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HEARING BEFORE THE HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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Tuesday, January 20, 2004, 7:07 p.m.

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Hilltown Municipal Township Building
Silverdale, PA

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KENNETH BENNINGTON, CHAIRMAN

GEORGE C. EGLY, JR.

COUNSEL PRESENT:

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Solicitor for the Township

PAUL R. OBER, ESQUIRE,

Attorney for the Applicant

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(sic) = misspoken statement

1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you all rise
2 and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

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4 (Whereupon, all pledged
5 allegiance to the flag.)

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7 MR. CHAIRMAN: And with that,
8 I'll turn it over to our solicitor.

9 MR. GRABOWSKI: Good evening,
10 everybody. Welcome back.

11 This is the ongoing hearings
12 involved with the H&K application for the rezoning
13 of property in Hilltown Township. The last couple
14 of hearings we've been hearing testimony regarding
15 the Blooming Glen application, the Blooming Glen
16 site. We anticipate that tonight may very well
17 bring us to an end of the testimony on Blooming
18 Glen, I understand, and how we advertised the
19 hearing was that we would have uncompleted testimony
20 regarding Blooming Glen. I believe we're going to
21 hear some testimony on traffic issues tonight. If,
22 in fact, that occurs, that those are the last
23 witnesses and there is no further testimony from the
24 applicant on the Blooming Glen Quarry, we're going
25 to open up the floor to statements. Obviously,

1 whatever testimony we do have we'll allow for
2 questions of those witnesses, and then thereafter
3 we'll open up the floor for those of you who have
4 been patiently waiting to give your opinions to the
5 Board, either pro, con, or indifferent concerning
6 the Blooming Glen. And again I repeat "Blooming
7 Glen."

8 As in the past, these hearings
9 are being taken down by our stenographer. Debbie is
10 over here to my right; and as I've said in the past,
11 she's one of the most important people here tonight
12 because she has to hear you. So when we get to the
13 point of giving testimony or giving statements,
14 let's use the microphone if you can and direct your
15 comments not only to the Board but also speak to the
16 point where the stenographer can hear you. If she
17 cannot hear you, we give her permission to interrupt
18 you, because the transcript is important for us as
19 well as it is for you. We like to read those
20 transcripts after the hearings to refresh our
21 memories as to what has occurred.

22 This hearing was advertised in
23 the Doylestown paper, as in the past.

24 I guess just one other
25 housekeeping rule that I'd like to mention now

1 rather than at the end of the meeting in case anyone
2 should leave early, the next hearing is on February
3 the 18th, which I believe is a Wednesday. I
4 anticipate that we will be going back to the Skunk
5 Hollow Quarry testimony; and for that reason we are
6 moving back over to the Penn Ridge Middle School in
7 Silverdale on Walnut Street in the auditorium, for
8 those of you who remember when we were there many,
9 many months ago. It will be at 7:00, Wednesday,
10 February the 18th.

11 We anticipate that there will be
12 hearings in March. Those dates have not been
13 officially determined. During the break we will
14 check with all of those who are involved with the
15 application just to confirm those dates. And if we
16 can do that, we will announce that publicly before
17 the end of tonight. If not, we will post it in the
18 newspaper and on the website. I suspect that will
19 be towards the latter part of March. And then we
20 will also do Skunk Hollow. So tonight will
21 hopefully be the last regarding Blooming Glen,
22 unless we don't finish that tonight.

23 So with that, Mr. Ober, good
24 evening. Wherever we left off before the holidays,
25 we can resume from that standpoint. I think, was

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1 that the issue of traffic or was there some other
2 issue that you had?

3 MR. OBER: We're going to
4 proceed with traffic this evening. And we have a
5 new witness. Her name is Christine Troxell, and I'd
6 like to ask that she be sworn.

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8 CHRISTINE TROXELL, having been
9 duly sworn, was examined as follows:

10 EXAMINATION ON VOIR DIRE

11 BY MR. OBER:

12 Q State your name, please.

13 A Christine Marie Troxell.

14 Q Are you employed?

15 A Yes.

16 Q By whom?

17 A Newton Engineering Group, PC, located in
18 Allentown, Pennsylvania.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: Can you guys hear
20 her back there?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Can you just
23 repeat that, please?

24 THE WITNESS: My name is
25 Christine Marie Troxell. I work for Newton

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1 Engineering Group located in Allentown,
2 Pennsylvania.

3 BY MR. OBER:

4 Q Do you have an area of focus in your employment
5 with Newton?

6 A Yes. I tend to specialize in traffic
7 engineering in preparation of highway occupancy
8 permit plans.

9 Q Can you tell this board very briefly where you
10 were educated?

11 A I attended Pennsylvania State University for
12 five years, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in
13 1994, and am licensed in the State of Pennsylvania
14 as a professional engineer since 1999.

15 Q Your work history is what?

16 A I have worked with Newton Engineering since
17 graduating in 1994.

18 Q Prior to that, were you also employed by the PA
19 DEP?

20 A Yes. At the time, it was actually with the
21 Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources.
22 I worked as an intern during my senior summer.

23 DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. OBER:

25 Q And your focus for tonight is with regard to the

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1 Blooming Glen Quarry; am I right?

2 A That is correct.

3 Q How about telling us what you have to offer.

4 A We were retained by Haines & Kibblehouse to take
5 a look at the existing roadways surrounding the
6 Blooming Glen Quarry. And with that I'm going to
7 turn to my presentation here.

8 I'd like to begin by stating
9 that the quarry has been operative since 1993
10 (sic). I've been told that it's been under Haines &
11 Kibblehouse operation since about 1972, over 30-some
12 years. The reason we're here is because an adjacent
13 parcel has been reacquired for longevity purposes
14 for the quarry.

15 We've been told that existing
16 accesses will be maintained, and what we've done is
17 have taken a look at the accident history on the
18 surrounding roadways, how much traffic is on those
19 roads, and how much traffic the quarry is
20 generating.

21 The first step we took in our
22 study was to contact the Pennsylvania Department of
23 Transportation. They maintain a database, their
24 Roadway Management System. In that database, they
25 keep data on basically every state road. We looked

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1 at the three state roads surrounding the quarry,
2 which would be Minsi Trail, Blooming Glen, and Route
3 113, Souderton Road.

4 PENNDOT is telling us that
5 traffic on these roads is growing at a rate of about
6 two percent per year. Fortunately in this case,
7 PENNDOT had recently counted these roads in 2002 and
8 2003. And I'd like to take a look at each of the
9 state roads.

10 First, starting with Route 113,
11 it's classified as a rural minor arterial. We
12 looked at three different segments of the road, you
13 know, based on its intersection with Minsi Trail and
14 Blooming Glen, and we found that west of the
15 intersection with Blooming Glen there's an average
16 daily traffic on Route 113 of about 7,291 vehicles
17 per day. Nine percent of that is trucks.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Could you explain
19 what average daily traffic is?

20 THE WITNESS: Average daily
21 traffic is basically the amount of traffic on that
22 road in a 24-hour period. And that's an average
23 throughout the year. Nine percent of that being
24 trucks based on PENNDOT's data, on their counts.

25 East of Minsi Trail, the ADT was

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1 found to be about 7,700 with fewer trucks, 3 percent
2 from what they're telling us.

3 In the area of 113 between
4 Blooming Glen and Minsi Trail, the ADT is about
5 6,907 and there's only about 3 percent trucks in
6 that area.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: What do you
8 classify as a truck?

9 THE WITNESS: A truck, by
10 definition in PENNDOT is they base it on Federal
11 Highway classification. It's considered anything
12 with more than four tires touching the pavement
13 would be considered a truck. Anything non-Class
14 One, I believe it is.

15 Moving on, Minsi Trail, also
16 known as State Road 4019, is classified as a rural
17 minor collector. And Minsi Trail from Blooming Glen
18 to Route 113 has an ADT of about 1500 vehicles per
19 day, 9 percent of them being trucks.

20 South of Blooming Glen, your ADT
21 is about 3,374, again, 9 percent trucks.

22 MR. EGLY: Do you know when the
23 survey was done? Was it done before or after the
24 bridge was limited to the weight limit it is at?

25 THE WITNESS: That I could not

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1 quantify.

2 MR. EGLY: Because the limit on
3 that bridge has been held off for what now, three
4 months?

5 MR. LIPPENCOTT: Three, four
6 months.

7 THE WITNESS: Given that the
8 counts were done in 2002, 2003, most likely this was
9 done prior to the posting. I can't say that for
10 certain.

11 MR. EGLY: Okay.

12 THE WITNESS: Moving onto
13 Blooming Glen, SR 4089, that's also classified as a
14 rural minor collector. And we looked at the area
15 between 113 and Minsi Trail, and we found that
16 PENNDOT is saying that there is an ADT of about
17 2,005 vehicles, again, 9 percent trucks.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you find it
19 interesting that you have a higher percentage of
20 trucks on a rural minor collector than you do on
21 113? Go back to the previous slide.

22 THE WITNESS: (Complies with
23 request.)

24 Could you repeat your question?
25 I'm sorry.

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1 MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you find it
2 interesting that your rural minor collectors have
3 more than Route 113 in percentage of trucks?

4 THE WITNESS: Well, probably
5 just because you have a higher percentage of
6 vehicles on 113.

7 MR. CHAIRMAN: I would have
8 expected a higher percentage of trucks on 113.

9 THE WITNESS: The only thing I
10 can offer is that the data came straight from
11 PENNDOT.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: So, again, trucks
13 are the UPS, anything that has more than four
14 tires?

