioner Special Session, Commissioners would publish, not APC. Email sent to Mark Bardsley, Kyle Persinger, Shane Middlesworth, Justin Saathoff, Tim Eckerle, and Brenda Harrison.

**September 30th, 2021**. Director Malott emailed out an update that the Solar Summit Meeting would now be held at the 4H Fairgrounds. Brock Harpur from Purdue Ext. noted he would be present digitally to represent the Purdue Extension.

**September 30th, 2021.** Director Malott scheduled the entire office to be present for the Solar Summit Meeting.

**October 4th, 2021. Area Plan Commission Meeting.** “Solar Ordinance – On October 18, 2021, the Commissioners will be having a Solar Summit Special Session at the 4-H Fairgrounds. This information has been sent out to the APC. Mr. Malott discussed the need for the APC to become knowledgeable on Solar Energy/Ordinance as it will be coming to the APC next for review & recommendation.” Per the APC Video, this was discussed for over 10 minutes during the meeting. **Meeting is available on-line.**

**October 5th, 2021.** Mark Bardley on WBAT. Discussed Solar Summit Meeting & Solar Ordinance that is being developed.

**October 6th, 2021.** Email sent out to IABO Members from Jason Boggs, LaGrange County Building Commissioner, asking for Schedules and Fees for Commercial Solar. Director Malott shared his Fee Comparison which included 11 different counties.

**October 8th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out Invite to the Solar Summit Meeting, including current **Solar Ordinance Draft #3** and Webex Instructions. Emailed to: All Town/City Boards, Solar Companies, and Solar Committee.

**October 13th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out a confirmation to the Solar Committee of the Solar Summit Meeting on Monday, October 18th @ 4:00 PM at the fairgrounds.

**October 13th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out an invite to the APC to the Center for Energy Education Solar Workshop that was being held in West Lafayette on October 21st. This is the same workshop that Director Malott attended.

**October 18th, 2021. Commissioner’s Solar Summit Meeting held at the 4-H Fairgrounds.** Event was published in the Chronicle. This was the introduction of the Solar Ordinance to the Community. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**October 19th, 2021.** Mark Bardsley on WBAT.Discussed the Solar Summit Meeting that was held the day before on October 18th.

**October 19th, 2021**. Ben Clodgo of SunFundED requested the presentation from the Solar Summit Meeting which included Solar Ordinance Draft #3, Questions on Solar Ordinance, and Solar Summit Presentation PowerPoint.

**October19th, 2021**. Director Malott sent an email to Tim Eckerle & Charity Bailey about the wording of the Economic Development Agreement section of the Solar Ordinance, if they had any suggestions.

**October 19, 2021**. Director Malott sent an email to David White on the Road Use Agreement section of the Solar Ordinance for feedback.

**October 19th, 2021.** Director Malott sent emails with the link to watch the Solar Summit Meeting on Grant County’s YouTube Channel. Emails sent to: APC, Staff, Ed Hartman, and All Town/City Boards.

**October 21, 2021.** Director Malott sent email out to the APC on concerns with attendance due to the Solar Ordinance coming to the APC. At the time, only 25 people were allowed in the Council Chambers due to Covid. Email sent to: APC, Staff, & Ed Hartman. Follow Up Email sent out to: Commissioners, Economic Development, Staff, Solar Companies, some Department Heads, and Solar Committee.

**October 25th, 2021.** Mark Bardsley sent out an email asking if we had a copy of the WEC Economic Development Agreement to compare with the Solar Economic Development Agreement. Director Malott responded with a copy of both to review.

**October 26th, 2021.** **Grant County Drainage Board**. Director Malott had a public discussion with the Drainage Board over several topics concerning the Solar Ordinance, Drain Board Minutes are included. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**October 29th, 2021.** APEX emailed their comments on the Solar Ordinance to Director Malott. Director Malott forwarded those comments onto the Solar Committee, APC, Commissioners, Ed Hartman, and Brenda Harrison.

**November 1st, 2021.** Director Malott emailed the Drainage Board examples of Vegetation Plans, Purdue Pollinator Scorecard, Indiana Solar Vegetation Groundcover Summary, and Solar Field Hydraulics for their review.

**November 1st, 2021. Area Plan Commission Meeting. The Solar Ordinance was introduced to the Area Plan Commission.** Draft #3 was handed out to the APC. Following a 15-minute discussion, per video, the APC decided to have a Special Meeting on the Solar Ordinance on November 15th at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Draft #4 was posted on the Website. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**November 2nd, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out an invite to the APC/BZA “Solar Workshop” to be held on November 15th at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Included in email were Draft #3 & Webex Instructions. Emailed to: Commissioners, APC, BZA, Solar Committee, AEP, IT Dept., David White, Solar Companies, Marion Building Department, Gas City Building Dept., and Staff.

**November 9th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out invites to the APC/BZA Solar Workshop to all of the Town/City Boards. Email included Solar Ordinance Draft #3 and Webex Instructions.

**November 9th, 2021.**  Director Malott emailed out a reminder of the APC/BZA Solar Workshop. Email included Solar Ordinance Draft #3. Emailed to: Commissioners, APC, BZA, Solar Committee, AEP, IT, David White, Marion Building Department, Gas City Building Department, and Staff. Also e-mailed Gas City Mayor Bill Rock directly as he was left off.

**November 9th, 2021. Grant County Drainage Board**. Drainage Board held additional public discussion on the Solar Ordinance, Director Malott was present via Webex to answer questions. Drainage Board working on Checklist. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**November 10th, 2021.** Joe Certain emailed out a question on the BZA’s involvement in this process, he notes, his interpretation of the law would say that the BZA has no apparent role in this process.

