By Jeff Corcino

The zoning ordinance doesn’t allow large solar farms a conditional use permit, so there are currently no solar farms in Lawrence Township. However, a developer could change the zoning districts to allow for solar farms, and would improve them, Ruffner said. Ruffner said if allowed, a developer could buy some of the run down buildings in the township and develop them into valuable housing.

Townships are already allowed in the rural urban zoning districts but are not allowed in the residential subdivision districts. Residential subdivision zoning districts restrict housing to single family homes and includes the Golden Rod, River’s Bend, Haney Firetower/Development and Country Club neighborhoods.

Ruffner suggested the ordinance also allow townhouses in those districts as well.

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Lawhead agreed and said the zoning ordinance should only put restrictions on solar farms large enough to accommodate them.

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Clearfield woman seeking living donor for liver transplant

By Dianne Byers

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The only cure for my disease is a liver transplant,” she said.

Although she is on the transplant list for a cadaver liver at UPMC Montourville, Pittsburgh, Hiltner said she was told outcomes could be improved if she were to receive a living donor liver.

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