

Planning Board Minutes
January 8, 2013

Present: Joe McIlroy, Mark Vitale, Davies Nagel, Heather Grant, Mike Van Gelder

Others: Carl Peter

Meeting opened at 7 p.m.

Davies Nagel reported on the meeting he went to with David Kowalski, PHD from Buffalo that will be doing a presentation on fracking at 10 a.m. on January 26 at York Town Hall.

- ^ new process of fracking only about 10 years old
- ^ Dr. Kowalski thinks its like smoking, effects may take awhile to become known

Davies also said that Richard Young from Geneseo, geological science, will be doing a presentation at 7 p.m. on January 31 at the York Town Hall.

Carl Peter asked how fracking relates to the Comprehensive Plan.

Davies

- ^ adding more trucks will change the character of the town
- ^ do they stick to the Comprehensive Plan as written or open it up to make changes.

Mark Vitale – Comprehensive Plan isn't law, but a guide

Carl – it's supposed to influence zoning laws

Davies – Perry is doing their Comprehensive Plan and Zoning and have a separate section just dealing with energy. Looks like fracking may be in the courts another year before state issues permit.

Joe McIlroy thinks all ground water may be suspect in years to come from one source or another.

Davies – there needs to be a road use agreement (for damages)

Carl -Count close to having their own law written for county roads. Towns may try to mirror it.

Mark – regarding fracking traffic, what about traffic to windmills, farming, etc.

Joe – what dollar amount will come in to the town from fracking?

Carl – not much, but may be able to get them to cover expenses of the town to do the permit

Davies – 17 agencies are involved in the permitting process. Several towns have banned truck traffic through them (Buffalo and Town of Perinton).

Joe – whether we allow fracking or not, towns either side of us could allow it and trucks will go through York anyways.

Davies – hope to get a checkerboard effect where some will and some won't – threat is utica shale, not marcellus – they're drilling utica shale in Ohio (getting \$9 compared to \$3 for marcellus)

Joe asked Davies what his main issue is against fracking.

Davies – water the most important, than the character of the area – terrible way to treat water and could cause major problems years from now.

Joe is also concerned about the water and would hate to see good farmland wasted.

Discussion between Mark and Davies regarding their opposing opinions.

Donna called for approval of December 11 minutes. Mark Vitale moved to approve, Davies Nagel seconded.

Mark Vitale handed out his homework assignment he'd been working on regarding subdivision application. Look over and discuss next meeting.

8:30 p.m. Mark Vitale moved to adjourn, Joe McIlroy seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Falkner, Clerk