

WHEREAS, the Medina 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 Medina Township provide valuable nutrients to our local vegetation and an aesthetically pleasing environment for our local residents;

WHEREAS, preserving these valuable hydrologic features of Medina Township help to ensure that residents of Medina 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 Medina Township and Medina County to secure mineral rights for natural gas and petroleum contained deep underground in the bedrock below Medina 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 are vested in the overall health of Medina 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 cites;

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

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

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

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

*R. J. J. J.*

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