

TOWN OF TRENTON

Official Minutes

A Public Hearing of the Town of Trenton Board was held Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:55 p.m. at the Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 State Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095.

Chairman Mike Lipscomb called the Public Hearing to order at 6:55 p.m.

Others Present: Chairman Mike Lipscomb, Supervisor Barb Davies, and Supervisor Tony Thoma. Town Administrator/Zoning Administrator/Clerk Cindy Komro, Deputy Clerk Cass Walker.

Members of the public: 10

Lipscomb read the Notice of Public Hearing, held to consider an amendment to the Zoning Code of the Town of Trenton.

Summary: Amending the Town Zoning Code regarding large-scale solar conditional use permits

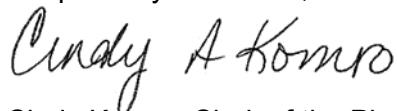
Public Comments:

Kathy Lauters 1145 Newark Drive - Lauters asked what conservancy zoning entailed. Her understanding was that it was intended to preserve land by requiring a minimum acreage and limiting development. However, she felt the concept was contradictory or an oxymoron, as the zoning appears to preserve land while still allowing certain uses or development.

Gary Furger 5557 Whispering Pines - Furger asked whether any representatives who were present had concerns about the inefficiency of solar energy development. He questioned why solar panels are being considered in Wisconsin, arguing that the state's solar efficiency is lower than in states like Arizona. He also expressed concern about the impact on farmland and the landscape. Furger referenced comments that were made by another guest speaker, Mike Lucas, noting that the amount of land needed to power about 750 homes for each category would be 66 acres for nuclear energy, 96 acres for natural gas, and roughly 5,700 acres for solar energy at 18% efficiency. He argued that the financial and land-use costs of solar do not make sense for the ratepayers. He asserted that the ratepayers would absorb the cost of inefficiency while developers receive returns on their investments. He noted that he would like a project representative to address these concerns.

Lipscomb adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Komro, Clerk of the Plan Commission

Affidavit of Posting: These minutes were approved at the June 16, 2026 Town Board meeting and posted on the Town website on June 19, 2026.