**November 10th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out a “New” Solar Company that is looking at Grant County. This is Reserve Energy, Jim Haas, emailed Director Malott. Emailed to: Solar Committee, APC, Staff, and Ed Hartman. There was initially some confusion between Gas City’s Solar Park #2 and this Project. In discussing with Brad Kline, Gas City Director, these are not the same projects. This project is projected between Walmart Distribution & I-69.

**November 12th, 2021**. Director Malott emailed APEX Solar asking for a clarification on an idea they proposed during the Solar Summit Meeting of a “Pay Over Time” on the Permitting & Application Fees.

**November 12th, 2021. Director Malott emailed out Solar Ordinance Draft #4** prior to the APC/BZA Solar Workshop. Noting this version had all of the changes from the Solar Summit Meeting along with suggestions following the Solar Summit Meeting. Email included Solar Ordinance Draft #4 and Solar Setback Comparison. Emailed to; All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, Solar Companies, Commissioners, APC, BZA, and Staff.

**November 13th, 2021**. Director Malott shared his PowerPoint presentation with Chuck Briede and Ed Hartman. This was an Updated presentation from the Solar Summit Meeting. Agenda was sent back by Chuck.

**November 13th, 2021.** Publication in Chronicle Tribune for Area Plan/BZA Special Solar Meeting.

**November 14th, 2021.** Ed Hartman sent his own Presentation & Agenda for the meeting back to Chuck Briede and Director Malott. After discussion, it was decided to follow the original plan.

**November 14th, 2021**. 2nd Publication in Chronicle Tribune for Area Plan/BZA Special Solar Meeting.

**November 15th, 2021.** Director Malott received an email from Joe Certain and his concern with the order of approval, especially when it comes to the “Special Exception”.

**November 15th, 2021. APC/BZA Solar Workshop. APC represented by 4 of 13 Members (9 Members absent), BZA Represented by 4 of 6 Members. This meeting is available on-line.**

**November 16th, 2021**. Director Malott was on “Good Morning Grant County” on WBAT to discuss the Solar Ordinance and the APC/BZA Special Solar Meeting.

**November 17th, 2021**. Director Malott emailed that the APC/BZA Solar Workshop video had been posted onto YouTube for Review. Email sent to: Solar Committee, APC, BZA, All Town/City Boards.

**November 17th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out updated Set Back Comparisons for the Solar Ordinance. It is a 32 County Comparison. This was a major topic at the Solar Workshop. He also included a link to the Purdue “Snapshot” which has links to all 92 Counties for Solar & Wind. Email was sent to; Commissioners, APC, BZA, All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, etc… 72 people all together. 2nd Email was sent out with example of Economic Benefit & Property Value Study.

**November 18th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed the Solar Companies for advice or back up on the Solar Permitting & Application Fees for Minor Solar. He asked if they could also give examples of costs that the Permitting & Application Fees would cover.

**November 18th, 2021.**  Tim Eckerle emailed out a question on industrial sites to APEX, included is their response. “When it comes to a utility-scale solar prospect, this property could participate (if all other needs were met - access to transmission capacity, community participation, acceptable topography, etc.). However, such a property would be part of a larger whole; projects that inject power into the grid generally require much more area for panels.” The Property discussed was the old Dana Property.

**November 19th, 2021.** Ongoing discussion in the Economic Benefit & Property Value Study email, discussing adding a provision for an independent study with each project.

**November 30th, 2021.** Mark Bardsley emailed Director Malott noting that he is out the State’s Commissioner Conference; “I just learned here at the Commissioner’s Conference that the big solar lobbyists are pushing for similar legislation that was defeated this past session.  We need to get our ordinance done asap so we can be grandfathered in if their legislation goes thru.  Please encourage area plan to move forward expeditiously.  I don't want Indianapolis telling us what to do locally.” First knowledge of SB 411.

**December 3rd, 2021.** Director Malott sent out a reminder e-mails that BZA & APC Meetings would be at the 4-H Fairgrounds, he also noted Commissioner Bardsley’s email on the State Commissioner Conference. Email sent to APC & BZA.

**December 6th, 2021.** Director Malott received an email from Trena Roudebush with Geenex. Links for Property Value of Solar Projects review were given as well as FAQ Handout.

**December 6th, 2021. Board of Zoning Appeals.** Ed Hartman put for his recommendations for the Solar Ordinance to the BZA, BZA took public comment on the Solar Ordinance, BZA voted to send the BZA’s Recommendations forward to APC on the Solar Ordinance. **Meeting available on-line.**

**December 6th, 2021. Area Plan Commission Meeting.** Received BZA Recommendations on the Solar Ordinance. Email sent out to the Solar Companies that Solar would not be discussed at the APC Meeting due to large agenda, invited to watch on-line. **Meeting available on-line.**

**December 6th, 2021.** Received an email from Tim Maddox asking where the Solar Farms were going. Director Malott replied that we have no exact plans, only areas.

“We currently have No Exact plans from the Solar Companies, no development plans have been turned into this office.

**Projected Areas**;

Invenergy- between Matthews & I-69

APEX- between Sweetser, Swayzee, & Oak Hill

Geenex- Van Buren Area

Reserve Energy- between Gas City & I-69 (not a part of the Gas City Solar Farm currently going in in this area)

SunFunED- Taylor University & IWU (small scale Solar Farm Systems)

All told, it is a projected $650 Million in Solar Investment in the next 5 years.

**December 6th, 2021.**  Letter was brought in given to the Area Plan Office; this letter was sent out to “Grant County Residents”, its author was anonymous.

**December 7th, 2021.** Director Malott spoke to Mark Wynn & Sarah Beth Anderson of the Adams County Building Department. Sarah Beth emailed Area Plan a copy of their Solar Ordinance. Director Malott emailed back the 32 County Solar Ordinance Set Back Comparison. Received another e-mail from Megan Fawbush, Adams County Asst. Planning Director who said that the main reason for their 1,320 setback was to match their Intensive Livestock Operation setbacks.