15 THE WITNESS: That is correct.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: All right.

17 MR. EGLY: I'd like to know,
18 really, when this survey was done, because Minsi
19 Trail now has been closed for over a year.

20 THE WITNESS: I will gladly
21 contact PENNDOT and see if they can give me further
22 information on that.

23 MR. EGLY: I mean, I'm curious,
24 because on Minsi Trail there's no trucks going over
25 past my house at all, because it's closed.

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1 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Again, I
2 can check into the date and the date of the
3 posting. Other than that, I wouldn't know myself.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: Would you check?

5 THE WITNESS: Gladly.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

7 THE WITNESS: Moving on, as part
8 of our traffic work we did a 12-hour count from 6:00
9 in the morning to 6:00 in the afternoon at the
10 intersection of the quarry driveway and Minsi
11 Trail. We counted all the turning movements into
12 and out of the quarry and did a classification of,
13 you know, what type of vehicles were turning into
14 and out of the quarry. We found that the
15 intersection peaked in the morning from 6:30 to 7:30
16 and the total amount of vehicles in the intersection
17 during that hour totaled 210. Likewise, for the
18 afternoon, the intersection peaked from 4:30 to 5:30
19 in the afternoon and the intersection volume was
20 178.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: And that's both
22 trucks and individual cars?

23 THE WITNESS: That is
24 everything. That's every movement on Minsi Trail
25 and into and out of the quarry

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1 There is just a picture of the
2 intersection look -- inside the parking lot for the
3 quarry, which is on the west side of Minsi Trail
4 (indicating). I'm sorry you can't see it so hot
5 with the lights on. This is a picture facing
6 northbound on Minsi Trail. I've only got two
7 photos.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh, is that it
9 then?

10 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Two more
11 slides.

12 If anybody would like to see
13 them, yeah.

14 MR. CHAIRMAN: I can't see
15 those.

16 You only have two more slides?

17 THE WITNESS: Well, I have more
18 slides, but it's just a picture. Sorry.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: All right.

20 THE WITNESS: From those 12-hour
21 counts we were able to take a look at what was
22 coming into and out of the quarry to get an idea of
23 the average traffic that the quarry generates. The
24 counts were performed on October 8th and 9th of
25 2003. We found throughout those 12 hours, which

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1 encompassed the quarry's hours of operation, there
2 were a total of 439 vehicles in that 12-hour
3 period.

4 Looking at the 12 hours total,
5 we were able to break down the classification of the
6 vehicles as 21 percent passenger cars and small
7 pickup trucks, 22 percent small dump trucks, 9
8 percent are tractor trailers, and 48 percent
9 consisted of triaxles and cement trucks.

10 Then we looked back to correlate
11 the day we took the counts as opposed to the
12 production coming out of the quarry to make sure
13 that we were accounting for an average or a peak or
14 a non-peak day, and we found that in October of 2003
15 production -- we looked back at the data the quarry
16 had provided us for the past eight years and looked
17 at the peak month in those eight years and
18 correlated it to the month in which we did counts,
19 and we found that the day we did counts the
20 production was about 43 percent of the peak month.
21 And we were fortunate in that during that month of
22 October, the October 8th was the peak day of the
23 month, almost double some of the other days in
24 production. So our counts were done on a fairly
25 productive day in the quarry, that they wouldn't be

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1 low.

2 I apologize. Maybe you do need
3 to turn out the lights.

4 MR. CHAIRMAN: I couldn't see
5 that if my life depended on it.

6 THE WITNESS: Is that any better
7 for you?

8 What you're looking at there is
9 a chart based on the hourly flow to and from the
10 quarry throughout the day. The pink line would be
11 the traffic exiting the quarry, the blue line would
12 be the traffic entering, and the yellow line would
13 be the total traffic generated throughout the day by
14 the quarry. And as you can see in portions of the
15 graph, the lines are black; and the point that I'm
16 trying to make there is that the quarry peaks at
17 about 7:00 in the morning, whereas on your typical
18 adjacent streets the network tends to peak between
19 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. Likewise, in the afternoon, the
20 quarry peaked at about 2:00 in the afternoon as a
21 generator, whereas most of the streets tended to hit
22 their peak hour between 4:00 and 6:00 in the
23 afternoon. So the peaks are no coinciding in this
24 case.

25 With our count data, we looked

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1 at projecting into the future at the request of the
2 Township solicitor. We looked at the year 2015 at
3 that intersection, what would happen with it. And
4 we took the quarry traffic; and because it only
5 accounted for 43 percent of that peak within the
6 eight-year period, we doubled the traffic into and
7 out of the quarry just to say that we were analyzing
8 the peak. On top of that, we added a five percent
9 increase to the quarry traffic; and all non-quarry
10 traffic was increased by two percent a year per
11 PENNDOT's projections. Within that, we found in the
12 a.m. peak hour, both driveways still operated at an
13 approach B with an average delay of 12.3 in the
14 morning and 14.8 in the afternoon. Likewise, in the
15 p.m. peak hour, we found that both driveways
16 operated on a level of Service B with an average
17 delay of 11.5 seconds.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: What does that
19 mean? I'm sorry. What does that mean?

20 THE WITNESS: Level of service
21 describes the operation of the intersection typical
22 to your grades you would receive in school -- A
23 being optimal, C being acceptable, F meaning
24 failure. So you're above, you know, the normal
25 accepted standard there.

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1 MR. CHAIRMAN: As of 2015?

2 THE WITNESS: That's in 2015
3 using peak quarry traffic increased by five
4 percent.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Plus the two
6 percent per annum?

7 THE WITNESS: Yes, plus the two
8 percent on all through traffic on Minsi Trail.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN: What's ACS 2000?

10 THE WITNESS: That's the
11 standard for analyzing intersections, the highway
12 capacity standards by the industry in general.

13 Version 4.2 is just stating that
14 it's the latest version.

15 We also took a look at accident
16 data as provided by the Township and as pulled from
17 PENNDOT's records. PENNDOT was able to provide us
18 with data from 1999 through 2001. We repeatedly
19 contacted the department to try to get more updated
20 data, but unfortunately they had implemented a new
21 database and they've had problems pulling more
22 recent data for us.

23 The data we received from
24 PENNDOT contained reportable accidents only. By
25 definition, a vehicle had to be towed from the scene

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1 or an injury occurred. The only problem with the
2 data we received from PENNDOT, because of laws and
3 confidentiality requirements, it doesn't really tell
4 us if a quarry vehicle was involved in the accident
5 we're looking at, whereas the data we received from
6 the Township directly correlated, you know, if there
7 was a quarry vehicle involved in this accident. The
8 data we received from the Township, they went as
9 recent as October of 2003 and they included both
10 reportable and nonreportable accidents.

11 Just to summarize the data we
12 received from PENNDOT, we looked at Minsi Trail Road
13 from Route 4003 to 113. This is from the
14 Department's records. There were 27 reportable
15 accidents on that stretch of roadway. That includes
16 both mid-block and intersection accidents. As you
17 can see, 16 occurred at intersections, whereas 9
18 were mid-block. Of the 27 accidents, only 2 of them
19 involved a large truck per PENNDOT's standards; so I
20 don't if you can surmise if that was a quarry
21 vehicle or not. They're not permitted to tell us.

22 BY MR. OBER:

23 Q What's a large truck by PENNDOT's definition?

24 A When I contacted PENNDOT to question that, they
25 said anything larger than a pickup.

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1 Q Thank you.

2 A And one of those accidents occurred at the
3 intersection of Hayhouse Road, Roads 4089 and 4019.
4 It involved one car and one large truck, and the
5 accident was attributed to the truck backing at an
6 intersection.

7 The second accident occurred
8 between Blooming Glen and Quarry Road. It was a
9 mid-block accident attributed to the truck driving
10 on the wrong side of the road.

11 We also took a look at the
12 accidents along Blooming Glen from Minsi Trail to
13 Route 113 and found that there were also two
14 reportable accidents. Both occurred at the
15 intersection. One included a large truck, and that
16 was the accident I had just referred to under the
17 previous route, basically a truck backing at an
18 intersection.

19 Lastly, we looked at the
20 accidents along Route 113 between Blooming Glen Road
21 and Minsi Trail. There were 26 reportable
22 accidents. Fifteen (sic) occurred mid-block and 15
23 were at an intersection. Of those, two involved a
24 large truck, one at the intersection of SR 4089 and
25 113, and it was attributed to a small truck pulling

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1 out in front of a large truck; and the last was a
2 truck hitting a utility pole, and that was
3 attributed to driving factors.

4 And just in summary, I wanted to
5 go back. I noticed that we adjusted our traffic.
6 Again, we doubled what we counted on that date to
7 account for the peak month that we've seen in the
8 past eight years and then increased it by five
9 percent, and we found that there's no capacity
10 problems at the entrance to the quarry. And we
11 found that there's no accident trends on the area
12 state roads based on PENNDOT's standards of five
13 accidents a year for a continuous three-year period
14 attributed to quarry traffic.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, did your
16 company do the actual counts?

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, we did.

18 MR. CHAIRMAN: Did you also
19 determine the speeds at the same time as you did the
20 counts?

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: No?

23 THE WITNESS: It was an annual
24 turning movement count. Typically, we would get
25 speeds by use of a tube counter, pneumatic counter.

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1 MR. CHAIRMAN: And you didn't do
2 that?

