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THE BARKEYVILLE HAWBAKER ASPHALT PLANT

(DEP Plan Approval # 61-210A - Glen O. Hawbaker, Inc. — Barkeyville Plant, 1041 Stevenson Road, Grove City, PA 16127)

February 20, 2007, Venango County Planning Commission Meeting

A Zoning Permit was granted to the Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. asphalt manufacturing company by Gary Dovey, Barkeyville Borough Zoning Officer and employee of the Oil Region Alliance, on December 31, 2006. The asphalt plant was thereby given the permission to construct the plant in the Barkeyville Borough Industrial Park, and to begin operation as soon as it can be constructed and gain the necessary DEP permits. The Industrial Park land is owned by the Oil Region Alliance. Approximately 25 acres is intended to be sold to the Hawbaker company for their asphalt facility.

The plant's DEP documents reveal that the plant is expected to be quite large - equivalent to having eight of the current Grove City Asphalt Plants located in the borough of Barkeyville, population 237. According to Hawbaker's January, 2007 newsletter, it is a coal-burning plant. Its expected asphalt production capacity is about 560,000 tons per year. This level of production will increase truck traffic through Barkeyville to the extent that there will be one additional truck passing through the Borough every fifteen seconds. When the truck traffic from Team Hardinger (another Industrial Park entity) is added to this scenario, diesel emissions in Barkeyville can be expected to skyrocket. Diesel emissions are more toxic than all Hazardous Air Pollutants combined.

In addition to the heavy diesel toxins that will be added to the Barkeyville area's air, we can also expect the following annual levels of emissions from the Hawbaker facility, according to DEP documents:

- 29.41 tons of NO_x (nitrogen oxides, also known as smog)
- 91.87 tons of Sulfur emissions
- 11.48 tons of Volatile Organic Compounds - known cancer causing agents
- 37.8 tons of Carbon Monoxide - a deadly gas that kills people when their furnaces don't vent
- 17.77 tons of PM₁₀, particulate matter, also known as soot
- 21.75 tons of PM (presumably 2.5 - it isn't clear in Hawbaker's DEP application which it is)
- 2.13 tons of Hazardous Air Pollutants

It should be obvious why this is a problem. The people of Barkeyville had the foresight and wisdom to write into their Zoning Ordinance restrictions against any business operations that produce air pollution:

302 DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR ANY BUSINESS USE:

302.1 Provisions of Use: Any permitted principal and/or accessory business use shall be subject to the

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following regulations:

(5) It shall not emit any noxious, toxic or corrosive fumes or gases nor shall it emit any offensive odors.

303 DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR ANY INDUSTRIAL USE:

(5) It shall not emit any noxious, toxic or corrosive fumes or gases nor shall it emit any offensive odors.

606 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS: No use, land or structure in any district shall involve any element or cause any condition that may be dangerous, injurious, or noxious to any other property or person in the Borough. Furthermore, every use of land or structure in any district must observe the following performance requirements:

606.6 AIR POLLUTION: No pollution of air by fly-ash, dust, vapors or other substances shall be permitted which is harmful to health, or to animals, vegetation or other property.

QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED:

- 1) How can the Hawbaker permit be considered legal when it clearly violates zoning ordinances?
- 2) Why has there not been a traffic and diesel emission study recommended or conducted?
- 3) Why has there not been an environmental impact statement recommended or conducted?

Clearly, this project must not move forward until these questions have been answered and these issues addressed. To allow the Hawbaker asphalt plant to be constructed and operated without first addressing these concerns constitutes a grave, abusive and unacceptable disservice to the people of Barkeyville and the surrounding communities.