**December 7th, 2021.**  Director Malott emailed out invite to the APC “Solar Workshop” on December 14th @ the 4-H Fairground. **Sent with email: Solar Ordinance Draft #4, Setback Comparison, & BZA Recommendations.**  Email sent to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, Solar Committee, All Town/City Boards, Solar Companies, and Staff.

**December 7th, 2021.** Director Malott received an e-mail from Linda Morgan, Director Malott gave her copies of the Solar Ordinance and Solar Economic Benefit and Property Value Study as well as links to all of the previous Solar Meetings.

**December 7th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed Rhonda Wylie, County Assessor, on her thoughts about Property Value around Solar Projects, she replied that she would look at it. She replied on December 10th, 2021. She stated, “I haven’t seen any drop in sales due to Solar Farms coming in”. This email was forwarded on to the APC, Solar Committee, and Ed Hartman.

**December 7th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out a question on the BZA recommending 1,450’ Setback, which would be the largest in the state. Ed Hartman replied defending the BZA recommendations. This was forwarded onto the Solar Committee. Email sent to the APC.

**December 8th, 2021.** Ed Hartman emailed Director Malott, APC, Shane Middlesworth, and Angie Jarvis and the Commissioners requesting that the APC “Solar Workshop” be printed on the front page of the Chronicle. Director Malott emailed the Commissioners to let them know that the Publication was already given to the Chronicle if they wanted to try and get it on the front page. Per Justin, Commissioners have “no response”.

**December 9th, 2021.** Published in the Chronicle for the APC “Solar Workshop” on December 14th.

**December 9th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out the Minutes from the APC/BZA “Solar Workshop” that occurred on November 15th. The Office was asked to make them more detailed.

**December 10th, 2021.** Director Malott received an email from Kyle Persinger on the IWU Solar Project that he heard from IWU President Dr. Wright on WBAT Radio. Director Malott was aware of the project, but not the location. Director Malott forwarded this to Chuck Briede, APC President.

**December 11th, 2021.** Ashley Savieo, Director for Economic Development for AEP, sent an email to Mark Bardsley who forwarded it to Director Malott, on Property Values. Email contained discussion by several AEP Employees. The SEIA Solar Property Value Fact Sheet 2019 was attached. There was also a link to “Solar’s Impact on Rural Property Values”. William Tokash, Energy Services Customer Solutions Leader for AEP also noted, “If there are reports that highlight negative impacts to property values, I would recommend that we carefully vet the source and funding interests of the report.”

**December 14th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed Brooks Fetters about putting together an Educational Workshop for Grant County, like the one he attended in Muncie. Mr. Fetters is with the Center for Energy Education.

**December 14th, 2021.** Commissioner Bardsley received an email from Don Wright, Mr. Wright stated he was against Solar coming into Grant County, which he forwarded to Director Malott.

**December 14th, 2021. Area Plan Commission “Solar Workshop” at the 4-H Fairgrounds. This meeting is available on-line. 7 of 13 APC Members attended.**

**December 14th, 2021. Grant County Drainage Board**. Drainage Board had public discussion on some amendments and the need for a Solar Ordinance based off Oak Hill Solar Farm issues. Director Malott was present via Webex to answer questions. **Meeting is available on-line.**

**December 15th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out link to Area Plan “Solar Workshop” video. Email sent to: APC, BZA, All Town/City Boards, Commissioners, Solar Committee, and Staff.

**December 16th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out the IU Solar Template & HB 1381 (State proposed Solar Ordinance) links.

**December 21st, 2021.** Director Malott emailed out the minutes from the December 14th APC “Solar Workshop” to the APC & Staff. Link to meeting included.

**December 21st, 2021.** Tim Eckerle sent out an Email on Huhtamaki and their pledge to be 100% renewable electricity and carbon neutral production by 2030. Emailed to 66 people, everyone who was emailed the Workshop invite.

**December 27th, 2021**. Charity Bailey emailed Director Malott on the Marion Airports plans to install solar.

**December 28th, 2021. Grant County Drainage Board Meeting**. Director Malott suggested an amendment to the Solar Ordinance for the Drainage Board’s section of the Ordinance. This was discussed during the Meeting and emailed afterward. **Meeting is available on-line.**

**December 28th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed Justin (Commissioners) about being on the Agenda for the Commissioner’s January 3rd, 2022 meeting. Noting that Commissioner Bardsley had mentioned giving the Commissioner’s an update. Director Malott noted that the APC was not going to get the Ordinance to a Public Hearing within the 60 days required and that Kyle had noted that the vote could legally be “Ordered” by the Commissioners. Justin confirmed that Director Malott was on the Jan. 3rd Agenda.

**December 30th, 2021.** Director Malott emailed the Solar Companies that the January Meeting has a full agenda, and that Solar may be discussed, but more likely another Workshop will be set up and invited them to watch via Webex.

**January 2nd, 2022.** Ed Hartman, BZA Chairman, sent out a response to Director Malott’s email (Director Malott) “spoke to Franklin, Adams, and Madison County Directors”. Email sent to: APC, BZA, Commissioners, All Town/City Boards, Marion, Gas City, Solar Committee, and some Dept. Heads. Director Malott forwarded it to Staff.

**January 3rd, 2022.** **County Commissioner’s Meeting.** Director Malott gave the Commissioners an update on the progress of the Solar Ordinance. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**January 3rd, 2022.** **Area Plan Commission Meeting**. Held at 4-H Fairground. Approx. half of Meeting was discussion on Solar Ordinance. **Meeting is available on-line.**

**January 4th, 2022.** Area Plan received an email from Michael Roush stating his displeasure that he was not made aware of or notified of the current Solar Ordinance. Director Malott responded with all the ways that Area Plan has tried to reach the public noting “that we have tried very hard to be very public & transparent”.