3 THE WITNESS: No; not in this
4 case.

5 BY MR. OBER:

6 Q Where were the counts performed?

7 A The counts were performed at the intersection of
8 the Blooming Glen Quarry driveway and Minsi Trail
9 Road.

10 Q And was it counting anything other than quarry
11 traffic?

12 A Yes. The counts consisted of all through
13 movements on Minsi Trail as well.

14 Q Thank you.

15 MR. CHAIRMAN: So your bottom
16 line summary is you don't believe there will be a
17 capacity problem at the intersection of the quarry
18 entrance and Minsi Trail in 2015?

19 THE WITNESS: That is correct.

20 MR. GRABOWSKI: Does that
21 conclude your testimony?

22 THE WITNESS: Yes, that does.

23 MR. GRABOWSKI: Are there any
24 other questions from the Board?

25 (No response.)

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1 MR. GRABOWSKI: Any questions
2 from the audience?

3 MR. GODEK: (Indicating).

4 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes. Why don't
5 we start over here in the second row (indicating).
6 Mr. Godek, why don't you come up to the microphone.
7 And for the sake of the stenographer, give us your
8 name and your address, please.

9 THE WITNESS: My name is Bill
10 Godek, 206 Broad Street.

11 The question I have for you is,
12 with the statistics that you get from PENNDOT, do
13 they also include, since this is statistical
14 information, sort of information that includes mean,
15 media, and mode values as to traffic?

16 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Could
17 you expand your question? I'm not sure I
18 understand.

19 MR. GODEK: Statistics -- mean,
20 media, mode of most frequently occurring number of
21 counts. You're giving an average daily traffic
22 that's spread out over the year?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's
24 correct. In traffic, we usually deal in terms of
25 average daily traffic.

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1 MR. GODEK: When they maintain
2 the statistics, they tell you what would be the peak
3 value or maximum that they've ever seen or what
4 would be the mode? So if half the traffic is above
5 this value on a day --

6 THE WITNESS: I believe PENNDOT,
7 they have a series of counters throughout the state
8 and they look at the data and provide adjustment
9 factors. PENNDOT, yeah, takes care of all that.
10 They factor that into the data that they provide
11 us.

12 MR. GODEK: And would that data
13 still be available to the public --

14 THE WITNESS: Yes.

15 MR. GODEK: -- if they wanted
16 it?

17 THE WITNESS: Actually, you can
18 download the chapter or the publication that
19 discusses all of their counter locations and what
20 factors they use to adjust for --

21 MR. GODEK: Is there a specific
22 website?

23 THE WITNESS: The Department of
24 Transportation.

25 MR. GODEK: Okay. All right.

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1 Thank you.

2 MR. OBER: Excuse me for a
3 second. Could you turn that thing off?

4 THE WITNESS: Sure.

5 MR. OBER: I'm having a little
6 trouble hearing the question. Thank you.

7 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

8 MR. OBER: Sorry for that.

9 MR. GRABOWSKI: In sticking with
10 this side of the audience first, sitting the next
11 row back, the third row, anyone -- I'm sorry. It's
12 the same row as Mr. Godek.

13 MR. BRADY: (Indicating).

14 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes, sir?

15 MR. BRADY: My name is Joe
16 Brady. I live at 135 Broad Street in Hilltown.

17 Just a question about the
18 projection for the capacity.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes?

20 MR. BRADY: You're taking an
21 eight-year period and trying to project out ten or
22 twelve years. I have a little bit of background in
23 this, and, you know, of course, you'd like to have
24 as much data as possible, so you go to PENNDOT. A
25 very large span is projected in a small period out

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1 for accuracy. Do you have anything that can back up
2 how accurate this particular way of -- I mean, have
3 you done this in other townships and followed
4 through to verify it?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes. I'm sorry to
6 interrupt you. Typically any traffic study that you
7 would prepare for the Department of Transportation
8 would require you to look at a design year plus ten
9 years, often requiring you to project out 12, 13
10 years into the future, as we have here. And most
11 often we'll use the very data provided by PENNDOT as
12 far as growth rate.

13 MR. BRADY: So that there is a
14 practice of looking at ten years of data or eight
15 years of data, projecting it out 14 years, and they
16 find that it's a very accurate projection?

17 THE WITNESS: Yes. PENNDOT will
18 tell us, yes. In this case, in this instance, based
19 on the state road in this county, the growth rate
20 has been two percent per year. You know, to project
21 into the future, you compound that, which we did in
22 this case.

23 MR. BRADY: Okay. And that's
24 because they've verified this?

25 THE WITNESS: Again, yes,

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1 through their series of counters throughout the
2 state, I imagine they have.

3 MR. BRADY: Yes, I know; but
4 they have now carried it through 14 years later and
5 said, okay, yes, this was accurate, this projection,
6 using the way that you've gone about it is -- I
7 mean, everything has to be verified. You know, you
8 can project anything, but it's not worth anything
9 until you verify it to see that the actual results
10 reflected the projections. So I'm just trying to
11 understand if that happens.

12 THE WITNESS: In this case, I
13 can't say that we personally have 14 years of counts
14 to verify that; but being that they've state
15 roads --

16 MR. OBER: I think what Mr.
17 Brady's question was -- and correct me if I'm wrong,
18 Mr. Brady. Has PENNDOT been able to verify that by
19 using a shorter period of time and projecting it out
20 over a longer period of time, that that, in fact,
21 results in an accurate conclusion?

22 MR. BRADY: Correct. Thank you.

23 MR. OBER: Not what did you, but
24 what PENNDOT has done over time.

25 THE WITNESS: I believe so,

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1 because, again, referring back to that publication,
2 they'll show you the data within the past, you know,
3 the trends and whatnot within the past several
4 years.

5 MR. BRADY: Okay. And I guess
6 just one other thing then. I was little bit
7 confused. In the beginning of the presentation, you
8 had shown peak hours. Like, the a.m. hour was 217
9 of what I think you called turnarounds or
10 something?

11 THE WITNESS: No. What we did
12 was a turning movement count in which we would count
13 every movement at that intersection, for instance, a
14 left turn out of the driveway, a right turn into the
15 site.

16 MR. BRADY: Okay. So that had
17 nothing to do with --

18 THE WITNESS: To quantify what
19 was specifically coming to and from the quarry in
20 addition to what was the through movement on Minsi
21 Trail Road, to be able to differentiate all traffic
22 coming into and out of the quarry and all non-quarry
23 traffic.

24 MR. BRADY: Okay. So the
25 turnaround was all traffic, not just quarry

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1 traffic?

2 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

3 It included everything.

4 MR. BRADY: Okay. Thank you.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: Ms. Troxell, May
6 follow up to his question?

7 THE WITNESS: Sure.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: Your count totals
9 for 2015 were based upon current production levels
10 at the quarry, not increased production levels?

11 THE WITNESS: Based on the peak
12 months in the past eight years.

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: So you're not
14 projecting in the future in case production
15 increases?

16 THE WITNESS: We did increase
17 five percent.

18 MR. OBER: Plus two percent per
19 annum.

20 THE WITNESS: The two percent
21 per annum was only on non-quarry traffic.

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

23 MR. GRABOWSKI: Okay. Anyone
24 else in the second row?

25 (No response.)

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1 MR. GRABOWSKI: Next row down?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. GRABOWSKI: Sitting to my
4 right side here, anyone else?

5 MS. KEETER: (Indicating).

6 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes, ma'am?

7 MS. KEETER: Lesley Keeter, 529
8 Skunk Hollow Road.

9 When you said PENNDOT's data had
10 a two percent increase on the state roads, does this
11 encompass all of the state roads, is it limited to a
12 certain area of Pennsylvania; I mean, in other
13 words, a fast-growing area versus the entire state,
14 which would dilute the numbers?

15 THE WITNESS: No. When we send
16 to PENNDOT this type of information, we'll give
17 them, yes, the state route, the particular segment
18 of that road. And I don't know if you noticed where
19 I referred to different sections of Route 113 had
20 different counts.

21 MS. KEETER: Right.

22 THE WITNESS: PENNDOT subdivides
23 their state roads into segments and maintain data
24 for each segment. So we don't just say we'd like
25 all state roads in Hilltown Township. We specify

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1 which road it is, and based on that they'll give us
2 a growth rate.

3 MS. KEETER: Thank you.

4 MR. GRABOWSKI: Thank you, Mrs.
5 Keeter.

6 Anyone else on this side?

7 MR. CLUCK: (Indicating).

8 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes, sir?

9 MR. CLUCK: My name is Bob
10 Cluck, 11 Quarry Road.

11 MR. GRABOWSKI: I'm sorry. I
12 didn't get your last name.

13 MR. CLUCK: Cluck.

14 MR. GRABOWSKI: Okay.

15 MR. CLUCK: My question was, you
16 were talking about the bridge being closed on 113.
17 Do they know how long that's going to be?

18 MR. EGLY: The bridge on 113 is
19 not closed. It's limited as to weight.

20 MR. CLUCK: Yeah, it has a
21 weight restriction. I notice now that traffic is
22 starting to come up Minsi Trail and then come up
23 Blooming Glen --

24 MR. EGLY: Quarry.

25 MR. CLUCK: -- or Quarry Road

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1 and go out Blooming Glen Road.

2 MR. EGLY: It's going to be that

3 way indefinitely.

4 MR. CLUCK: Indefinitely.

5 Okay.

6 MR. GRABOWSKI: Thank you, sir.

7 Anyone else on my right side?

8 (No response.)

