

Buckingham Township Civic Association Resolution, Marcellus Shale Drilling

Whereas the Buckingham Township Civic Association was founded in part to preserve and improve Buckingham Township as an agricultural and rural residential community, to study problems affecting the welfare of Buckingham Township, and to disseminate information and knowledge thereby derived to the citizens of said Township;

Whereas the Buckingham Township Civic Association has long advocated for land preservation, clean air and water, the wise use of natural resources, and a healthy environment for the citizens of Buckingham;

Whereas the Board of the Buckingham Township Civic Association has studied the impact of hydraulic fracturing and is gravely concerned about the risks that it poses to human health and the environment;

Whereas in May 2011, under the direction of President Barack Obama, Secretary of Energy Steven Chu appointed a panel of seven scientific and environmental experts to study the method of natural gas extraction known as hydraulic fracturing and to make recommendations about how it can be done more cleanly and more safely;

Whereas in March 2011, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett established the Marcellus Shale Commission to study the impact of natural gas drilling and to report on its safety and to make recommendations about the development and regulation of the industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Buckingham Township Civic Association supports an absolute moratorium on any drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale until:

(1) the above studies conclude that hydraulic fracturing and extraction can be conducted without risk to the health of the citizens of Pennsylvania and the quality of our environment, including but not limited to our ground water and our rivers, and

(2) legislation is passed regulating hydraulic fracturing to ensure that it is done in a safe manner for the public, the workers conducting the drilling, and the environment; regulations are in place to bind the industry to use best practices; government agencies are adequately staffed to monitor compliance and to test for contamination; a complaint and enforcement procedure is established; and the industry is responsible for rectifying and compensating for any damage it causes to the public health and the environment.

This is to certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Board of the Buckingham Township Civic Association on the ___20th___ day of June 2011.

Jan Tompkins, President.