**January 4th, 2022.** Ed Hartman, BZA Chairman, emailed the APC that it should not hold an Executive Session regarding the Solar Ordinance. Kyle Persinger, Attorney for the APC, concurred with Chairman Hartman. Director Malott believed it was a misunderstanding and that President Briede directed him to make the changes discussed in the Ordinance to present at the Feb. APC Meeting. Concern is that we have now missed the deadline for a Public Hearing.

**January 5th, 2022.** Director Malott emailed out the link to the Jan. 3rd Meeting. Email sent to: APC, BZA, Commissioners, Solar Committee, All Town/City Boards, and Staff.

**January 6th, 2022.** Director Malott was on “Good Morning Grant County” on WBAT giving an update on the progress of the Solar Ordinance. Director Malott forwarded Tim George the current Solar Ordinance and the proposed changes prior to the Interview.

**January 6th, 2022**. Front Page Article on the Solar Ordinance was run in the Chronicle.

**January 6th, 2022.** Charity Bailey, Growth Council Director, emailed Director Malott to let him know that Tim Eckerle had been contracted thru the Growth Council to continue assisting with the Solar Ordinance. Mr. Eckerle had recently retired from the Growth Council.

**January 7th, 2022.** Commissioner Bardsley and Charity Bailey shared with Director Malott Marion’s press release on the Marion Airport Solar Project.

**January 10th, 2022**. Had initial meetings with Kathryn Lisinicchia, Center for Energy Education about putting on an Educational Workshop on Solar. The 4-H Fairgrounds were not available, so began search for venue also.

**January 11th, 2022**. **Grant County Drainage Board**. Randy Atkins discussed with the Board his concerns on Solar Farms coming into Grant County and its effects on County Drainage & Access. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**January 11th, 2022.** Tom Shroder asked to have a meeting with Commissioner Bardsley to discuss the current status of the Solar Ordinance, Director Malott was invited to this meeting.

**January 11th, 2022.** Director Malott sent out an email to announce that the APC was in the planning stages of putting together a Solar Education Workshop with the Center for Energy Education. Email sent to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, All Town/City Boards, Marion, Gas City, County Council, Chronicle, some Dept. Heads, and Staff.

**January 11th, 2022. Grant County Drainage Board.** Drainage Board had additional public discussion on the Solar Ordinance. AWZO discussion on Flood Plain Administrator vs. the Drainage Board. Randy Atkins spoke on several concerns, with access to drain tiles after the Solar Installation being a main concern. **Meeting available on-line**

**January 12th, 2022.** Director Malott emailed out **Solar Ordinance Draft #5.** He noted that it included recommendations from the APC Workshops & Meetings. Email sent to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, County Council, All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, some Dept Heads, and Staff. **Draft #5 was posted to the Web Site.**

**January 18th, 2022**. Director Malott emailed out information and a link on **House Bill 411** “Commercial Solar and Wind Energy” for 2022 that was introduced 1-12-2022. Email sent to: APC, BZA, Commissioners, Council, All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, and Staff.

**January 21st, 2022**. Director Malott sent out the Invite to the **APC Solar Education Workshop**. Invite emailed to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, Solar Committee, All Town/City Boards, Marion, Gas City, County Council, Chronicle, and Staff. Webex instructions were attached. Flyer was put onto the County Website.

**January 24th, 2022.** Director Malott received an email from Tonya McCoy, Nicholson Realty, about a possible Solar Farm near Fairmount. Company was “Solar Collab”, Director Malott noted it was the first he had heard of it. Director Malott forward this on to the APC, BZA, Commissioners, All Town/City Boards, and Staff.

**January 24th, 2022.** Director Malott emailed out the Flyer for the APC Solar Education Workshop. Email sent to APC, BZA, Commissioners, All Town/City Boards, Chronicle, and Staff. Flyer was put on the Web Site.

**January 24th, 2022.** Solar Education Workshop run thru.

**January 25th, 2022. Grant County Drainage Board**. Director Malott invited the Drainage Board to the APC Solar Education Workshop on Jan. 31st. Some additional discussion was had. **This meeting is available on-line.** Drainage Board had additional public discussion on the Solar Ordinance. Director Malott noted the Educational Workshop coming up on January 31st, 2022. With additional discussion on repairing Tiles if damaged. Director Malott present via Webex.

**January 26th, 2022.** Director Malott received an email from Carmen Boyd, Wildlife Biologist with Western Ecosystems Technology asking about where the Solar Ordinance goes from here, Director Malott responded with a timeline. Email was generated from a phone conversation.

**January 27th, 2022.** Director Malott emailed out links to the **PJM & MISO Regulatory Queues** as of 1-26-2022, along with the Electrical Grid for Grant County. Email sent to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, Council, All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, Marion, Gas City, and Staff.

January 28th, 2022. Director Malott emailed out the agenda.

**January 28th, 2022.** APC Solar Education Workshop Flyer was advertised at Full Scale in the Chronicle. **Cost of Publication was $308.02** as it was also running January 31st also. Full Page. Flyer was emailed out as a reminder to the APC, BZA, Commissioners, All Town/City Boards, Chronicle, and Staff.

**January 28th, 2022**. Director Malott forwarded links to Delaware County Commissioner Meetings & Council Meetings, as they are dealing with Solar also. Emailed to Solar Committee, thought they might find them interesting as he has been watching.

