

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 109

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR THE STATE OF OHIO TO
STRENGTHEN REQUIREMENTS FOR SITING NATURAL GAS PIPELINES TO
INCLUDE PUBLIC SAFETY CRITERIA AND ENCOURAGING THE OHIO
GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LEGISLATION**

WHEREAS, Ohio has a growing economic interest in the natural gas business, and high pressure natural gas pipelines are being installed around Ohio and the region to transmit natural gas; and

WHEREAS, high pressure natural gas pipelines, if ruptured or damaged, may pose significant risk to public safety and the environment due to the high operating pressure and the highly flammable, explosive, and toxic properties of the products transported; and

WHEREAS, the National Transportation Safety Board has recognized that third-party damage and pipeline right-of-way encroachment are the biggest threats to pipeline safety; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, Ohio is on record with its opposition the construction of the high-pressure Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline Extension project, a high-pressure natural gas pipeline in the Sycamore Township area, due to its close proximity to homes, recreational facilities, schools and daycares, nursing homes, hospitals, churches, and other such high-density development; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, Ohio desires to advocate for policies and regulations intended to reduce the likelihood of accidental damage to pipelines and to help reduce adverse impacts in the event of pipeline failure; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, Ohio believes that the regulations of the proximity of high-pressure pipelines carrying potentially flammable liquids is desirable to preserve public safety and the environment and wishes to specifically advocate for minimum lot line distance requirements and other reasonable distance requirements based on zoning and building uses; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing applications for a certificate of environmental compatibility and the public need to allow for siting of a new gas pipeline, the Ohio Power Siting Board relies on State law that utilizes several criteria, none of which is public safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, Ohio.

SECTION 1. The Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, Ohio recommends to the State of Ohio that legislation be passed consistent with laws in other states and local jurisdictions in states without home-rule

limitations to require setbacks and other zoning and siting requirements as well as to pass legislations that adds public safety to the siting criteria for the Ohio Power Siting Board.

SECTION 2.

The Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, by at least two-third vote of all of its members, dispenses with any requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and authorizes its passage upon one reading.

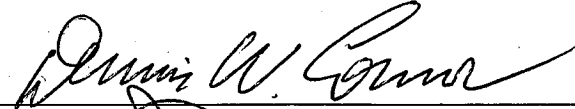
SECTION 3.

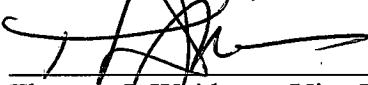
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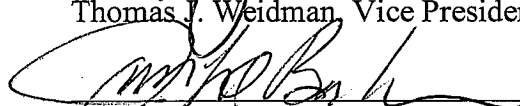
VOTE RECORD:

Mr. Connor Aye Mr. LaBarbara Aye Mr. Weidman Aye

Passed at a meeting of the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, Ohio this 4th day of October, 2018.

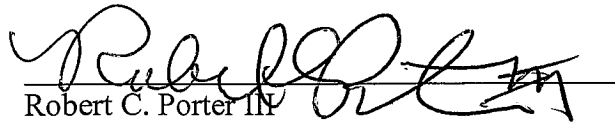

Dennis W. Connor, President


Thomas J. Weidman, Vice President

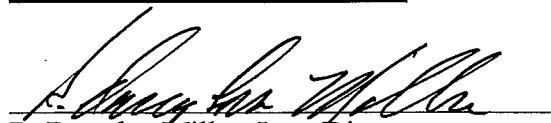

Jim LaBarbara, Trustee

AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this resolution was duly passed and filed with the Township Fiscal Officer of Sycamore Township this 4th day of October, 2018.


Robert C. Porter III
Sycamore Township, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


R. Douglas Miller, Law Director