

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Special Meeting

July 17, 2013

A special meeting with the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 7:00 pm. and Planning Commission Chair Simons at 7:01 pm.

Also present was approximately 50 guests.

Guest Speaker Liz Kirkwood-FLOW

New Business

Gas and Oil Drilling (fracking)

A power point presentation explaining the process of fracking was given by Liz Kirkwood from FLOW, the boards then took question from the public and Board members.

Kirkwood informed the public and boards that fracking cannot be stopped but presented some insight on how townships can help to protect the residents by having ordinances in place to control, for instance Hours of Operation, dust and noise control, regulations on truck hauling routes, use of roads and other stipulations.

Public Comments

Sherry Moore 6th Street suggested we watch Gasland and stated we have other options to solve the problem.

Kathryn Welcher M-89 had concerns on contamination, effects on animals, loss of property values and pollution, as well as the great amount of water use.

Lorna Foster M-89 questioned if your neighbor signed and you chose not to sign and your land is contaminated who is responsible for the cleanup.

Roberts Krause 110th Street has concerns on contamination of wells and pollution, regulation and bonding. He also questioned who was Dash Oil?

Judge Cronin questioned history of explosions or fires in the wells and how far can drilling move laterally.

Bill Hale 4th Street stated that he did not sign and was opposed to the project.

Amy Hamilton Miller Road question what the townships position was on the project and do we have a moratorium?

Jim and Pat Ferguson 6th Street stated that they are concerned with the air quality and the amount of water being pulled from our aquifers.

Allegan County Commissioners Don Black stated that he will request that Gun Plain Township will be notified by the County Clerk when and if any permits are issued.

John Stevens 110th Ave. stated that we need to work on regulations of the environment.

Vandenberg reminded the boards and public that our next meeting will be on August 21, 2013 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Horton seconded. Motion carried.