9 MR. GRABOWSKI: Okay. Let's go

10 to my left.

11 MR. ANTUNES: (Indicating).

12 MR. GRABOWSKI: Mr. Antunes?

13 MR. ANTUNES: Mark Antunes, 932

14 Callowhill Road.

15 I know this pertains to Minsi

16 Trail, your study analysis; am I correct?

17 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

18 MR. ANTUNES: Were you also

19 employed to do a study analysis of the Skunk Hollow

20 Road quarry site?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes. Counts were

22 performed.

23 MR. ANTUNES: Okay.

24 THE WITNESS: But I understand

25 they're to be discussed at another point in time.

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1 MR. ANTUNES: Okay. I just want
2 to know if at some point we're going to meld this
3 information together based upon projected quarry
4 operations.

5 THE WITNESS: There have been
6 the same identical 12-hour turning movement counts
7 along Skunk Hollow Road and Broad Street.

8 MR. ANTUNES: Excellent. Thank
9 you very much.

10 MR. GRABOWSKI: Okay. Anyone
11 else on this side?

12 MS. GREENHALGH: (Indicating).

13 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes, Judy?

14 MS. GREENHALGH: Judy
15 Greenhalgh, 874 Blooming Glen Road.

16 In reference to what Mr. Cluck
17 asked, with the trucks being rerouted due to weight
18 limitations, did PENNDOT take that into their study
19 when they gave you these figures? Because that's
20 increasing a lot of the tractor trailer traffic
21 that's now coming up Quarry Road and turning down
22 through the Village of Blooming Glen. A lot of that
23 route is also -- well, that route is mainly -- not
24 mainly, but a lot of the route that the quarry
25 trucks take.

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1 THE WITNESS: The data we
2 receive from PENNDOT made no mention of any bridge
3 postings or any changes of traffic because of this.

4 MS. GREENHALGH: So that could
5 affect some of your figures?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes. You know,
7 the truck percentages will change, have changed.

8 MS. GREENHALGH: Okay.
9 Especially on those -- what are they called? Rural
10 connector roads?

11 THE WITNESS: Collector.

12 MS. GREENHALGH: Collector
13 roads. Okay.

14 You also had mentioned October
15 8th as the day that worked out as your peak time.
16 You mentioned 43 percent of peak time. Was that
17 October was 43 percent? I'm not quite sure what
18 that meant when you talked about that.

19 THE WITNESS: We looked back at
20 the data Haines & Kibblehouse gave us for the past
21 eight years of production at Blooming Glen. We
22 narrowed it down to the peak eight months within
23 those past eight years and we noted the production
24 for the month we did the counts.

25 MS. GREENHALGH: Okay.

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1 THE WITNESS: The production for
2 October of 2003 was approximately 43 percent of that
3 peak we had seen in the past eight years.

4 MS. GREENHALGH: Was there
5 another month that had a higher peak, or am I
6 misunderstanding something?

7 THE WITNESS: No. That was
8 compared to the highest month in the past eight
9 years.

10 MS. GREENHALGH: Okay.

11 MR. GRABOWSKI: Okay. Thank
12 you.

13 Anyone else on my left?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. GRABOWSKI: No one? We've
16 taken care of all of your questions?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes, Mr. Ober?

19 MR. OBER: I was just curious as
20 to whether the Board had any other questions of this
21 witness.

22 MR. GRABOWSKI: We'll certainly
23 ask them.

24 Gentlemen, any other questions?

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: My questions have

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1 been answered.

2 MR. EGLY: I have no other
3 questions either.

4 MR. GRABOWSKI: Okay. Thank
5 you.

6 Mr. Ober, do you have any other
7 testimony that you would like to present tonight?

8 MR. OBER: That would conclude
9 our testimony with regard to Blooming Glen, may it
10 please the Board.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: It may.

12 MR. OBER: I thought it might.

13 (WITNESS EXCUSED.)

14 MR. GRABOWSKI: With that, this
15 is now the time of the process whereby the Board
16 would like to hear from the audience in terms of,
17 not questions, but statements, how you feel about
18 the proposal. And since I've always probably
19 started on my right side, let me start on my left
20 side for a change.

21 Who would like to go first?

22 MR. CHAIRMAN: Only Blooming
23 Glen.

24 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes. And as Mr.
25 Bennington reminded me, these are just statements

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1 about the Blooming Glen portion of the application.
2 We've segmented this so that Blooming Glen is
3 tonight.

4 Anyone on my left side?

5 MR. BRICKAJLIK: (Indicating).

6 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes, sir. Mr.
7 Brickajlik.

8 And at this point we're going to
9 have statements taken under oath, as we have for the
10 other witnesses, so if Debbie would do the honors to
11 swear in each of the witnesses.

12 MR. BRICKAJLIK: John
13 Brickajlik, 300 Quarry Road.

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15 JOHN BRICKAJLIK, having been
16 duly sworn, testified as follows:

17 MR. BRICKAJLIK: About those
18 explosions that we've had and I've brought up at a
19 couple of meetings, to be neighborly, is Haines &
20 Kibblehouse going to try to hold down their
21 blastings or doesn't that mean anything to what
22 we're talking about, or the shock?

23 MR. OBER: Mr. Brickajlik, I
24 think that this is a time for you to make a
25 statement, not ask questions.

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1 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Well, I'm
2 asking a question to make a statement.

3 MR. OBER: I'm not in a position
4 to answer your question.

5 MR. BRICKAJLIK: I want to know
6 if you take that into consideration.

7 MR. OBER: It is not question
8 time, as I think Mr. Grabowski will tell you.

9 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes, John. I'm
10 sure they'll take everything into consideration.
11 Whether they'll do anything or not remains to be
12 seen. But at this part of the process we want to
13 hear from you, how you feel, rather than ask any
14 more questions. We're beyond that.

15 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Well, I don't
16 feel satisfied, because I don't get what will be
17 done.

18 MR. OBER: I'll try to answer
19 your question, sir, but I'm not sure I understand
20 it.

21 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Because they're
22 blasting the whole time.

23 MR. OBER: What will be done
24 with regard to your home?

25 MR. BRICKAJLIK: And the

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1 neighbors.

2 MR. OBER: Okay. If there is
3 damage to those homes which we have caused, we will
4 fix it. If you would like to have us come over and
5 inspect your home, we're willing to do that. We've
6 offered to do it in the past, as I think you know.
7 If your neighbors want to have their homes
8 inspected, we'll be happy to do that also. And if
9 there's damages we've caused, we'll fix it.

10 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Okay.

11 MR. OBER: So if you'd like us
12 to contact you this week, we'll be happy to do
13 that.

14 MR. BRICKAJLIK: What's that?

15 MR. OBER: Could we contact you
16 this week to set up a time?

17 MR. BRICKAJLIK: As long as the
18 roads are open.

19 MR. OBER: May I have your phone
20 number, sir?

21 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Huh?

22 MR. OBER: May I have your
23 number?

24 MR. BRICKAJLIK: My phone
25 number?

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1 MR. OBER: Yes, sir.

2 MR. BRICKAJLIK: (215)

3 453-3760.

4 MR. OBER: 3767?

5 MR. BRICKAJLIK: No. 3760.

6 MR. OBER: I'm sorry. My ears
7 aren't the best.

8 We'll be in touch with you
9 tomorrow.

10 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Okay.

11 MR. GRABOWSKI: Thank you, Mr.
12 Brickajlik.

13 MR. BRICKAJLIK: You're
14 welcome.

15 (WITNESS EXCUSED.)

16 MR. GRABOWSKI: Anyone else?

17 MS. GREENHALGH: (Indicating).

18 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes, Judy?

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20 JUDY GREENHALGH, having been
21 duly sworn, testified as follows:

22 MS. GREENHALGH: Okay. I've
23 lived in Blooming Glen since 1976 at my current
24 residence, and one of the things that I feel is that
25 the Blooming Glen people have been good neighbors to

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1 the quarry. I know the quarry has stated that they
2 have tried to be good neighbors to us, and I think
3 they need to realize how we have tried to be good
4 neighbors. I don't think too many people have
5 complained over the years, mainly because we knew
6 the quarry was there when we bought our homes and we
7 know that it is an industry that is definitely
8 needed. And I just want the quarry to know that,
9 that what has come out at a lot of these meetings, I
10 believe at one point there was a comment made that
11 we've come out of the woodwork. And it's not that.
12 We're coming out now with an opportunity, realizing
13 that here is a forum where we need to express our
14 concerns that we've had for a good many years not
15 knowing what route to follow when we wanted to make
16 some kind of a concern known or make a complaint.

17 Probably my biggest concern is
18 water. We personally lost our water in 1995. When
19 it was close to losing it in '97, we did. As I
20 pointed out, there were ten wells along Blooming
21 Glen Road that lost their water. None of us were
22 aware that the quarry was obligated to replace that
23 as of a law that went into effect in the '90s. And
24 I know there's monitoring being done. Mr.
25 Hirschfeld did start the monitoring process, and I'm

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1 hoping that there will be a positive come out of,
2 that those of us who have supplied the proper
3 materials, the proper paperwork, that we will be
4 reimbursed for our water loss.

5 Because of not knowing what the
6 quarry was responsible for all along, I am hoping
7 that between the quarry and the Township that
8 residents that live within certain areas or
9 distances from the quarry, be it ours or at Skunk
10 Hollow, that there's some kind of a notification
11 process put into use that residents will be let
12 known on an annual basis or biannual basis so that
13 new residents coming in will know that if there's a
14 problem with their water or with blasting damages
15 that the quarry can be contacted and to see if that
16 problem comes because the quarry has been digging
17 deeper.

