



April 13, 2021

Theresa White, Executive Director
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 E Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215

RE: Design Professionals in Wind Farm Regulations

Dear Director White:

On behalf of the Ohio Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), we reviewed the Ohio Power Siting Board Administrative Code and suggest verbiage in need of clarification.

Certain requirements per O.A.C. section 4906-4-09 Wind Farms do not specify whom is to perform the tasks involving plans and design, while one requirement specifies only Engineers but excludes Architects and Landscape Architects as design professionals who also are licensed and qualified to perform those services.

We ask that OPSB consider amendment to include all three licensed professions. The preparation of required designs such as construction and maintenance access plans, vegetation management plans, and lighting plans, as well as cost estimates, should be produced by the appropriate licensed professionals to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to meet Ohio Revised Code Chapters 4703 and 4733 regarding design.

Our de minimis recommendations are provided in the enclosed document. We ask that you make these changes to ensure applicants the opportunity to allow all qualified and licensed design professionals to perform work within their practices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Boyer".

Doug Boyer, PLA, ASLA
Vice President of Legislative Affairs
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