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RE: GREENWICH WIND PARK 13-0990-EL-BGN

Dear Mr. Johnson OPSB Member

A group of neighbors, Greenwich Neighbors United, joined together to fight the erection of wind turbines in their community. A proposal is pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board which would allow up to 25 wind turbines to be erected in Greenwich Township. (Docket # 13-0990-EL-BGN)

The neighbors in Greenwich Township are very concerned about the wind turbine development for a number of reasons:

- 1) Noise - The consistent and loud noise of these turbines, when in operation, can cause health issues to arise in a susceptible part of the population. This is not an exhaustive list of adverse health effects, migraine headaches, vertigo, nausea, tinnitus, and sleep deprivation. This will destroy the tranquil rural community of Greenwich.
- 2) Impact on wildlife - Increased mortality of birds and bats due to impact with the turbine blades or barotrauma the rupturing of the bats lungs by the changing air pressure caused by the turbine blades.
- 3) Property values-This beautiful rural community will be dramatically altered with the erection of wind turbines which decrease property value.
- 4) Safety - There are various safety problems,
 - A) Ice throw, occurs when ice builds up on the turbine blades and is thrown to neighboring areas. (As far as 853 feet from turbine)
 - B) Turbine fires, usually caused by lightning strikes.
 - C) Catastrophic turbine failure, blade shear

There was a petition sent to the Ohio Power Siting Board asking for a second public hearing on the pending proposal of the Greenwich Wind Park. Although there was a public hearing in May, many of the property

owners were uninformed about the wind turbines and the negative impact they will have on their community and their quality of life. The Neighbors are hopeful that another hearing will allow for questions to be answered in regard to their concerns of this Wind Park.

In addition, the Ohio General Assembly recently passed SB 310 which sets up a study committee called, the Energy Mandates Study Committee, to review issues related to renewable energy. The report will be issued September, 2015. Greenwich Neighbors United recommends that the issues regarding the negative impacts of wind turbines are addressed by the study committee, and the Greenwich Wind Park be put on hold until this study is completed. Also recently passed HB 483 contains new setback requirements. Due to the safety concerns listed above these new setback requirements must be applied to this and any future project.

We ask for your help and assistance in supporting another public hearing and an opportunity to research the impact of these wind turbines on the Greenwich Township.

Thank You,

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