18 The quarry is presently at 200
19 feet, and that's when our well went dry. We were at
20 168. If they go deeper, I'm quite concerned about
21 what that will do. Our homes are really worth
22 nothing if we do not have water, and we don't want
23 water brought in by bottles and that kind of thing.
24 We want to be able to get water out of our faucets.

25 The hours of operation are a big

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1 concern to me. We've talked about that before. We
2 realize the quarry operates from 6:30 until 7:00,
3 and I think we have lived with that. I would hate
4 to see the quarry expand its hours from 5:30 to 9:00
5 p.m. six days a week.

6 Esthetics, we had some beautiful
7 pictures shown of berms, and it can be very
8 esthetically done when you have an artist do that.
9 I think if one looks around at how a lot of the
10 berms do presently look, they are not that esthetic,
11 as shown in those drawings.

12 I must comment on this, that Mr.
13 Ross did have trees planted for me across from our
14 property. There were five trees, I believe, put in,
15 planted, to help with the esthetics of the berm that
16 is across the street from me on Blooming Glen Road.
17 But I am concerned in the future as to how the berms
18 are completed and that they would not look like the
19 berm looks on Quarry Road between Blooming Glen and
20 Minsi Trail. And I know over by Forest Road and
21 Quarry Road they're -- along Quarry Road right there
22 across from Mr. Brickajlik, that area is not too
23 bad, but I think down around the corner at Forest
24 Road, it's probably a temporary thing, but a
25 temporary thing could be one year or two years, five

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1 years or more.

2 And I think that covers what I
3 wanted to say. Thank you.

4 MR. GRABOWSKI: Thank you.

5 (WITNESS EXCUSED.)

6 MR. GRABOWSKI: Anyone else on
7 my left side?

8 (Indicating).

9 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes, ma'am?

10 MS. SCANLON: Jean Scanlon (ph)
11 Brickajlik at 819 Forest Road.

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13 JEAN SCANLON BRICKAJLIK, having
14 been duly sworn, testified as follows:

15 MS. BRICKAJLIK: What concerns
16 me are the hours of operations. I've observed
17 myself at any hour of the day or night, basically
18 the environment has an industrial feel to it because
19 of machines operating and trucks backing up. Except
20 in the most inclement weather, I would say it's much
21 more random than 6:30 to 7:00. I really think that
22 those activities go on around the clock according to
23 the whim of the quarry. I think I even observed
24 last Sunday morning that there was activity there.
25 I just think that's unacceptable. I mean, the whole

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1 environment seems to have taken on an industrial
2 feel, an increasingly industrial feel, over the past
3 couple of years. I'm just really concerned that
4 with the expansion of the quarry there's just not
5 going to be the peace and tranquility that people
6 moved into this area for.

7 MR. GRABOWSKI: Thank you.

8 MR. OBER: May I ask a question
9 of the witness, please?

10 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes.

11 MR. OBER: First of all, ma'am,
12 I had difficulty hearing your name.

13 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Jean Scanlon
14 Brickajlik.

15 MR. OBER: Would you spell your
16 last name, please?

17 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Yes.

18 Brickajlik is B-R-I-C-K-A-J-L-I-K.

19 MR. OBER: Thank you.

20 Last Sunday you said that there
21 was activity in the quarry?

22 MS. BRICKAJLIK: I believe so.
23 I heard the same kind of noise that I've heard over
24 the summer on many summer nights well past 7:00 in
25 the evening.

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1 MR. OBER: Well, could we focus
2 on Sunday?

3 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Yes.

4 MR. OBER: What did you hear or
5 see on Sunday?

6 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Well, I heard
7 the same kind of machinery operating kinds of
8 noises, industrial noises, on Sunday morning.

9 MR. OBER: You mean like a
10 crusher?

11 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Like what?

12 MR. OBER: A crusher.

13 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Perhaps. I'm
14 not sure what the machines are. I've never visited
15 the quarry, but definitely --

16 MR. OBER: You're certainly
17 welcome to do that if you would like to. I would be
18 happy to give it to you.

19 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Well, it's an
20 interesting business, and I find it hard to say of
21 all businesses, I think it's wonderful, but I
22 definitely don't think the hours of operation have
23 been maintained that they are said to be.

24 MR. OBER: May I suggest to you
25 that if you heard something on Sunday and the quarry

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1 wasn't operating, that it wasn't the quarry noises
2 that you heard then or that you're hearing normally
3 which gives this industrial feel?

4 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Well, in the
5 summer and fall evenings well into the winter until
6 the most extreme weather would occur, there is
7 always activity coming from the quarry, in the
8 direction of the quarry, and there's no other
9 industrial activity around.

10 MR. OBER: Including on
11 Sundays?

12 MS. BRICKAJLIK: I would say at
13 least 24/6 there's a potential for activity at that
14 quarry.

15 MR. OBER: Okay.

16 MS. BRICKAJLIK: And possibly
17 even on Sunday.

18 MR. OBER: I will investigate
19 last Sunday and let you know if there was any
20 activity at the quarry on Sunday.

21 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Okay. But my
22 concern, just for the record, is that this is not a
23 business that operates strictly between 6:30 in the
24 morning and 7:00 at night. It's quite a bit longer
25 than that, especially in weather that's not like

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1 this weather, nice weather, well into the fall and
2 winter.

3 MR. OBER: And by "operating"
4 you're referring to production activity; is that
5 right?

6 MS. BRICKAJLIK: I don't know
7 what they're doing, but I know John said at one of
8 the meetings that they were doing cleaning or
9 whatever they're doing, maintenance kind of work. I
10 don't know what kind of activity it is, but it's
11 noise. It's a lot of noise.

12 MR. CHAIRMAN: What did it sound
13 like to you, Ms. Brickajlik?

14 MS. BRICKAJLIK: It sounds like
15 machines operating and trucks backing up.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: So you heard that
17 beep, beep, beep?

18 MS. BRICKAJLIK: It would be a
19 constant beep. There's no other place it could be
20 coming from.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: Give your phone
22 number to this gentleman so they can call you in the
23 next day or so when they find out exactly what the
24 deal was.

25 MS. BRICKAJLIK: (215)

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1 257-6401.

2 MR. OBER: Is it possible that
3 you're hearing snowplows?

4 MS. BRICKAJLIK: No; because
5 last Sunday I believe that the noise from the quarry
6 woke me up. But I'm talking about the rest of the
7 year, essentially. I could understand maybe last
8 Sunday it was snowplow activity, but it certainly
9 wasn't snowplow activity going well into the fall
10 when we would be sitting out on a summer and fall
11 evening.

12 MR. OBER: And if you can give
13 us specific Sundays, I'll check back for the entire
14 year if you want.

15 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Do you
16 understand, though, that my main concern is the fact
17 that it's 24 hours, not 7:00 to 8:00. It's just all
18 night long. It's constant, and it gives the area a
19 feel of constant industrial activity going on.

20 MR. CHAIRMAN: And, hence, the
21 beep, beep, beep?

22 MS. BRICKAJLIK: The beep, beep
23 and the running of machinery. Whether it be trucks
24 or machines, I don't know.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: 11:00, midnight?

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1 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Yeah.

2 MR. OBER: Okay. If you can
3 give me a specific date, I'll have it checked.

4 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Well, I haven't
5 been taking notes, but especially once the inclement
6 weather ends I'll be very curious to know when it
7 starts up around the clock the way it has been last
8 summer. We're new to the area in terms of living
9 here full-time. My husband grew up here, but we've
10 been here since June 1st, and I have to say it's a
11 constant source of noise.

12 MR. OBER: If you're here after
13 the meeting, I'll give you my number.

14 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Okay.

15 MR. OBER: And if you get
16 something like that, call me and I'll pass it onto
17 John and get an answer for you.

18 MS. BRICKAJLIK: Okay. Thank
19 you.

20 MR. GRABOWSKI: Thank you,
21 ma'am.

22 (WITNESS EXCUSED.)

23 MR. GRABOWSKI: Anyone else on
24 the left side?

25 MR. BRICKAJLIK: (Indicating).

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1 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes, sir?

2 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Yes. My name
3 is Scott Brickajlik. I am the husband of Jean, 819
4 Forest Road.

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6 SCOTT BRICKAJLIK, having been
7 duly sworn, testified as follows:

8 MR. BRICKAJLIK: I just want to
9 reiterate what my wife stated. Besides the backup
10 beep, beep noise, we're also hearing a lot of the
11 tailgates on the dump trucks as they slam down once
12 the truck unloads, particularly on that very high
13 mound of dirt adjacent to Forest Road. I don't know
14 what that purpose is, but they're dumping something
15 out of the back of the dump trucks well past dark.
16 Way into the wee hours sometimes I hear the bump,
17 bump, bump. I've seen silhouettes of the trucks,
18 some trucks on the hill during moonlit nights. I
19 can't give you specifics. I'm not going to say
20 whether it was a Saturday or Sunday or Tuesday, but
21 numerous times well beyond the 12-hour window of
22 work hours, or whatever. What did we say, 6:00 to
23 7:00 p.m.?

24 MR. GRABOWSKI: 6:30 to 7:00.

25 MR. BRICKAJLIK: It's well

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1 beyond that time frame. So it's the beep, beep and
2 the slamming of the tailgate, the tail door.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: And what's your
4 address again on Forest Road?

