

Town of Greentown Board of Zoning Appeals

Public Hearing for Case No. VAR 25-8 November 12th 2025

Board Members present were Garry Hill, Todd Everling, Scott Deyoe, Craig Standish, and Scott Flick. Also attending were Greentown Representatives.....Mike Mach, Teresa Duke, and Mark Lantz; Request Representatives.....Mikki Jeffers, and T.J. Rethlak; Adjacent Property Owners.....Cindy Maxton, Carolyn Harner, Yvette Oldfather, LaJane Shaw, Rick Shaw, and Barbara Middleton; Visitors.....Becky Middleton, and Mike Middleton.

The Hearing was called to order at 6:12-PM by Garry Hill.
All public & private Hearing notifications had been supplied according to State requirements.

The cause for this Hearing was.....

1) a petition from the Howard County Recycling District to apply for a Temporary Special Use on a property owned by the Town of Greentown, located at 50-S CR 900-E (S. Maple Street).

The Temporary Special Use would be to Lease the Property for 10-years, and install a Community Recycling Station.

2) a Variance for Fence that might be above the Maximum Height Requirement, and closer than the Setback for Arterial Streets (SR-213).

Request Representatives, Mikki Jeffers and T.J. Rethlake, took turns for several minutes providing informative details about this Project. A Board Member (??) noted that this Property is Zoned R-1, which is not acceptable for this activity, and also stated that the change in Zoning will have to be conducted by the Plan Commission at a later date, after approval of the Special Use.

Next, Mr. Hill invited the Adjacent Landowners and Visitors to provide comments. Almost ALL of the attendees took their turn to speak. Many statements were made concerning Property Values, Blowing Trash, Lighting, Truck Noise, Vision from their Homes, Cost to Us?, Scheduling, WHY HERE?, "Have You Already Made Up Your Mind??"

Jeffers, Rethlake, and Board Members tried to answer all of the Questions that came forth. However, it was totally obvious that all of the Residents who attended were against this Project. Not against the idea of a Community Recycling Station in Greentown, but against the choice of LOCATION, which is basically "In Their Back Yards".

After many minutes, there came a time when no one else was willing to return to the Microphone. Mr. Hill asked the Board Members if they had any comments to add to the discussion. Nothing said.

Todd Everling made a Motion that we approve the Request by the Howard County Recycling District for a Temporary Special Use to install a Community Recycling Station, and 10-year Lease of the Property at 50-S CR 900-E, Greentown, Indiana. Craig Standish provided a 2nd to that same Motion.


Mr. Hill ask for comments from the Board. Craig Standish suggested, then made a new Motion, that stated the initial Montion, and added the idea of a Variance for any location or height of the Fence that will surround the Project. Scott Deyoe provided a 2nd to that same Motion.

After no additional comments, the Vote was 3-Yes, 2-abstane.

Garry Hill made a motion for adjournment, with a second by Todd Everling. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15-PM.

Garry Hill

 Date: 11-20-2025
Board Chairman