**January 31st, 2022**. Director Malott emailed out reminders for the APC Solar Education Workshop. Also attached; Solar Property Values (MaRous Analysis), Solar Property Value Factsheet, North Star Property Values No Impact Article, and Solar Economic Benefit and Property Value Study. Email sent to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, Council, All Town/City Boards, Marion, Gas City, Solar Companies, Solar Committee, and Staff. Full Page Ad ran in the Chronicle.

**January 31st, 2022.** APC Solar Education Workshop Flyer was advertised at Full Scale in the Chronicle. **Cost of Publication was $308.02** as it was also ran January 28th. Full Page. Flyer was emailed out as a reminder to the APC, BZA, Commissioners, All Town/City Boards, Chronicle, and Staff.

**January 31st, 2022. The APC Solar Education Workshop held at Marion High School.** **This meeting is available on-line.**

**February 1st, 2022.** Director Malott emailed Jonathan Kopp, with Land and Liberty Coalition, asking for a copy of his PowerPoint presentation from the Solar Educational Workshop. Director Malott also shared his Setback Comparison and shared the Purdue “Snapshot” Link.

**February 1st, 2022.** Kathryn Lisinicchia, with the Center for Energy Education, sent Director Malott links to the Land and Liberty Coalition & Kirkland Appraisals, both from Educational Workshop.

**February 1st, 2022.** Tim Eckerle sent out a follow up from the Education Workshop noting that the Q&A Portion, particularly paying attention for the tenant farmer and the reuse of industrial sites. He shared the link to the YouTube video of the workshop.

**February 1st, 2022**. Director Malott emailed out a link to the YouTube video of the Educational Workshop, link to Center for Energy Education, link to Land and Liberty Coalition, link to Kirkland appraisals, and a link for Hoosiers for Renewables. All were part of the Education Workshop. Email was sent to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, Council, All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, Solar Companies, Chronicle, WBAT, USDA, and Staff. Mark Bardsley replied to all thanking the Area Plan for the extra effort and encouraged all elected officials to review.

**February 1st, 2022.** Director Malott emailed Tamara Ogle asking if there was an updated Purdue “Snapshot”. Tamara replied that she has updated the snapshot, but it has not been published yet.

**February 2nd, 2022.** The Chronicle ran a story on the Area Plan Solar Educational Workshop, Front Page.

**February 2nd, 2022.** Director Malott was informed that Swayzee, who is not a part of Area Plan, was interested in receiving information on Solar. Director Malott forwarded them the Previous Education Workshop and added them to the “Solar Email List”.

**February 2nd, 2022.** Director Malott was alerted to a Facebook Page for APEX Energy, “Grant County Solar”. He forwarded it to the Solar Committee.

**February 3rd, 2022.** Ed Hartman, BZA Chairman, emailed out that he was contacted by a rep from APEX. He urged everyone to avoid any meetings that were not public. Mark Bardsley thanked him for is disclosure. Emails sent to, APC, Commissioners, Council, Auditor, and Fairmount.

**February 3rd, 2022.** Tim Eckerle sent out email from APEX noting that the PJM Regulatory Que was pausing any new applications for interconnections. Link was given to the article.

**February 3rd, 2022.** Director Malott received an Email from Trena Roudebush with Geenex. She wanted to make sure that Director Malott was aware of SB 411 & Randolph County’s new solar farm was operational.

**February 4th, 2022.** APC President Chuck Briede asked Director Malott to forward a letter to the APC along with links to the Workshop Videos, copies of Draft #4 & Draft #5, so that the APC could review at the Feb. 7th APC Meeting. Poor attendance by the APC to several meetings & workshops were of major concern leading to this letter. Letter was as follows; “APC Members,

We have been working publicly on the Solar Ordinance over the past 4 months.   Over that time, we have heard from the public at several different public meetings & we had The Center for Energy Education put on a Solar 101 Education Workshop last Monday night. Over this time period we made several changes to Draft #4. Draft #4 came about with a lot of hard work by our Area Plan Office, researching dozens of other county ordinances and reviewing information from a County Commissioners Solar Summit. It is time to get this ordinance to a public hearing.  At this coming Monday night APC meeting, we need to give one more look at the ordinance as a commission.  I ask that you review the different drafts to see where we started at and what it looks like today.  If you were not able to attend the meetings with public input or the solar 101 presentation, watch them as there was a lot of good information.

As you know, we will only be making a recommendation to County Commissioners (after a public hearing), they can accept as is or make changes.  I ask that every member try to make it to the Monday meeting or by Webex.  A lot of the changes in the draft were made/recommended by only a hand full of our members, this became Draft #5.  My goal would be the have a public hearing in March.

Chuck Briede, Area Plan Commission President” \*

\***Note, (February 7, 2022. Area Plan Commission Meeting. Only 6 of 13 members present, No Quorum. APC could not hold an “Official Meeting”.) This letter was sent out Feb. 4th.**

**February 5th, 2022.** The Auditor received an email labeled “Solar Farms/BZA” from Micael Roush. Email was forwarded to the Commissioners than to Director Malott. Another letter from Eric Wright was received by the Auditor, this was forwarded also.

**February 6th, 2022.** Director Malott emailed out UL’s (United Laboratories) statement that UL Listings ensure no slave labor or human trafficking. He noted that UL Listing is a requirement in the Ordinance. He attached UL’s Statement. One of the suggestions to the Ordinance was “No Slave Labor”, UL Listing would cover that requirement plus. Emailed to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, Council, All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, Solar Companies, and Staff.

**February 7th, 2022. County Commissioner Meeting**. Several individuals spoke about Solar during the Public Comment portion of the Commissioner’s Meeting. **Meeting is available on-line.**

**February 7th, 2022. Area Plan Commission Meeting. Only 6 of 13 members present, no Quorum, cannot have “official meeting”.** Director Malott raised concerns of everything on the APC’s Plate, once the Solar Ordinance was completed, noting there is 3-4 years’ worth of work to do that has nothing to do with Solar. Several individuals spoke on Solar during the Public Comment section of the meeting**. This Meeting is available on-line.**

**February 7th, 2022.** Director Malott emailed a link to a study that was discussed at the Educational Workshop, “N.C. State Study on Health & Safety Impacts of Solar Photovoltaics.”

