



EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP

Spring Summer 2019 Newsletter – Rock Hill Quarry, 2055 North Rockhill Road

The Rockhill Quarry is located at 2055 North Rockhill Road and in early 2018 it resumed quarry operations after at least 30 years of inactivity. Quarry operations are overseen and governed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and certain land use issues involving the quarry are governed by the Township's Zoning Ordinance. An extractive operations use (quarry) is permitted in the Extraction District in East Rockhill Township by Special Exception. The Rockhill Quarry is primarily located within the Extraction District.

The Township received a decision from a Federal Court Judge in March 2019 stating that the quarry operations for the Rockhill Quarry can continue as permitted by DEP. The Federal Court decision also stated that Special Exception approval from the Township's Zoning Hearing Board is not required for the Rockhill Quarry given the facts in the case. The remaining issue of the proposed asphalt plant use has been remanded to the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas. There is a conference scheduled for May 17th in that case. The proposed asphalt plant use is also currently before the Township's Zoning Hearing Board. However, the Zoning Hearing Board case was temporarily continued given the above-referenced remand to the Court of Common Pleas.