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Supervisor Update

I hope this message finds you and your family well. I want to take a moment to share an important update on something that affects us all, the proposed mining project in our township, and the steps we're taking to make sure every decision we make is grounded in facts, transparency, and what's best for our community.

On July 8, 2025, we held the first meeting of our Fact-Finding Committee. I formed this committee to help us take a thoughtful and honest look at how this proposal might impact Springfield Township. I believe the people who live here deserve more than just top-down decisions. You deserve to be part of the conversation when decisions are made. Your questions and comments for the supervisor can be sent to Supervisor@springfield-twp.us

Joining me at the table were:

- Gerry Fisher, our Special Counsel for the proposal
- Kevin Sclesky, Township Board Trustee and Planning Commissioner
- Stephanie Nahas, Community Resident
- Kara Okenewski, Community Resident
- Jason Mayer, Planning Consultant with Giffels Webster
- Joshua Schuyler, Operations Manager at Atlas Environmental
- And myself, Ric Davis, your Township Supervisor

During this first meeting, we interviewed Mr. Schuyler to learn more about Atlas Environmental and whether they could help us gather the expert insight we need. Our focus wasn't on making any decisions that day. It was about asking the right questions and beginning an honest, informed process. Stephanie and Kara came with a thoughtful list of questions, and I made sure every one of them was asked. Kevin, Gerry, and I added more questions of our own, and we had an open and respectful discussion that lasted about an hour and a half.

At the conclusion of the interview, we asked Mr. Schuyler to prepare and submit a proposal based on the discussion and the specific needs we outlined. He agreed to provide that proposal within the next 7-10 days. This will allow the committee to carefully review the scope of services, proposed methods, and overall fit before moving forward with any recommendations.

After the interview, the committee members stayed behind to share our impressions. I was especially encouraged by the feedback from Stephanie and Kara, who both said they appreciated being included. They agreed that decisions must be made based on fact, not emotions. Kara had numerous questions about the levy proposal, which she thoroughly discussed during the meeting. I asked her to send me a written version of the levy proposal along with her questions. I will be uploading that document for public review within the next couple of days, along with a response from the levy company. That is what this is all about, working together, openly and respectfully, to protect the place we all call home.

We will continue reviewing Atlas Environmental and what they may be able to offer as we move forward in our fact finding work. If you would like to learn more about them, you can visit their website at <https://www.oneatlas.com>.

As your Supervisor, I want you to know that I'm committed to making sure this process stays transparent, fair, and focused on the long term good of our township. This is not just about one decision. It is about setting the tone for how we lead by listening, including people, and doing the hard work to get things right.

I will continue to keep you informed as we move through this process. In the meantime, if you have questions or ideas, I hope you will reach out. Our community is stronger when we work together.

Respectfully,

Ric Davis

Springfield Township Supervisor