5 MR. BRICKAJLIK: 819-B.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: 819?

7 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Forest Road.

8 We moved there in August. And just to reiterate
9 again, it's not just summertime. It's during cold
10 weather. And I've identified the sound of this back
11 of the dump truck because I would see the truck and
12 the silhouette from where we live up on the hill. I
13 can see it shaking the back of the truck to rid
14 itself of all the debris with the slamming of the
15 tail thing that goes back and forth. To me, that's
16 an industrial noise. It's beyond the hours, so --

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: And you've
18 actually seen that operation after 7:00?

19 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Yeah. The
20 silhouette of the truck on moonlit nights or
21 whatever.

22 MR. OBER: Mr. Brickajlik, the
23 silhouette of the truck is not in the quarry, is
24 it?

25 MR. BRICKAJLIK: In the quarry?

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1 MR. OBER: Yes, sir.

2 MR. BRICKAJLIK: It's on that
3 very silhouetted mound.

4 MR. OBER: And that's the part
5 outside the quarry where the topsoil is stored; am I
6 am right?

7 MR. BRICKAJLIK: It's within the
8 quarry fence. If it's outside the quarry, yes.
9 Outside the hole.

10 MR. OBER: Outside the quarry.

11 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Outside the
12 hole, yes.

13 MR. OBER: All right. You're
14 referring to the Blooming Glen Contractors activity,
15 I think, aren't you?

16 MR. BRICKAJLIK: I don't know.
17 It separates that way? You know more about that
18 than I.

19 MR. OBER: I think you are. I
20 think you're not talking about the quarry. I think
21 you're talking about something else.

22 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Okay.

23 MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah. But he
24 still has a concern that needs to be addressed. I
25 think that's what he's talking about.

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1 MR. OBER: And I'll check it
2 out.

3 MR. BRICKAJLIK: So if I
4 misidentified, I'm sorry, but I assume the beeping
5 sound is the quarry trucks backing up. Or is that
6 Blooming Glen Contractors?

7 MR. OBER: It is not, and I will
8 attempt to demonstrate that to you. Is there a time
9 during the week when you can come down and see what
10 happens down there?

11 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Sure.

12 MR. OBER: Okay. And I can get
13 you at the same number?

14 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Yes.

15 MR. OBER: Great.

16 MR. BRICKAJLIK: But I hear it
17 late at night; so I can't come down --

18 MR. OBER: I understand. I
19 think if we show you what's happening you'll see
20 that it's not the quarry. I think that's an
21 important distinction. Not to say that it's not a
22 concern. It needs to be addressed, but it's not the
23 quarry that's doing it. And I think if we take you
24 down you'll see what I mean.

25 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Okay. So the

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1 conclusion is that the noises we're referring to is
2 not the quarry?

3 MR. OBER: Yes, sir.

4 MR. BRICKAJLIK: Whether it be
5 the truck banging or that beep, beep backup?

6 MR. OBER: If it's after 7:00,
7 yeah.

8 Let me show it to you and then
9 you decide.

10 MR. BRICKAJLIK: I'm open to
11 it. Thank you.

12 MR. OBER: Thank you.

13 MS. GREENHALGH: Aren't you
14 referring to Forest Drive?

15 MR. GRABOWSKI: Judy, hold on a
16 minute. Let's let the stenographer get that on the
17 record.

18 MS. GREENHALGH: I'm referring
19 to noises. At Forest Road, aren't you?

20 MR. BRICKAJLIK: At our farm,
21 which is off of Forest Road.

22 MS. GREENHALGH: The contractors
23 is between Minsi and Blooming Glen, so that isn't
24 what he's referring to.

25 MR. OBER: Judy, there's no way

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1 that he can see a silhouette if a truck is down in
2 the hole, which leads me to think that it's the pile
3 over there. And if we go to look and if it isn't
4 and I'm wrong, you'll point out to me what it is and
5 then I'll be educated and then I can try to figure
6 out a solution to it.

7 MS. GREENHALGH: But that is at
8 the contractors, you're right. That is the noise
9 you hear there.

10 MR. OBER: Yeah. And we'll
11 figure out how to fix that, too.

12 MR. GRABOWSKI: Okay. Thank
13 you, sir.

14 (WITNESS EXCUSED.)

15 MR. GRABOWSKI: Anyone else on
16 my left?

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Can I just ask
18 Judy a question?

19 Judy, do you hear the same beep,
20 beeping and the backing up at your location as
21 opposed to the crusher?

22 MS. GREENHALGH: At the --

23 MR. GRABOWSKI: Judy, I'm
24 sorry. Let's get back up here so we can make sure
25 our stenographer can hear you.

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1 MS. GREENHALGH: Yes; at the
2 contractor's area at many different times.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: After 7:00 and on
4 Sundays?

5 MS. GREENHALGH: Yes;
6 definitely. That's when I tend to hear it. I hear
7 the maintenance sometimes over at the quarry. That
8 I know is maintenance. I know the difference,
9 because they have to do backup sounds, too. But the
10 contractor's area has really become loud. There
11 have been tires brought in there and dumped in there
12 that I've seen. There is noises with the bang,
13 bang, bang at night. There's a truck that runs --
14 sometimes it will run -- the other morning, the
15 truck was running and woke me up with the exhaust
16 for 45 minutes. There was a drilling thing there at
17 one time. I'm not sure what that was. That was on
18 a Saturday. That was during the daytime, however.
19 But there's a lot of different noises coming out of
20 that contractor's area that I did not hear before
21 the last couple of years, the last two years,
22 maybe. So, yes, I'm hearing those things late at
23 night and during the night, 2:00 in the morning
24 sometimes, because we sleep with our windows open
25 except in the summer. We have air conditioning.

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1 MR. CHAIRMAN: What are the
2 hours of operation for Blooming Glen Contractors?

3 MR. GRABOWSKI: We'll ask the
4 applicant.

5 MR. CHAIRMAN: What are the
6 hours for Blooming Glen Contractors?

7 MR. OBER: I don't know, Mr.
8 Bennington, but I'll find out.

9 MR. CHAIRMAN: Please.

10 MR. OBER: Sure.

11 MS. GREENHALGH: May I just say
12 something else?

13 MR. CHAIRMAN: Sure. Go ahead.

14 MS. GREENHALGH: Since we don't
15 know what the hours are for the contractors, then I
16 have a concern, because that area --

17 MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, I have a
18 concern, too. That's why I asked the question.

19 MS. GREENHALGH: That's zoned
20 quarry. That's zoned quarry.

21 MR. CHAIRMAN: That's why I
22 asked the question, Judy.

23 MS. GREENHALGH: Thank you.

24 MR. ANTUNES: (Indicating).

25 MR. GRABOWSKI: Okay. Mr.

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1 Antunes?

2 MR. ANTUNES: Mark Antunes, 932
3 Callowhill Road.

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5 MARK ANTUNES, having been duly
6 sworn, testified as follows:

7 MR. ANTUNES: I would like to
8 address my statements to everyone in the room plus
9 the Board. What we have here in this microcosm of
10 discourse is reflective of what has been said in an
11 ongoing fashion. We have citizens of the township
12 who bring forth information about quarry-related
13 activities that take place beyond the scope of the
14 hours that are permitted, and then we get into this
15 splitting hairs process. People talked about the
16 setbacks of the berms previously relative to the
17 quarry and Minsi Trail, and then people said, "Well,
18 look at the berms. They run right out to the
19 road."

20 "Uh-uh. That's across the
21 road. That's the contractors."

22 This whole thing becomes really
23 insulting to the residents of the township when you
24 say, "I'm on this side of the line. I operate this
25 way. Oops, I'm over here. Guess what? Those rules

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1 don't apply. When I'm over here, I'm under quarry
2 rules. When I'm over here, I'm under contractor
3 rules. Here I can make noise all day long. Here I
4 supposedly shut down."

5 I know I've heard people testify
6 that they've heard trucks warming up somewhere in
7 the vicinity of 4:00 in the morning. I know what it
8 takes to get a diesel engine running. You get them
9 running when it's cold, you keep them running, you
10 don't shut them down. Now, if all this is going on,
11 we are being burdened. We are being burdened as a
12 community, we are being burdened as taxpayers, we
13 are being burdened by this quarry that says it does
14 so much for the community, and at some point in time
15 Haines & Kibblehouse has a responsibility to step up
16 to the plate and look the citizens of this township
17 in the eye and say, "We're going to play by the
18 rules that we say we're going to play by; and that
19 applies to our contracting operation, that applies
20 to our cement trucks coming in, that applies to the
21 quarry operation. We're going to let you people
22 sleep at night, we're not going to wake you up at
23 4:00, we're not going to have delivery trucks going
24 down roads at 2:00 in the morning, as people on
25 Skunk Hollow Road experience, and we're going to do

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1 this thing right." And all I hear about is what
2 great neighbors Haines & Kibblehouse has been, and I
3 hear people over and over again talk about these
4 issues repeatedly. And if we as a community don't
5 have rules and regulations, then, by God, it's time
6 to get them in place and enforce them.

7 Thank you.

8 MR. CHAIRMAN: But you also have
9 to understand the point that Judy and I were saying,
10 that Blooming Glen Contractors is in the quarry zone
11 and applicable to the rules and regulations of the
12 quarry zone. So that's why we need to find out what
13 the hours of operation are of Blooming Glen
14 Contractors.