**February 8th, 2022.** Director Malott on “Good Morning Grant County” on WBAT to discuss the Solar Workshop.

**February 8th, 2022.** The Chronicle ran a Front Page Story on Solar from the Commissioner’s Meeting. Front Page.

**February 8th, 2022**. Director Malott emailed a link for the Feb. 7th APC Meeting is available. Emailed to 73 people: APC, BZA, Commissioners, Council, Solar Committee, All Town/City Boards, and Staff.

**February 8th, 2022.** Director Malott emailed out a link to a free webinar being put on by “Hoosiers for Renewables”. They were one of the presenters at the Education Workshop.

Email sent to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, Council, All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, and Staff. Reminder sent out Feb. 16th.

**February 10th, 2022**. Director Malott emailed Carl Gingerich with the Chronicle to answer some questions where there appeared to be confusion. Attached, BZA/APC Clarifications thru Indiana Code, Setback Comparison, and Setback Diagram.

**February 14th, 2022.** Director Malott sent out an email to the APC noting issues with the recording of the Feb. 7th APC Meeting. He also noted that it was questioned if the Commissioners could start an ordinance, per Rules, ordinances could come from any participating legislative body. He wanted to clarify it with the APC.

**February 14th, 2022.**  APC President Chuck Briede called a meeting of the Solar Committee to discuss the progress and frustration on the Solar Ordinance (this following only 6 of 13 APC Members showing up for the Feb. 7th meeting).

**February 17th, 2022**. Director Malott sent an email to Kyle Persinger asking him to read over the 1400 Series & 1500 Series of the Indiana Code, authorities given by both would not allow final approval with the BZA, he questioned how any counties were ending with the BZA. Director Malott was currently working on Draft #6.

**February 22nd, 2022. Grant County Commissioners Meeting**. Solar was discussed during the Public Portion of the meeting. **Meeting is available on-line.**

**February 23rd, 2022.** APC President Chuck Briede ask Director Malott to send another letter out to the APC. Letter read; “APC Members,

We will have a full agenda for the March meeting, partially because we did not have a quorum to be able to conduct business in February. We did hear more comments about the solar ordinance at the February meeting. I have asked Ryan to do a complete update on the ordinance draft for us to review. We have had multiple meetings with public input, it is time for us to review and get this ordinance to a public hearing. Ryan is close to having the updated draft done and he will send it out to us soon so that we can review before the next meeting. Also, if you were not at the past meetings, you can go on the APC web site and watch the meetings if you want to see some of the public comments.” Director Malott forwarded the Letter to the APC on Feb. 24th.

**February 25th, 2022.** Director Malott emailed out **Solar Ordinance Draft #6,** to be reviewed at the March APC Meeting. Email sent to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, Council, All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, and Staff. Director Malott noted that he put together Draft #6 and had very little time and almost No Input. **Solar Ordinance Draft #6 was posted on the Website.**

**February 27th, 2022.** Director Malott received an e-mail from Ed Hartman, BZA Chairman, in response to an earlier email from Director Malott. Director Malott asked Ed Hartman which Draft he had reviewed by his lawyer, Draft #4 or Draft #5. Mr. Hartman responded wanting to know who “We” was. This coming from the statement from Director Malott, “as you are aware, **we** spent over four months putting together Draft #4”. “We” were the Solar Committee; Solar Committee members were identified at the beginning of this timeline. Director Malott replied, “Original Committee:  Mark Bardsley, Shane Middlesworth, Tim Eckerle (Charity Bailey some also), Justin Saathoff, Kyle Persinger, and myself.  From Draft #1, it was also sent to the APC (and Mr. Hartman) requesting Comments & Concerns, it was brought up in every APC Meeting since August (I gave updates & sent drafts the whole way).  As your aware, I got some feedback from the APC, but not much.   I even spoke to every town board (in person) that we were drafting a solar ordinance prior to the Solar Summit Meeting (while I was presenting the ROW Ordinance Amendment & Accessory Building Amendment to the boards for their adoption) & had some solar discussion with all of them. So "We", to me, was basically everyone who gave input up to the presentation of Draft #4.”

**February 27th, 2022.** Ed Hartman, BZA Chairman, emailed Director Malott the Solar Ordinance he had his lawyer put together, Mr. Hartman stated it is Adams County Solar Ordinance modified for Grant County. Mr. Hartman asks that his Ordinance be included in the March 7th APC Meeting.

**February 28th, 2022.** Director Malott emailed out to the Solar Committee his initial findings in Mr. Hartman’s Solar Ordinance. Again noting, Mark Wynn, the Adams County Director, called their ordinance “embarrassing”, Director Malott questioned Mr. Hartman’s overstepping.

**February 28th, 2022.** Director Malott emailed out an update on SB 411. Noting it has been passed onto its 3rd reading in the House. It passed the Utilities Commission 41-7.

**March 1st, 2022.** Director Malott emailed INDOT about Setbacks comparing between Draft #6 & Draft #7, asking if there were state guidelines from roads.

**March 3rd, 2022.** Director Malott emailed out an update on SB 411 noting that it had passed the Utilities Committee, State House, and State Senate. He also noted that it was now a “Voluntary” Wind & Solar Ordinance. Email sent to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, Council, All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, and Staff.

**March 5th, 2022.** Director Malott emailed out a video that he put together from his visit to “Riverstart” Solar Park in Randolph County. Video was added to YouTube Page and emailed out to the APC, BZA, Commissioners, Council, All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, and Staff. **This video is available on-line.**

**March 7th, 2022.** Wabash Planning Director Mike Howard emailed asking for a copy of the Solar Ordinance Draft #6, that we were currently working on.

