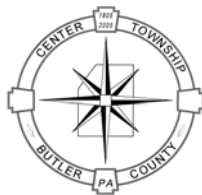


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Public Hearing – Mineral Extraction Overlay Amendment

December 8, 2011

6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Thomas Schiebel called the Public Hearing, of the Center Township Board of Supervisors, to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Center Township Maintenance Facility, 150 Henricks Road, Butler PA 16001.

ROLL CALL: In addition to Chairman Schiebel, present were Vice Chairman Andrew Erie; Supervisors Ronald Flatt, Kenneth Frenchak, and Edward Latuska; and Township Secretary/Treasurer Anthony Amendolea. Cheryl Morris, Recording Secretary, was present.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this public hearing to obtain public comment and testimony on “An Ordinance amending the Center Township Zoning Ordinance and the Center Township Land Development and Subdivision Ordinance to (1) revise the Mineral Extraction Overlay District to create a Surface Mining Overlay District and a Deep Mining Overlay District, (2) to expand the site of the Deep Mining Overlay District, (3) to allow Oil and Gas Extraction as permitted or conditional use in certain districts, and (4) to establish zoning controls for Surface Mining, Deep Mining, and Oil and Gas Extraction.”

Public notifications were mailed November 4, 2011 to all property owners within 300 feet. The Planning Commission, with no objections or changes, recommended approval at their meeting held November 16, 2011. The notice of the public hearing was published in the Butler Eagle editions of November 23rd and November 30th, 2011. The area, east of Minich Road (T-420), south of Jamisonville Road (T-832), north of Elliott Road (T-675), and west of Pinehurst Road (T-603), was posted on November 29, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Francis Soose, 1664 North Main Street: Mr. Soose asked how do individuals with fixed incomes benefit. Gas drilling is expensive and companies will sell at a higher price.
2. Ms. Judy Scott, 103 Pinewood Lane: Ms. Scott is concerned with the reduction in property values and water issues. She does not have public water. If gas remains in the United States, she favors drilling. Gas companies are using workers outside of Pennsylvania. Deep mining is a large liability. The Board should have an obligation to all Center Township. The entire Township should be placed in the overlay zone.
3. Dewayne Croll, 111 Roads End Lane: Mr. Croll feels zoning controls should be

explained.

4. Ms. Beverly Schenck, 105 Iroquois Drive: Ms. Schenck stated passage of this ordinance is premature because House Bill 1950, if passed, would supersede municipal authority. State Representative Ellis informed her that House Bill 1950 could be passed as early as the end of this year. Gas companies' ads want you to believe jobs are created.
5. Ms. Rhonda Riskosky, 2140 William Flynn Highway: Ms. Riskosky is worried about water and noise pollution. She has attended other meetings and heard horror stories.
6. Ms. Carol Powers, 532 West Sunbury Road: Ms. Powers is against drilling. Center Township does not need an ordinance. Property values decrease. Gas companies take no responsibility. Two (2) individuals lost water in Connoquenessing Township.
7. Mr. Randy Corlew, 293 Holyoke Road: Mr. Corlew stated the Township should protect ground water for residents
8. Mr. John Minich, 121 Dolphin Drive: Mr. Minich owns twenty-six (26) acres west of Minich Road since 1918. He opposes the boundaries established by the ordinance. Mr. Minich asked how were the boundaries established. He feels the ordinance is too restrictive.
9. Mr. Joe Cammisa, 110 Pinewood Lane: Mr. Cammisa respects any property owner who desires to make money from Marcellus Shale. He is concerned with declining property values and water contamination. The Board should consider truck traffic on State Route 308 at Pinewood Lane.
10. Mr. Robert Morris, 5258 Elliott Road: Mr. Morris concern is decreasing property values. If his well becomes contaminated, he will lose everything.
11. Ms. Anna Gullickson, 5258 Elliott Road: Ms. Gullickson is opposed to drilling in Center Township. Property values decrease fifty (50) to ninety (90) percent within fracing zones. There is no reason to expand the mineral extraction overlay.
12. Ms. Deborah Hustak, 101 Pinehurst Road: Ms. Hustak is opposed to the expansion of the mineral extraction overlay. She is concerned with water contamination and reduction of property values.
13. Ms. Helene De L'Etoile, 125 Connemara Lane: Ms. De L'Etoile stated boundaries are meaningless Center Township will be sued by gas companies.
14. Mr. Robert Gosselin, 125 Connemara Lane: Mr. Gosselin stated media is not truthful. Air pollution is worst. It affects individuals several miles from the drilling site. He is against all drilling. Mr. Gosselin requests a ban on drilling.
15. Mr. Glenn Hundertmark, 5274 Elliott Road: Mr. Hundertmark requests deep mining be

