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West Bay Exploration Company "intends to conduct well completion beginning in early May"

West Bay Exploration Company has indicated through its attorney that it, "intends to conduct well completion and testing operations on the Nino Homes 1-6 Well beginning in early May."

The letter, dated April 30, is the first formal information the Charter Township of Shelby has received from West Bay Exploration on its intentions to pursue operations at the well site located near 25 Mile and Dequindre roads.

"The Shelby Township Board of Trustees has long maintained that the proper way for West Bay Exploration Co. to communicate and coordinate with our residents is through a public hearing with our Board of Trustees at one of its regularly scheduled, televised meetings," Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis said.

"It is unfortunate that West Bay Exploration chose to move forward without acknowledging the township's repeated requests for such a hearing, but I feel secure that our ordinances are in place and ready to address this issue."

The Shelby Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adopt amendments to the township's zoning ordinances to include multiple changes regulating oil and gas drilling and processing at its April 7 meeting.

Following the advice of Township Attorney Rob Huth, environmental attorney Jim Olson and Christopher Grobbel of Grobbel Environmental & Planning Associates, the Board adopted amendments that assure that activities that state law permits the township to regulate are located in appropriate zoning districts and operated based on an accepted standard to alleviate the potential for nuisances to any adjoining residential neighborhoods.

In an April 27, 2015 letter to residents in the area, West Bay Exploration Vice President Patrick Gibson stated that the plans to return to the Shelby Township well site were coordinated and outlined through meetings with residents in the area and State Representative Peter Lucido.

Per Shelby Township's zoning ordinances regarding hydrocarbon exploration, and related activities, Township Attorney Rob Huth informed West Bay that Shelby Township will exercise its, "constitutional mandate to protect public health, safety, and welfare of the residents and the environment."

Shelby Township first formally requested that West Bay Exploration appear before a public hearing in a letter dated Dec. 16, 2014. In that letter, Huth informed West Bay Exploration's attorney that the Board could consider a request at a public hearing on Jan. 6, 2015 or Jan. 20, 2016. West Bay declined to appear at a Township Board Meeting.

"West Bay claims that the next step is to see if there is enough oil at this site to make it economically viable to pursue production," Huth said. "Shelby Township and its Board of Trustees remain steadfast in its message to West Bay Exploration that, if they desire to pursue this well, they cannot do so without first addressing our residents and our Board of Trustees."

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