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Penn Township Commissioners Take Proactive Measures to the Protect Community

In March of 2018, Protect PT, a citizen organization working to ensure the community's health, safety, and quality of life from the effects of unconventional gas development submitted public comment on the proposed Zoning Resolution, Chapter 190, Zoning, Standards for the Location of Injection Wells within the Township. The Penn Township Commissioners incorporated these comments into the ordinance giving the constitutional rights and welfare of citizens the most protection possible under the current law.

Penn Township Commissioners took comments from the previous public hearing and implemented changes based on those comments which strengthen the performance standards in the ordinance language. This will ensure that future operators in Penn Township will have a clear understanding of what is expected in order to conduct business in the Township.

"These common-sense additions not only protect the community from environmental and nuisance impacts but also save the township time and money in the long run," said Gillian Graber, Executive Director of Protect PT.

Beth Jamison, president of the organization and township resident, said *"It is the duty of the Commissioners to protect residents from harm and abide by the Pennsylvania Constitution which states that, people have a right to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic values of the environment."*

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