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As a resident of a 17+ acre woodland tract which I have protected the wildlife and trees for over 32 years I am very much opposed to the stealth method of how this project was put into motion with total disregard to all the residents and wildlife it will negatively impact for the excessive compensation of the landowners and others to reap their rewards at the expense of others.
Your mission statement "sound decisions" for energy production policies does not add up even based on optimistic projections let alone the reality that production will most likely be less. I have tried to find data on windmill farms that have been in operation for decades with no success because I am sure it does not pencil out as a positive.
Mission statement " for the benefit of Ohio citizens" should not mean excesses for the few at the expense of the many.
Mission statement "increase the state's economic interests" is at best a wash since construction material will likely come from out of Ohio and maybe outside the US and labor is not guaranteed to be local as well.
Mission statement "to protect the environment and land use" is the biggest failure of all. Hopefully the EPA will not have their hand out on this one and do their job. I have watched over the last five decades as farmers destroyed many woodlands in this area combined with using harsh pesticides/ herbicides as well as massive fall plowing which really impacted the wildlife. Thankfully in this area many of the woodland tracts like mine are now owned by people who appreciate nature, farmers are using safer chemicals with smarter application decisions, and no till/min till is decreasing soil erosion while providing food and more cover for the wildlife. I have seen the increase in protected raptors like the barred owl pair that frequent my woods now along with blue herons nesting and pheasants as well as wild turkeys have returned. It is wonderful that there has been a growing harmony between the use of farmland, the value that almost all of the residents place on living here, and increasing numbers of wildlife species that had disappeared in past.

ARE WE NOW GOING TO THROW THIS POSITIVE TREND AWAY? FOR WHAT?
Also all relationships between board members both current past should be examined to see if there are conflicts of interests.
I realize there is big money in play here which a powerful factor especially when Lightsource/BP is offering silencing buy outs to some residents and the township but your job should be to be impartial and stick to your mission statement. It might help for you imagine your house next to this thing for the remainder of YOUR life.

Robert Violet

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