**March 7th, 2022. Commissioner’s Meeting**. Some discussion during Public Comment on the Solar Ordinance Draft #7

**March 7th, 2022. Area Plan Commission Meeting.** Draft #6 was scheduled to be discussed, Ed Hartman, BZA Chairman, stated that he felt we should move away from Draft #6 to an Ordinance that he had put together & that was based off Adams County. His Attorney, Pat Hess, had put together the Adams County Solar Ordinance and tailored this ordinance to fit Grant County. This Ordinance became Draft #7. Draft #7 was moved forward to Public Hearing in the April APC Meeting.

**March 8th, 2022. Grant County Drainage Board**. Director Malott handed out Draft #7 to the Drainage Board for their review. Mark Bardsley noted that the Board would have some question once reviewed.

**March 8th, 2022.** Director Malott received an Email from Trena Roudebush confirming the Public Hearing on the Solar Ordinance at the April Meeting.

**March 16th, 2022.** Director Malott emailed out notification that the Governor had signed SB 411 on March 11th. SB 411 would go into effect on July 1st but was a voluntary ordinance. Email sent to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, Council, All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, Solar Companies, and Staff.

**March 17th,2022.** Director Malott emailed out that President Maynard was moving the Public Hearing for the Solar Ordinance to April 18th due to the April 4th meeting’s agenda filling up with other Public Hearings. He noted it would be a “Special Meeting”, it would be advertised 2-3 times, put on the website, and that he would try to get on the Radio also. Email was sent to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, Council, All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, WBAT, Chronicle, Solar Companies, and Staff.

**March 17th, 2022**. Director Malott received an email from James Haas, Reserve Energy. He was just checking in to say hello. He also received an email from Kelly Hipskind, SunFundED again checking in.

**March 18th, 2022.** Director Malott emailed Stacey Stevens to get on the County Council’s April Agenda noting that he needed to transfer money due to “Proposed Solar Ordinance Publications have all but emptied our “photo, blueprint, & legal” (fund) due to the amount of advertising we have done.

**March 18th, 2022**. Director Malott emailed out that further discussion of board members decided to keep the Solar Ordinance Public Hearing at the April 4th APC Meeting. This was emailed to; APC, BZA, Commissioners, Council, All Town/City Boards, Solar Committee, Solar Companies, Chronicle, WBAT, and Staff.

**March 24th, 2022.** Patrick Poer, SunfundED, emailed Director Malott on concerns that the proposed Solar Ordinance Draft #7 would have for IWU and Taylor Universities. He wondered if their projects would be considered private instead of commercial. Director Malott noted back that since the APC has yet to review the proposed ordinance Draft #7, he is not sure of their direction. Director Malott also forwarded this on Kyle Persinger, APC Attorney.

**March 25th, 2022.** Andy Lyons emailed a letter to the Commissioners; this letter was forwarded to Area Plan.

**March 28th, 2022**. Tom Schroder, Invenergy, emailed Director Malott some questions on Draft #7.

**March 30th, 2022.** Trena Roudebush emailed Area Plan to forward to President Maynard a letter with Geenex review of the proposed Solar Draft #7. Another email was forward from Charity Bailey that she received from Terry Himelick. These were forwarded to the APC.

**March 31st, 2022.** Randy Atkins came into the Office and gave us a letter to distribute to the APC, this was emailed out to the APC. Some Additional Letters were received and forwarded to the APC. Most of these letters were in support of Solar Ordinance Draft #7.

**April 1st, 2022.** Area Plan received an email from Gary and Linda Bragg. Their email was not in support of Solar Ordinance Draft #7. Director Malott received an email thru Charity Bailey, introducing Stephanie Wells, with Hoosiers for Renewables. Stephanie was asked to help dispel misinformation on solar in Grant County. This was forwarded to the APC and given to President Maynard.

**April 1st, 2022**. Received a letter from Ron Sutherland that was co-authored by IWU & Taylor University Presidents. Letter is in opposition of Solar Ordinance Draft #7. This was forwarded to the APC and the Solar Committee; they were given to President Maynard. The Chronicle ran a Front-Page Headline Article on Taylor and IWU’s displeasure with Draft #7.

**April 1st, 2022.** Area Plan received an email from Joseph Wiley, Attorney in Huntington. Email was to discuss leasing practices of Geenex Solar, basically in favor of how Geenex is handling leases. This was given to President Maynard.

**April 1st, 2022.** Director Malott emailed Kyle Persinger, APC Attorney. He noted that letters were still coming in, with the Deadline passed the previous day, he wondered if he should still receive and pass along these letters. Kyle’s response: “I say yes this is a public hearing for a recommendation to the public bodies for an ordinance.   I would be as expansive as possible to invite public comment.” Director Malott continued to forward along the letters. Letters from Universities, Himelick, Bragg, Wiley, and Lyons were forwarded to the APC. Director Malott also noted that the Area Plan Office was receiving numerous phone calls and that letters were being sent to the Commissioners and Growth Council also.

**April 1st, 2022.** Director Malott emailed Commissioner Ron Mowery offering to catch him up on current events as Commissioner Mowery had missed several meetings due to health issues.

**April 2nd, 2022.** Director Malott received a forwarded email from Charity Bailey from Kenneth Harvey & another from Deborah Enyeart. Mr. Harvey & Ms. Enyeart were expressing their support of Solar in Grant County.

**April 3rd, 2022.** Director Malott was included in an Email from Stephanie Wells, Hoosiers for Renewables. Email included attachments for Webinar Slides, Property Values, and Economic and Income Diversification.

