

CONSIDERATION OF ANDERSON TOWNSHIP MINE PROPOSAL EXTENDED TO INCLUDE MORE HEARINGS

Village officials attended the November 6, 2008 and November 19, 2008 Anderson Township Board of Zoning Appeals (ATBZA) hearings regarding a request for a conditional use permit and related variances required to allow Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. to operate a deep limestone mine in the vicinity of Round Bottom Road and Broadwell Road in Anderson Township. These hearings, which were continuations of several earlier hearings, each lasted at least 5 hours, and the ATBZA adjourned still not having completed the proponent testimony from Martin Marietta Materials.

The November 6th meeting involved testimony by Martin Marietta expert witnesses on the above ground processing operation and site hydrology, and cross examination by attorneys representing the neighboring communities of the Village of Indian Hill, Terrace Park, Newtown, and attorneys representing residents of Anderson Township. The November 19th hearing was mainly dedicated to continued testimony by the applicant's hydrology expert, proponent testimony by Little Miami Incorporated, and cross examination. The meeting was adjourned with Martin Marietta still scheduled to put on 4-5 more expert witnesses before any opposing testimony will be considered by the ATBZA.

The ATBZA has set four additional hearing dates in order to hear the rest of the Martin Marietta presentation, other proponent testimony, and opponent testimony. Given the level of interest in the case, and the pace of the presentations and cross examinations, it is anticipated that a decision on the requests will not be made until sometime early in the 2009. The additional hearing dates are December 4, 2008 (8:00 p.m.), December 17, 2008 (3:00 p.m.), January 8, 2009 (5:30 p.m.), and January 21, 2009 (5:30 p.m.). All the ATBZA meetings are held in the Anderson Center, 7850 Five Mile Road, Anderson Township 45230.

Village officials and our legal counsel will continue to attend the hearings and express our concerns about noise, truck traffic, light pollution, and dust pollution. We will also continue to advise residents of the status of the case and any related Village actions in direct mailings to south Indian Hill neighborhoods, future Bulletin articles, and on the Village webpage: www.ihill.org.

Any questions about the current status of the case may be directed to the City Manager's office, 561-6500.