

YORK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Colene Conley
Regular Meeting

Richard Monroe

William Pavlick
October 27, 2011

- ~~I picked up a card for Anita and Matt Behner. Anita's sister was the lady in Hinckley that passed away.~~
- ~~I had asked Bill Thorne to send me information on the hydraulic fracking as well as Medina Twp. to forward their resolution.~~

RESOLUTION #11-10-08 – Preservation of Natural Resources

Moved by Conley, second by Pavlick to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the York Township Board of Trustees believes that preservation of valuable natural resources is a hallmark of a great community;

WHEREAS, ground water and natural streams contained in York Township provide valuable nutrients to our local vegetation and an aesthetically pleasing environment for our local residents;

WHEREAS, preserving these valuable hydrologic features of York Township help to ensure that residents of York Township and the greater Medina area will continue to have safe, healthy and potable drinking water for the future;

WHEREAS, regional and national companies have begun to approach residents of York Township and Medina County to secure mineral rights for natural gas and petroleum contained deep underground in the bedrock below York Township;

WHEREAS, many of these companies have proposed to extract this natural gas and petroleum by a method commonly known as hydrologic fracking;

WHEREAS, the business model of many of these companies is to remove these minerals as quickly as possible, where after they are no longer vested in the overall health of York Township or the greater Medina area;

WHEREAS, numerous nongovernmental organizations have raised serious long term environmental concerns related to the practice of hydrologic fracking, including gas being released into local groundwater and natural streams located within the immediate proximity of hydrologic fracking cities;

WHEREAS, these long term environmental concerns have not been sufficiently addressed to the satisfaction of the York Township Trustees;

WHEREAS, the York Township Board of Trustees feels the potential long term impact of hydrologic fracking unnecessarily exposes York Township residents to degradation of their natural streams and groundwater;

WHEREAS, the York Township Board of Trustees do not believe the rewards outweigh the risk; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the York Township Board of Trustees prohibits hydrologic fracking on any properties owned by York Township.

Roll: Conley, yes; Pavlick, yes; Monroe, yes.