**April 3rd, 2022.** Director Malott received an email from Henry Olynger, Jr to set up a meeting to discuss Solar Farms and a possible residential subdivision. Director Malott met with Mr. Olynger on Monday, Feb. 4th.

**April 4th, 2022.** Area Plan received a letter from Stehanie Osborne, she expressed her disapproval of solar farms.

**April 4th, 2022.** Stephanie Wells shared a link to the Purdue Solar Snapshot.

**April 4th, 2022**. Director Malott received an email from Bob Hodge. Mr. Hodge expressed his support for Solar with some additional questions on topics such a radio frequency.

**April 4th, 2022.** Area Plan received an email from Michael Terronez, Center of Energy Education. He requested that a letter be shared with the APC.

**April 4th, 2022. Area Plan Commission Meeting**. **Solar Ordinance Draft #7** went to a Public Hearing and was voted 7-1 forward with a “Favorable Recommendation”. Director Malott had reviewed Draft #7 and created a “Workbook” with 20 some questions thru out the Ordinance to review & discuss, these questions were never addressed during the public hearing. **This Meeting is available on-line.**

**April 5th, 2022.** Director Malott was on “Good Morning Grant County” on WBAT to discuss the Public Hearing and Solar Ordinance Draft #7.

**April 5th, 2022.** Area Plan Staff posted Solar Ordinance Draft #7 Workbook (with all the questions) on the Website by accident, this was pointed out. Solar Ordinance Draft #7 minus all the questions was posted onto the Area Plan Website.

**April 12th, 2022. Grant County Drainage Board.** Drainage Board had public discussion on the Solar Ordinance. Mark Bardsley discussed process for the Solar Ordinance following the APC’s Public Hearing. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**April 18th, 2022. County Commissioners Meeting**. Director Malott presented the Solar Ordinance Draft #7 to the Commissioners for their consideration. Commissioner Bardsley noted that the Solar Draft was available on the County’s Website. Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Solar Draft, and noted they had 90 days to review and make a recommendation back to the APC. Several residents spoke during the Public Comment portion of the Meeting. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**April 26th, 2022. Grant County Drainage Board.** Drainage Board had public discussion on Solar Ordinance. Drainage Board discussed the impact that Solar would have on County Drainage Systems. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**July 5th, 2022**. **County Commissioners Meeting**. Commissioner Bardsley shared his Finding of Facts on the Solar Ordinance Draft #7. After discussion amongst the Commissioners, motion was made to reject Solar Ordinance Draft #7 and to send Solar Ordinance Draft #4 back to the APC by 3-0 vote. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**July 7th, 2022.** The Area Plan Office received the Commissioner’s Amendment Letter, Finding of Facts, and the Solar Ordinance Draft #4. The APC at this point has 45 days to respond.

**July 12th, 2022. Grant County Drainage Board**. Solar Ordinance Draft #4 was given to the Drainage Board for discussion & amendment as needed. Director Malott pointed out that the Drainage Board approved what was currently in Draft #4. A couple minor changes were made & approved. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**August 15th, 2022.** **Area Plan Commission Meeting**. The Area Plan Commission voted to send the Commissioners a Certificate of Disapproval on Solar Ordinance Draft #4. The APC also asked that a One Year Moratorium be placed on the Solar Ordinance. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**August 17th, 2022.** APC’s Certificate of Disapproval was signed by President Maynard, attested by Director Malott. Then delivered to the Commissioner’s Office.

**September 6th, 2022. County Commissioners Meeting**. Commissioner Wright announced he would be having a Solar Panel Discussion. He was going to ask the Solar Companies the top 10 Questions that he has heard. There was additional Solar Discussion in the Public Comment portion of the meeting. **This meeting is available on-line.**

**September 12th, 2022. Commissioner’s Solar Panel Discussion.** Commissioner Wright held a Solar Panel Discussion with the Solar Companies at the Marion High School Auditorium. **This Solar Panel Discussion is available on-line.**

**September 19th, 2022. Commissioner’s Meeting. Commissioner Bardsley noted that the Commissioner’s either needed to Confirm Solar Ordinance Draft #4 or do nothing and Allow Solar Ordinance Draft #7 to become the ordinance by default. Commissioner Wright made a motion to adopt Solar Ordinance Draft #4, motion carried 2-1. The Commissioners then discussed a One Year Moratorium on the Solar Ordinance as requested by the APC. The Commissioners voted 2-1 against placing a One Year Moratorium on the Solar. This meeting is available on-line.**

**April 26th, 2022. Grant County Drainage Board.** Drainage Board had public discussion on Solar Ordinance. Drainage Board discussed the impact that Solar would have on County Drainage Systems.

**May 10th, 2022. Grant County Drainage Board**. Drainage Board had public discussion on the Solar Ordinance. Some public concerns on drainage protection were brought forth & discussed.

**May 31st, 2022. Grant County Drainage Board**. Mark Bardsley updated the Drainage Board on the Solar Ordinance progress.

**June 11th, 2022. Grant County Drainage Board.** Mark Bardsley updated the Drainage Board on the Solar Ordinance progress.

**August 30th, 2022. Grant County Drainage Board.** Mark Bardsley informed the Drainage Board that the Solar Ordinance was back to the Commissioners, with a decision being made by October 1st, 2022 on the Solar Ordinance.

**September 13th, 2022. Grant County Drainage Board.** The Drainage Board discussed concerns over the Solar Ordinance. Drainage Board voted 4-1 to recommend a 6 month Moratorium to the Commissioners on any Solar Development.

**September 27th, 2022. Grant County Drainage Board.** Drainage Board discussed several concerns. Director Malott presented & discussed looking at an actual Drain Plan from a Solar Company to give the Drainage Board an idea of what to expect with a Development’s Drainage Plan.