



Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting – December 11, 2025

Public Comments

The following public comments pertain to the December 11, 2025 Planning and Zoning Commission agenda and were received prior to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2025.

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Comments RE: Agenda Item 5B – Solar Energy Systems Text Amendment

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Buesing, Matthew

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Matt Buesing:

I am a resident on the east side of Geneva. I've been off the radar most of the year due to health issues, and have not been able to attend any Planning & Zoning Meetings. However I do glance on what is on the agenda occasionally.

Tonight (12/11/25) there is a discussion on the **Solar Energy Systems Text Amendment**. I am **not against** this project in any way and think anything is probably better than placing another warehouse there. However coming from an engineering background I thought I would mention the following. Hopefully you can get this out to the other committee members before or at the meeting.

I was talking to a friend a few weeks back and for some reason the topic of solar farms came up. My friend and his wife moved to the northwest side of Sycamore, IL to a townhouse development. A solar farm development was put in about a half block away, but adjacent to the townhomes. He mentioned something I never considered. At this solar farm they have two trailers that house all the electronic equipment. Inside are all the inverters. The trailers were not sound-proofed in any way and during the day (when power is being produced) a very high frequency noise is emitted. My friend is retired and also wears hearing aids. He said if he laid down to rest during the day he could hear that high frequency noise and it is enough to drive you crazy. Also anyone with animals (mainly dogs) is having a major problem living there. The animals go nuts from the high-frequency noise during the day. The people there are trying to get the solar farm owner to sound-proof their equipment.

This solar farm project is not adjacent to any residential, although anyone working in the building to the east could be affected. It sounds (no pun intended) like there are simple fixes that can be done up-front to alleviate or lessen the potential issue. Just wondering if this was considered and should be addressed in your text. This issue may not have any impacts to this site location, but could have impacts to other similar projects in the future. I'm wondering if there are any frequency and decibel specifications other cities are using...

Thanks (and good luck),

David Walendziak