



PUBLIC HEARING CASE #120 MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of Bath Township held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Township Boardroom, 2880 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio.

Elected Officials Present:

Trustee Brad Baxter, Trustee Lisa Fillhart, Fiscal Officer Berlin Carroll. Trustee Andy Hefner was not present.

Department Heads Present:

Zoning Inspector Ken Meyer, Zoning Clerk Scott Campbell and Fiscal Officer Assistant/Administrative Support Specialist, Cindy Highland.

Public Attendance:

There were 4 public individuals present at this hearing.

The public hearing of the Bath Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Trustee Brad Baxter at 6:30 p.m. on July 7, 2026.

The purpose of this public hearing was to introduce and discuss Zoning Resolution text amendments of Case #120.

Summary of Proceedings

- Read Public Notice.
- Explained there is no language regarding a developer wanting to come in and build data centers and other similar and/or associated facilities. The board had asked the Zoning Committee to facilitate this issue. On June 3, 2026, a public joint study session was held at 6:00 p.m. with a Public Hearing of the Zoning Commission directly after at 7:00 p.m. It was with a unanimous vote of yes to support the motion to recommend adoption of the proposed zoning amendment. The order was received at the Trustees' Board Meeting, June 16, 2026. A Public Hearing was scheduled for July 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
- Scott Campbell read the Amendment: "An amendment establishing a 24-month moratorium on data centers, battery energy storage systems and certain commercial renewable energy facilities within Bath Township, Allen County Ohio, for purpose of allowing a full review and permanent amendment of the Bath Township Zoning Resolution."

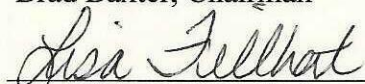
- Public Comments:

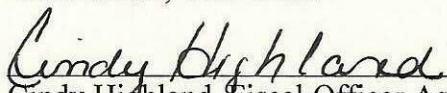
- Lelanna Spencer of Loescher Road, stated that she appreciated that they got the ball started on this issue and the community didn't have to nag. She did review the language prior to the meeting and stated that the language was well written. She stated that she wants technology to work for humans, not humans working for technology. She also mentioned that there is a need for regulations for discharges of facilities.
- Sherry Burnett of Thayer Road stated that she saw the posting of the public hearing and wanted to come and see what it was all about and see if it was something that would affect her on Thayer Road, like Proctor and Gamble.
- Hope Quintera-Jones, Loescher Road, stated that she believes large companies should be out of our area and preserve the land.

The Amendment to establish the 24- month Moratorium will be heard at the Regular Trustees' Board Meeting following this hearing at 7:00 p.m.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. with a Motion by Trustee Baxter and Trustee Fillhart seconded it. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.


Brad Baxter, Chairman


Lisa Fillhart, Vice-Chair


Cindy Highland, Fiscal Officer Assistant/Admin. Support