15 MR. GRABOWSKI: Okay.

16 MR. OBER: I have some questions
17 of Mr. Antunes, if I may.

18 Mr. Antunes, do you understand
19 that in a particular zoning district several
20 different uses may be permitted by right?

21 MR. ANTUNES: I understand
22 that.

23 MR. OBER: Do you understand
24 that for each of those uses there may very well be
25 different standards of zoning established by the

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1 Zoning Ordinance?

2 MR. ANTUNES: I understand that
3 as well.

4 MR. OBER: And do you understand
5 the standards set forth in the Zoning Ordinance for
6 quarries are different than those set forth for a
7 construction company?

8 MR. ANTUNES: I understand
9 that.

10 MR. OBER: Okay. Then I assume
11 you understand that the quarry may be limited to
12 7:00 to 6:00, or whatever those hours are, whereas
13 the contracting company may run 24 hours a day,
14 possibly? Do you understand that possibility?

15 MR. ANTUNES: Do you have valid
16 information that it runs that long?

17 MR. OBER: Do you understand
18 that distinction, Mr. Antunes?

19 MR. ANTUNES: I beg your pardon,
20 sir?

21 MR. OBER: Do you understand the
22 distinction?

23 MR. ANTUNES: Yes.

24 Do you understand my question?

25 MR. OBER: No, sir, I don't.

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1 MR. ANTUNES: Well, my question
2 is, if you're putting that out hypothetically, what
3 are the actual hours of operation that Blooming Glen
4 Contractors may operate heavy equipment?

5 MR. OBER: As I have told Mr.
6 Bennington, I will find out the hours that they're
7 operating. With regard to the requirements of the
8 Zoning Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance speaks for
9 itself; and if it says that there have been uses
10 which predate the date of zoning which have run 24
11 hours a day, then they have an absolute
12 constitutional right to continue to do so forever.
13 It's a law of this county and of this country.

14 MR. ANTUNES: And the operations
15 may continue to run unfettered regardless of how it
16 impacts people in that area or the environment?

17 MR. OBER: No, sir. I did not
18 say that.

19 MR. ANTUNES: Well, then what
20 are you saying, that they can continue unchecked?

21 MR. OBER: What I said is that
22 if, for example, a business is operating 24 hours a
23 day prior to the advent of zoning as it applies to
24 it, then it has the absolute right to continue to do
25 so.

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1 MR. ANTUNES: All right. Now
2 we're speaking hypothetically.

3 MR. OBER: No, sir. We're
4 speaking factually.

5 MR. ANTUNES: No. We're
6 speaking of Minsi Trail quarry, are we not, sir?

7 MR. OBER: No. At the moment, I
8 was speaking of the contractors. There's a
9 distinction there which you need to realize.

10 MR. ANTUNES: I realize that.

11 I would like to shift to
12 hypothetical question to the reality of Minsi
13 Trail. You have put this forth as an argument.

14 MR. OBER: To the quarry?

15 MR. ANTUNES: I understand that.

16 MR. OBER: To the quarry?

17 MR. ANTUNES: To the quarry.

18 MR. OBER: Okay.

19 MR. ANTUNES: And to the
20 contractors. So right now it's how many angels can
21 dance on the head of pin until we get to the
22 realistic parameters that exist there.

23 MR. OBER: Mr. Antunes, I'm not
24 dancing on the head of a pin.

25 MR. ANTUNES: I didn't say you

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1 were able.

2 MR. OBER: The fact is, sir,
3 that there is a difference between those two uses.

4 MR. ANTUNES: I understand.

5 MR. OBER: And they're regulated
6 differently by this Zoning Ordinance.

7 MR. ANTUNES: I grasp that.

8 MR. OBER: Thank you.

9 MR. ANTUNES: Do you grasp what
10 I'm looking for?

11 MR. OBER: I think that what you
12 would like would be for the contracting company and
13 the quarry to move to, probably, South Africa.

14 MS. BRICKAJLIK: That's not
15 fair. Okay? That's not fair. That's not a good
16 neighbor.

17 MR. GRABOWSKI: Hold on. Ma'am,
18 please. With our stenographer here, we can only
19 take one person at a time.

20 MR. ANTUNES: I'll be happy to
21 respond.

22 MR. GRABOWSKI: Well, before you
23 do, let me remind everyone. This is your time to
24 tell us how you feel. You can have an argument with
25 Mr. Ober during the break. We're not here to hear a

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1 debate. We're here to hear how you feel, and you're
2 using your time to argue with Mr. Ober. We know
3 what his answers are probably going to be, because
4 he is a paid advocate. We want to know how you
5 feel.

6 MR. ANTUNES: Excuse me. I
7 stated how I felt. I sat down. Mr. Ober then
8 opened the discussion. Your comment should be
9 directed to him, sir, because he then started to
10 launch questions at me.

11 MR. GRABOWSKI: Mr. Antunes --

12 MR. ANTUNES: I am perfectly
13 willing to make a statement about how I feel.

14 MR. GRABOWSKI: Mr. Antunes.

15 MR. ANTUNES: No. I would like
16 to make my statement now.

17 MR. GRABOWSKI: I'm not arguing
18 with you.

19 MR. ANTUNES: You're telling me
20 that I'm having an argument with him?

21 MR. GRABOWSKI: Mr. Antunes,
22 please.

23 MR. ANTUNES: He's the one that
24 started interjecting them to me.

25 MR. GRABOWSKI: Mr. Antunes,

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1 please. I don't want any arguments between anyone.
2 The Board wants to hear how the audience feels.

3 MR. ANTUNES: Then when I make a
4 statement, then it is not time for Mr. Ober to then
5 come back.

6 MR. GRABOWSKI: Fine, fine.

7 MR. ANTUNES: I would suggest
8 you deal with Mr. Ober with this situation. I did
9 not start the secondary process.

10 MR. GRABOWSKI: I am fully
11 capable of dealing with Mr. Ober when the time is
12 appropriate, but right now --

13 MR. ANTUNES: What is --

14 MR. GRABOWSKI: Sir, you've been
15 up for ten minutes. I don't want to waste other
16 people's time and give them an opportunity to talk.
17 Do you understand what I'm saying?

18 MR. ANTUNES: I understand what
19 I'm saying.

20 MR. GRABOWSKI: No. Do you
21 understand what I'm saying?

22 MR. ANTUNES: I understand what
23 you are saying.

24 Do you understand what
25 transpired here? I sat down. I'd made my

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1 statement.

2 MR. GRABOWSKI: I understand
3 that. What I'm saying is no more debate, no more
4 arguing by either side.

5 MR. ANTUNES: Thank you.

6 MR. GRABOWSKI: And I hope I
7 didn't cut you off. Did you have anything more that
8 you wanted to say?

9 MR. ANTUNES: Yes. I would like
10 people to be able to make a statement here and then
11 not be pulled into something and then be admonished
12 for being pulled into it. That's not my fault.

13 MR. GRABOWSKI: No; and I'll
14 take the blame for that, or I should take the
15 blame. I will not allow that to happen again
16 tonight.

17 MR. ANTUNES: Thank you, sir.

18 MR. GRABOWSKI: Thank you, Mr.
19 Antunes.

20 (WITNESS EXCUSED.)

21 MR. DRILL: (Indicating).

22 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes, sir? Way
23 in the back, come on up.

24 MR. DRILL: My name is Walter
25 Drill, and I live at 2515 Hilltown Pike.

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WALTER DRILL, having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

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MR. DRILL: My concern is about the long-term water deprivation, as I see it. Mr. Hirschfeld presented a geohydrology report, but it just doesn't make common sense to me that he feels that there would be so few wells that will go dry in the next 50 to 100 years with the expansion of the Blooming Glen Quarry. And he really didn't study the area that's near Blooming Glen Road where, ironically, ten wells went dry. They went down 100 feet and wells went dry. They went down 200 feet and wells went dry. Now they want to go down another 100 feet, and his study says by computer models that there's going to be very few or it's not going to impact the community. And I just can't understand it from a common sensible point of view how those wells could all go dry and in the next 50 years there will be a few wells. And he didn't seem that concerned about it. And I would suggest to the Board that possibly an objective geohydrology report based on statistics or whatever studies be done by a company other than that employed by Haines & Kibblehouse for both quarries, because I think it's

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1 going to be in the future an ecological disaster in
2 this community. I really do.

3 The amount of water that's being
4 used by this organization is more than is used by
5 the whole township every day, and it just blows my
6 mind away that that goes on day after day after day
7 and how it can go on. And according to Mr.
8 Hirschfeld, it's water that's been there forever and
9 will be there forever; but with wells going dry, I
10 just don't see it that way. I'm just concerned
11 about the water issue.

12 So just as a thought, maybe
13 another geohydrology report might help or might put
14 people's minds at ease, especially for people whose
15 wells have gone dry, who their properties, true,
16 will be worth nothing if they have no water.

17 So that's my concern. Thank
18 you.

19 MR. GRABOWSKI: Thank you, Mr.
20 Drill.

21 (WITNESS EXCUSED.)

22 MR. GRABOWSKI: Anyone else on
23 my left?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. GRABOWSKI: Okay. Let's go

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1 over to the right side.

2 MS. BRADY: (Indicating).

3 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes, ma'am?

