

Mine Comment received 10/25/18

Hello to all involved. My name is Jesse Blodgett. I am a Howard township resident located on county road N near the projected sand mine project area.

I attended the Oct meeting about the sand mine. Threw that meeting I heard and learned what almost seemed to be a one sided pole of opinions about the sand mine and what there purpose was. Both my wife and I felt that the meeting did only one thing and that was to tell everyone the negative affects of the mine.

I'm writing this mainly to say that we are are in support of the mine project. A lot of people feel that the mine only benefits the people directly involved in the mine operations. Not only does the mine give jobs for the people directly involved and boost the township revenue it greatly boost surrounding business opportunities. Both myself and my wife are small business owners. My wife's business involves working with equine and other farm animals and in the last few years with the other sand mines in the area helping out the economy Her business has strived due to people are able to spend the money on care for there animals and increase there herds. I have a local heavy duty repair business that has seen a huge increase of business due to the mines in repairs to trucking equipment, plant equipment, and mining equipment. And in the big aspect of things we also seen a big increase of revenue from railroad equipment used to haul the sand and trucks that are working out of state on the wells where the frac sand is being used.

I feel that a lot of the people that are against the mine in the town of Howard look at things threw blinders and don't really take into considerations how far down the line this sand mines boost the total economy threw out the entire country let alone the local boost.

We are in full support of everything u guys have done to get the project to this point and will continue supporting the project threw out its life span.

Thank U for taking the time to read this.

Jesse Blodgett

Comments received 10/29/18

To: Vernon Schindler
Tom Zwiefelhofer
Dennis Dvoracek.

From: Jim & Becky Kiesow

As land owners in the Township of Howard we would like to voice our support for the sand mine project currently under consideration by the Town Board. We were among the first land owners to enter into a lease agreement with Northern Sands. We did so only after much research and discussion regarding the potential health hazards and possible environmental damage such a project might cause. We were well satisfied that the project could be conducted so as not to affect the health and well being of Township residents. The reclamation of the mined land could be done in such a way as to make a positive contribution to land use conservation.

This project will be of positive benefit to the Township's economic situation for many years to come. The mining of this valuable asset will also, on a national scale, allow our country to become energy independent. In this way, the Town of Howard would be making a significant contribution in our country's interest.

We would encourage the Town Board to approve this project.

To: Town of Howard Board
Re: Albertville Valley Mine License Application
From: Bob and Lana Christoffel

We are writing to support Northern Sands Wisconsin's project. NSW has shown a strong commitment to making this business a reality.

We believe NSW is building a solid foundation for a successful business. Their commitment to this project gives us confidence this business can thrive. A solid foundation that can survive market fluctuation and advancement in technology.

NSW has shown commitment in several important ways.

1. Complying with required regulations
2. Providing monetary requirements
3. Communicating timely and effectively
4. Complying to the requirements established by Chippewa County and Town of Howard

We believe landowners have the right to generate income from their land. This is commonplace and not a new concept.

Thanks to the Howard Town Board for their efforts regarding NSW's application. NSW has worked to put themselves in a position to build and operate a successful business in our neighborhood. The Town Board's expertise in this field is truly helpful.

Please support NSW's mine license application.

Thank you.
Bob and Lana Christoffel