- further defined. He appreciates the Board attempts to control drilling. Marcellus Shale is a twenty-four (24) operation.
16. Mr. Steve Bash, 166 Moore Road: Mr. Bash owns seventy (70) acres and is not in the overlay area. He agrees with most of the conditions. Mr. Bash feels property owners should have the right to extract minerals.
 17. Mr. Rob Baxter, 298 Baxter Lane: Mr. Baxter serves 125 families with four (4) wells. He agrees with Mr. Bash. Marcellus Shale drilling will provide jobs upon completion of training. His family has deep mined in the Township. Mr. Baxter states the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Environmental Protection Agency will regulate the gas industry.
 18. Mr. Lloyd Eagal, 1003 Sunset Drive: Mr. Eagal agrees with Mr. Bash and Mr. Baxter. Property owner should make own decision. State regulations will supersede the municipality ordinances.
 19. Mr. Ron Glasgow, 618 West Sunbury Road: Mr. Glasgow has entered into a lease. Also, Kiser, Renick, and Holbein have signed leases.
 20. Ms. Kris McCall, 313 West Sunbury Road: Ms. McCall is concern with water contamination and declining property values.
 21. Mr. Ted Cranmer, 118 Oak Ridge Drive: Mr. Kamerer has entered into a lease in Center Township. He agrees with Ms. Schenck. Gas companies will not pay impact fees and bond roads. Mr. Kamerer quoted Act 233 which supersedes municipal ordinances. He thinks site construction requirements may create litigation.
 22. Mr. Russ Werner, Sunflower Road: Mr. Werner requests the Board consider delaying their decision on passing the ordinance. He thinks safety and water contamination problems should improve.
 23. Mr. Pete McElhaney, 5210 Elliott Road: Mr. McElhaney asked if the Township owned property which would benefit from this ordinance. Also, would Center Township provide public water for property owners who had contaminated wells?
 24. Mr. Terry Elliott, 5178 Elliott Road: Mr. Elliott agrees with Mr. Minich. His property should be included in the overlay zone.
 25. Ms. Connie Cornibe, 142 Pinehurst Road: Ms. Cornibe reports equipment and lights are a short distance from her property.
 26. Ms. Diane Dancik, 110 Pinehurst Road: Ms. Dancik opposes drilling and the expansion of the mineral extraction overlay. She would like to see a long term health study done prior to passage.

27. Mr. Max Stadler, 452 Pine Tract Road: Mr. Stadler has no opinion but has heard a lot of negativity.
28. Mr. Ron Stoner, 220 Pine Tract Road: Mr. Stoner is neutral on drilling. There are no benefits received from drilling and jobs are not available.

BOARD COMMENTS:

1. Flatt thanked individuals for providing useful information. He especially thank Ms. Schenck, Mr. Bash, Mr. Minich, and Mr. Kamerer for their comments.
2. Frenchak thanked all in attendance. He appreciated the insight and input that the audience provided.
3. Schiebel thanked the residents for attending the meeting and providing their concerns to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments, *Schiebel motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing at 8:30 p.m. Frenchak seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

Anthony A. Amendolea
Township Secretary/Treasurer

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