

ROCKHILL QUARRY UPDATE MARCH 14 2018 MEETING, EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP

WHAT HAPPENED:

Hundreds of concerned residents attended the hearing, a much larger turn-out than was expected or planned for. Despite multiple objections from residents, township officials agreed to Pierson's attorney's request to adjourn the hearing. Residents expressed concerns that this is a delay tactic to discourage opposition to their operations. Pierson and crew gave an off-the-record presentation about planned quarry and asphalt plant operations. Residents asked questions and "vented" their concerns which included: destruction of our roads, our environment and our quality of life - unbearable noise for extended hours, dangerous road conditions from truck traffic, offensive asphalt odors, devastating financial losses to property values and ability to sell properties.

WHAT WE LEARNED

The meeting turned into a dog and pony show for Pierson and his crew to tell the residents exactly how it is going to be. Residents were *horrified* at what they heard.....

- Pierson's position is that he does not need to comply with the following zoning requirements because it is an existing operation in which no new structures will be added. He is appealing requirements for: buffering, smoke, sewage & industrial waste disposal, fumes, water supply and storm drainage, air pollution, water pollution, noise, fire hazards, other safety hazards.
- Quarry operations could be 10 hours a day from 7am until 5pm, weekdays *and* Saturdays.
- Pierson also plans to start up an asphalt plant on the quarry site.
- **UP TO **150** 40-TON TRIAXLE DUMP TRUCKS WILL BE DRIVING UP AND DOWN OUR QUIET, NARROW, SCENIC, RESIDENTIAL COUNTRY ROADS TO TRANSPORT STONE 6 DAYS A WEEK, 10 HOURS A DAY!!!** That does not include, return trips or asphalt trucks.
- **Traffic studies are not yet complete - the roads they ultimately choose could be YOURS!!!** TRUCK TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED TO START AT THE END OF APRIL.
- Pierson signed a 10 year lease with property owner, Hanson Properties, and plans to be the premier supplier of stone and asphalt for the entire region!

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW!

- We URGENTLY need to come together in full force to stop the destruction of our community and our lives!
- Display "STOP THE QUARRY" signs on your property, available for \$5 from stopthequarrynow@yahoo.com
- Submit complaints online to East Rockhill Township and DEP
- Submit editorials to local newspapers
- Contact your local and state representatives
- Sign the petition at <https://www.change.org/p/residents-of-rockhill-township-stop-the-reopening-of-the-rockhill-quarry>

Links to above sites and other useful information can be found at <http://www.eastrockhillcc.com>

COME TO ALL ROCKHILL QUARRY AND ASPHALT PLANT ZONING HEARINGS
Don't give up! Spread the word! Next hearing is

APRIL 25, 2018 at 6pm
Pennridge High School, 1228 N. 5th St, Perkasio
Room LGI 3.3

THIS HEARING ALSO INCLUDES PIERSON'S ASPHALT PLANT APPLICATION!

WE NEED EVERYONE TO ATTEND AND URGE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO ALSO ATTEND

At the hearing, give your name for "party status" and make your voices heard!