



EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP

Fall / Winter Newsletter 2018 – Rock Hill Quarry, 2055 North Rockhill Road

In December 2017 the Rock Hill Quarry proposed and/or started up its H12 quarry use at its property located at 2055 North Rockhill Road after 30 years of not maintaining an active/functioning quarry use on the property. Upon receipt of its 2018 zoning permit application, the Township denied the permit application and determined the applicant needed to comply with the current Zoning Ordinance which allows the Extraction Use (Quarry) by Special Exception. This requires a public hearing before and approval from the Zoning Hearing Board. The Zoning Hearing Board's public hearings on this matter are on-going with the hearing dates published on the Township's website. Concurrently with the application for the H12 quarry use, the applicant is seeking approval from the Zoning Hearing Board for an asphalt plant on the property as well.

At this time, the Township is in litigation relating to the applicant's proposed H12 and asphalt plant use on the property. Therefore, the Township is limited on what it can discuss in public given the pending litigation. However, to minimize inaccurate information, the Township would like to educate residents on Pennsylvania law. Pennsylvania law requires all municipalities to zone for quarry/extraction uses, and an existing use cannot be arbitrarily removed and/or otherwise prohibited. The quarry property is located within the E-Extraction Zoning District which allows an Extractive Operation (Quarry) use by special exception. The Township does not intend to and cannot prohibit or prevent the quarry use on the property, so long as it complies with the applicable zoning requirements, which includes special exception approval from the Zoning Hearing Board.