Subject: Request to Reopen Mining Ordinance Public Comment Form
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Dear Springfield Township Board,

I noticed the mining ordinance is once again not on this month's agenda. If the ordinance is still being worked on, I think this is a good opportunity to give residents some additional time to participate in the process. Reopening the form would not delay the ordinance or require the Board to take any action on the ordinance itself right now. It would simply provide residents with an accessible way to continue submitting comments while the review is ongoing.

The last public comment period was open for *only five days*.

Considering the significance and impact of this ordinance, five days was not enough time for many residents to read through it, understand the proposed changes, and provide meaningful feedback.

If the Township took the time to create an online public comment form specifically to gather resident feedback on the mining ordinance, why not keep it available while the ordinance is still being reviewed?

Will you make a motion at Thursday's meeting to reopen the online public comment form in the interest of public participation and transparency?

Sincerely,
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