

Supervisors Meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 pm, at the Township Building.

Even if you attend for fifteen minutes there is time to make a statement or support others.

Sign in Before 7:00 to Speak

Attend the Supervisor's meeting and let Township Officials know we expect them to change the zoning to protect residents. First and foremost, fracking must not occur in agricultural areas.

Something for you to think about:

Penn Township, due east of Pittsburgh, has a major on-going problem related to fracking issues. You can read about it here: <https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2016/02/29/inside-the-fight-to-frack-penn-township/>

Could Ligonier Become Penn Township?

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Many residents of Ligonier think fracking will never affect them. Ligonier has dry gas and is a beautiful, rural tourist area.
- Penn Twp supervisors changed residential districts by overlaying a gas extraction area to allow for fracking.
Ligonier Twp supervisors changed much of the residential/conservation districts to agriculture to allow for fracking.

But.... the industrialization of Penn Twp. has begun

- At the PT Gaia site, where 9 wells are planned, the industrial development will be a 50- year expected activity.
- According to residents, the company doesn't disclose the extent of their plans; they will inform the Board of plans for 5 wells at a pad, but can have double that number planned for. So, it is hard to know the exact total number of wells proposed. There could be 70 to 100 wells planned for Penn Township.
- Penn Twp is only 30 square miles.

Consequently, Penn Twp. residents have had to mount legal challenges

- Protect PT is simultaneously challenging 11 different permits at the local, county and state levels.
- In April, Protect PT began its challenge of the Penn Township Mineral Extraction Overlay District at the Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas.
- Protect PT filed an appeal with the Environmental Hearing Board, challenging the DEP's issuance of two permits to Apex Energy (PA), LLC for the Drakulic well pad.
- Protect PT filed four appeals on the Drakulic, Deutsch, Backus and Numis Well Sites all within a mile of Level Green Elementary School. This case is appealed to the Commonwealth Court.

What Can You Do to Protect Health, Environment, and Property Values? Speak Out!!

We hope we never have to face the industrialization that Penn Township residents must now deal with. To protect the Valley, Ligonier Twp. must put protective zoning in place now, before drilling starts.