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This is my third letter to the board. My first asked for the recusal of Jud Welder due to his lack of judgment and behavior towards those who would oppose the Wind Turbines. I still believe Jud Welder needs to go. His behavior at the last meeting is totally unacceptable. Had he been removed earlier, this would never have happened. What does it take to gain control over these meetings and behavior of the board? He is allowed to make a mockery of serious issues at taxpayers expense and the board is not taking action.

Wind turbines do not belong in such a densely populated area. For example, I cannot open a junk yard on my property without a fence because the township deems it blight.

I cannot participate in activities that disturb the life of my neighbors per the noise ordinance however wind turbines are readily heard and visible by many persons who do not want any part of them. They belong in areas not populated and near the homes of those who signed leases. They are blight. They negatively affect property values. There is evidence that they disrupt cell service which affects public safety. Our homes and quality of life are just as important. I am also concerned that our home owners insurance will be affected, a topic not so far addressed by the board. Until recently, it seems like the board has disregarded the effect these will have on the life of adjacent property owners. If these are not acceptable in municipal areas or on the lakes, why are they okay for rural residents?

I'm sure you have had the pros & cons of these monstrosities explained to you many times. The sheer fact that Apex is of such documented questionable reputation and the fact that there has been secrecy in their dealing with citizens and township officials, a red flag should be waving. They knew they would not be received warmly. Residents in other counties have commented on the fact that they were duped by Apex who certainly does NOT have the community interest in mind.

We moved here 30 years ago and stayed because we appreciate the quiet rural life, the wildlife, lakes and the people here. The revelation of this wind turbine project has been an emotional, financial, environmental and social alarm to us. I am asking you to protect the citizens of Sidney Township. I am asking you to carefully consider the need for questionable proposed revenue over the quality of life for all of us. A most restrictive ordinance needs to be adopted for the protection of residents.

I am a proponent of renewable energy and environmental protection. Wind turbines do not provide either. This is about profit for Apex.

The Sidney Township Master Plan stresses single family dwellings, family focus. It acknowledges "farming is the predominant land use in the township, serene woodlands, wetlands and uninhabited water bodies have maintained their existence nestled between farm fields. Significant parts of the township are still undeveloped, and only occasionally disturbed by the existence of large lot single family residences." "It is important to consider natural features in community planning due to their contributions to the quality of human and animal life in the township. Protection of these rural, natural and cultural resources is critical to the preservation of the townships character." On page 32 "Enforce and maintain township codes that prevent operations and activities that would be considered a nuisance to residential areas." Why is a Master Plan in place if it is to be disregarded?

Again, I urge each of you to review the Master Plan and expect it to be used to support of our rural way of life which does not involve Wind Turbines.