4 MS. BRADY: Vicky Brady, 135

5 Broad Street.

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7 VICKY BRADY, having been duly
8 sworn, testified as follows:

9 MS. BRADY: In regards to the
10 hours of operation, this happened to me a few
11 times. I don't know if it's happened to anyone else
12 where in the middle of the night I would hear the
13 backing up, the beeping. I'm like, okay, they're
14 doing something back there. I called over there one
15 time, and I think they told me that they were
16 working for PENNDOT or somebody and they probably
17 would be for the next few nights. I don't know. Is
18 this true or am I dreaming, you know? And that, you
19 know, just to expect it for the next few nights; and
20 that when they have a PENNDOT contract, that they're
21 allowed to work 24/7. Now, I mean, that's okay if
22 it's a few nights like that, but, I mean, supposing
23 they're doing something that's weeks and weeks. Can
24 they really go 24/7 because it's a State project?
25 I'm concerned with that kind of activity. Like they

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1 were saying, at nighttime or in the summer when
2 you're trying to sleep. And I don't want to have to
3 listen to that, you know, for weeks on end. So a
4 limited period of time I can understand. I mean, I
5 don't know what you can do, but I just don't think
6 it should be allowed that --

7 MR. GRABOWSKI: And you're
8 speaking of the Skunk Hollow Quarry?

9 MS. BRADY: Skunk Hollow. Oh,
10 I'm sorry. Oh, God, that was the wrong quarry.

11 MR. GRABOWSKI: That's okay.
12 Just so we have the right one on the record.

13 MS. BRADY: I guess what I was
14 when they were saying they were hearing noises at
15 night, I was thinking maybe they were the same noises
16 I heard, like maybe they were doing a State road or
17 something and they were working in the middle of the
18 night.

19 Sorry.

20 MR. GRABOWSKI: That's okay.
21 That's okay.

22 Thank you.

23 (WITNESS EXCUSED.)

24 MR. GRABOWSKI: Next?

25 MR. GODEK: (Indicating).

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1 MR. GRABOWSKI: Mr. Godek?

2 MR. GODEK: Bill Godek.

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4 WILLIAM GODEK, having been duly
5 affirmed, testified as follows:

6 MR. GODEK: My statement is
7 concerning we have a Zoning Ordinance that everyone
8 is supposed to abide by, and we were mentioning that
9 the category was called contracting, which under
10 this Section, 405, is considered G-5, which under
11 the table heading of Quarry has a permitted use as
12 the letter capital N. So I don't understand how
13 that can be permitted in an area in our Township if
14 that's the category under which it comes under.

15 MR. GRABOWSKI: Okay. Thank
16 you.

17 MR. GODEK: Thank you.

18 (WITNESS EXCUSED.)

19 MR. GRABOWSKI: Next? I see
20 that's the row where the Rosses are. We're not
21 going to necessarily hear from Mr. Ross again.

22 MS. KEERS: (Indicating).

23 MR. GRABOWSKI: Yes, Mrs.
24 Keers.

25 MS. KEERS: Lesley Keers, 529

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1 Skunk Hollow Road.

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3 LESLEY KEERS, having been duly
4 sworn, testified as follows:

5 MS. KEERS: There's been a lot
6 of concern about a lot of different issues that the
7 quarry impacts. There's been traffic, there's been
8 water, there's been damage from blasting, there's
9 been a great deal of things, and I think the problem
10 to a certain extent for any homeowner is that,
11 basically speaking, you can say, okay, this is a
12 problem that the quarry has caused, but if you
13 cannot prove it -- and the burden of proof is always
14 on the homeowner. In a lot of these issues, to
15 prove something like that the cost is tremendous.
16 I'm talking about specialists, I'm talking about
17 consultants, I'm talking about lawyers, and you're
18 talking about huge money, absolutely enormous. So I
19 think for the normal homeowner you're not going to
20 have anybody come up against "the quarry." You're
21 not going to have them come up against a big
22 business, because they cannot afford to. Maybe if
23 you make a million a year you can, but I don't think
24 that that's the average person in this township. I
25 also think that, basically speaking, the zoning says

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1 that you have to give a certain percentage to the
2 quarries, to industry, to this, to that, and
3 Hilltown Township has given and given and given.
4 And now they say they want more, but we're not
5 required to give them any more. We're not required
6 to expand their lands, their hours, or anything
7 else. Zoning says that they have to have a
8 resource, but it doesn't necessarily have to come
9 from this township. And looking at, let's say,
10 stone for the area, it's not just our township or
11 our quarries or what we can produce but what the
12 community on a whole can produce. And we are
13 surrounded by quarries. I don't think that there is
14 really, truly a need for additional land to be put
15 aside for them. I think that, basically speaking,
16 in terms of the damage they do in water, removing,
17 basically, infiltration area, they say that, you
18 know, the water is there and that, basically
19 speaking, you know, it's been there. We're right.
20 We can only reinfiltrate X amount of inches per
21 year. And per acre when you talk about
22 reinfiltration, it is very, very small. Water in
23 the ground is finite, and we will run out. And I
24 think that, basically speaking, if we just continue
25 to allow them to expand and continue the way they

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1 are, that we are going to regret it 100 years down
2 the road.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. GRABOWSKI: Thank you, Mrs.
5 Keers.

6 (WITNESS EXCUSED.)

7 MR. GRABOWSKI: Next? Anyone
8 else?

9 MR. BRADY: (Indicating).

10 MR. GRABOWSKI: Mr. Brady?

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12 JOSEPH BRADY, having been duly
13 sworn, testified as follows:

14 MR. BRADY: Yeah. I'd just like
15 to make a statement.

16 You know, we've been involved, a
17 lot of us here, for years with the quarry. I know
18 it's in the '80s, middle '80s, late '80s they had
19 some issues when they were moving some of the plant
20 over to Skunk Hollow. So I attended some meetings
21 at that point. And we had, you know, water
22 specialists, we had traffic specialists and all
23 presented by the quarry at that time, too. We had
24 vibrations specialists, and I know myself and Mr.
25 Godek and a few people were concerned about the

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1 water at that time and we were concerned about the
2 vibrations with damages in our houses. And,
3 basically, there was statements made, and we made
4 comments off to the side, we talked to some of these
5 specialists about our concerns, and, really, we were
6 told, no doubt about it, that there would not be a
7 water issue over in our area for, you know, our
8 lifetime. It wouldn't exist. We were told the
9 vibrations, there's no way that they could damage,
10 that they were at a certain frequency that didn't
11 damage our properties. Now it's ten, fifteen years
12 later and we find out that, yes, there are water
13 issues much earlier than anyone suspected, there are
14 potentially damages that can be done from
15 vibrations, they have to check it out and see; but
16 this was not on the table when we talked back
17 there.

18 So here we are at another
19 point. We're getting another set of experts here,
20 and they're making their projections about what's
21 going to happen in ten or fifteen years. My
22 experience is they weren't so accurate these last
23 ten or fifteen years. And I really question how
24 accurate they can be now, because I don't see the
25 verification. I don't see anybody standing up here

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1 and saying, yes, we know for sure 15 years down the
2 road it will be this way, no doubt about it. And
3 like everyone here is saying, the repercussions of
4 that, the lack of -- you know, I guess particularly
5 the water, if we're wrong, if these projections are
6 wrong and we lose our water around here, like
7 everyone said, there's just no recovering that
8 water, you know, we've messed up. And we as people,
9 you know, you as our representatives, we really have
10 to make sure we get this right. We can't, you
11 know -- you know, I don't want to, you know, be up
12 here, you know, all worried about something. We're
13 going to have to make sure we get it right, because
14 I don't believe they got it right the last time. I
15 don't believe they got it right on the water
16 projections, and I don't believe they got it right
17 on the vibrations from 15 years ago. You know, we
18 have to make sure it's right this time, and we have
19 to do the right thing. You know, if we mess up,
20 it's a big mess-up.

21 So that's my statement.

22 MR. GRABOWSKI: Thank you, Mr.
23 Brady.

24 (WITNESS EXCUSED.)

25 MR. GRABOWSKI: Anyone else?

AUDIENCE TESTIMONY

1 (No response.)

2 MR. GRABOWSKI: Now is your
3 time.

4 Anyone else in the entire
5 audience who hasn't had an opportunity?

6 (No response.)

7 MR. GRABOWSKI: Okay. With
8 that, that I believe concludes the discussion and
9 the testimony and the sworn statements regarding the
10 Blooming Glen Quarry. We will adjourn for the
11 evening. We will reconvene Wednesday, February the
12 18th at the Citadel Middle School to start again on
13 testimony regarding the Skunk Hollow.

14 And I anticipate, Mr. Ober,
15 correct me if I'm not correct, that the testimony
16 that night will also be traffic?

17 MR. OBER: Yeah. And I think
18 we'll have Mr. Newton here. Yeah.

19 MR. CHAIRMAN: That will be
20 traffic and then question and answers and statements
21 at that point in time?

22 MR. GRABOWSKI: No. Traffic
23 that night. March will be statements. We'll have
24 questions of the witness that night.

25 MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I just

AUDIENCE TESTIMONY

1 want to make sure so that people know not to come
2 back until March if they're going to be able to not
3 make statements at the February meeting.

4 MR. GRABOWSKI: Well, we
5 certainly want them to all come out.

6 MR. CHAIRMAN: No. I
7 understand.

8 MR. GRABOWSKI: I understand
9 what you're saying, Mr. Bennington.

10 All right. With that, we're all
11 going to get home at an early hour for a change.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What's
13 the date of the March meeting?

14 MR. GRABOWSKI: The March
15 meeting has not been officially scheduled. We will
16 announce that by newspaper.

17 Thank you all for coming out.
18 Drive carefully.

19 (Whereupon, the hearing
20 concluded at 8:20 p.m.)

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