

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Mining Permit Renewal  
Gorick Construction Co., Inc.**

**September 29, 2020**

Present: Supervisor Gordon Kniffen  
Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.  
Councilman Robert Weingartner  
Councilman Lewis Grubham  
Councilwoman Katie Legg

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney  
Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk  
John A. Finch, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works  
James Smith, Budget Officer  
John Mastronardi, Engineer  
Duane Travis, ZBA Chairman (via Zoom)

Supervisor Kniffen opened the hearing at 6:06 PM and asked Mr. McKertich to explain the mining permit renewal process. Mr. McKertich said Gorick has a mine called the Route 11 Pit that is located near Maple Drive. The mine has been there for many years and under our law they have to get a permit from both the DEC on the state level and from us on the local level. Every 5 years that permit has to be renewed. They just went through the renewal process with DEC, and DEC issued the renewed permit and now it's our turn to consider whether to issue the Special Use permit for that mine. My understanding is there's no subjective changes to the activities that are going on there and they intend to continue the current mining operation. Before we vote on that we need to have a Public Hearing and that is what this is about.

Councilman Diffendorf said to Mr. McKertich, you mentioned Maple Drive but you are really talking about the one on Route 11, correct? Mr. McKertich said I struggled with figuring out the address here, yes, they call it the Route 11 Pit and I thought it was near Maple Drive as well. Councilman Diffendorf said Maple Drive is some other property he has that is on the other side of Route 81. There's a shale pit up there that they are not using so I want to clarify what we are talking about here. We're talking about the gravel pit on Route 11 and not really the shale pit on Maple Drive. Mr. McKertich said yes. If it's already existing he is not proposing to have a new mining operation.

Hearing no other comments Supervisor Kniffen ordered the hearing closed as 6:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley M. Diffendorf  
Town Clerk