

Fredenberg Township Study Committee for Extractive Use

Section 1 Introduction

On November 10, 2020 the Fredenberg Township Board approved the establishment of a Study Committee for Extractive Use Ordinance, made up of residents without restriction, who would provide additional perspective beyond information already obtained from the recently completed ARDC Town of Fredenberg – Community Vision report. Upon issuance and acceptance of responses to the associated application, see attachment [1.1](#), the team of individuals, see attachment [1.2](#), was formed and initially assembled, via a zoom call, on December 7, 2020.

As a means to set a framework and basis for the team’s efforts associated with this undertaking the group held conversations regarding the scope and general approach to be used with an emphasis on what was stated within the Application for Service of the Study Committee for Extractive Use Ordinance. In summary the core of the application and associated effort can be broken down as follows:

- Request
 - Assist the Fredenberg Township Board to further study the issues of extractive use in Fredenberg
 - Determine whether Fredenberg Township should adopt regulations on extractive use that are more strict than those imposed by the St. Louis County (SLC) Ordinance Number 62
- Scope
 - Review and compare other township ordinances vs the SLC ordinance, as well as state statutes and rules regarding extractive uses
- Objective
 - Determine to what extent regulations imposed by SLC are insufficient (meaning do not meet the need) to protect (meaning to shield from exposure, injury or damage) the interests of Fredenberg Township and its residents
 - Identify regulations imposed by other communities that may assist (could be applied) within Fredenberg Township to better protect the township and its residents
- Deliverable
 - File a report with the Study Committees’ findings and make recommendations regarding options to avoid or reduce the potential negative impacts of extractive uses on neighboring properties, public infrastructure, other uses and the community in general

The overall efforts of the study committee were structured to look at the extractive use from a life cycle process with emphasis on ordinance requirements, permitting considerations, administrative obligations and enforcement follow up.