

#### **4-17-19 Grand Traverse Count Commissioners meeting**

I have the same question as many citizens regarding the tree cutting.

#### **Was a scientific study done prior to the tree cutting?**

I've been out of state visiting grandchildren, so maybe a scientific study has already been brought to light.

Such a study would have looked into risk factors related to small songbirds that lived in the former woods being replaced by larger birds... such as more geese, gulls, even starlings ... that pose even a bigger potential danger to aircraft. Some of the larger bird species seem more likely to hang in open areas.

What's been made clear is that not enough people understood what was coming ... and they were taken by surprise. Some people's lives have been changed suddenly and drastically.

For all that's happened regarding the tree cutting at the airport,  
**in an effort to work toward public trust**, several people are suggesting the following action:

The County could **place solar panels at strategic locations in the formerly wooded area . Potentially, this could result in the Airport getting it's entire electrical energy from renewable / sustainable source that would possibly be quite a monetary savings.**

Solar energy is a forward- thinking energy source that can work toward the greater good of Grand Traverse area citizens. Also, it would be a good start at regaining public trust.

Placing emphasis on renewable energy would demonstrate a true effort to do something that is good the public ... good for our children and their children to come.