On June 16, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. the Chester County Planning Commission will hold its regularly scheduled meeting to hear petitioners for matters under their purview. One of the petitioners that evening will be Luck Stone with their request for rezoning to operate a crushed stone facility in Chester County. This request has sparked a controversy both for and against the project, and in light of that along with COVID-19 concerns, the County has taken certain extra precautions to make the meeting safe and productive.

In order to accommodate the anticipated number of people who will wish to attend this meeting but to also follow the CDC guidelines for COVID-19, the Planning Commission meeting will take place at the Gateway Conference Center in Ballrooms A, B and C. Under normal circumstances, these ballrooms combined would accommodate many but with the social distancing requirement, the Gateway will be open only to the first 100 attendees on June 16th. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and individuals will be allowed entrance one at a time, six feet apart. Seating will be arranged accordingly in the ballrooms and guests are asked to immediately take a seat once inside the building and to remain seated. All other areas of the Gateway will be inaccessible with the exception of the hallway restrooms. The Gateway will be sanitized prior to its use and afterward.

Once capacity is reached, additional individuals will be asked to remain either in their vehicles or to congregate in the designated area of the parking lot, and will be asked to maintain social distancing.

Parking will only be permitted at the far end of the parking lot at the end of the Gateway with the exception of a few designated handicap spots in the front of the Visitors Center. The only entrance open for guests will be that leading directly into the ballroom areas which will be clearly marked. At the conclusion of the meeting, attendees will be asked to vacate the Gateway quickly and with social distancing and to observe the same precautions while in the parking area.

Everyone entering the Gateway will be expected to conduct themselves with decorum and professionalism. We appreciate everyone's passion on both sides of this matter but cannot have disruption or violence. As this is a public hearing, speakers will be permitted but will be limited to the first ten (10) speakers per side who are signed up. There will be a sign-in sheet in the lobby (clearly marked) for those wishing to speak. For large groups, this means you should come prepared with a pre-assigned speaker for your group. Speakers will be given the courtesy of having three minutes of uninterrupted speech, and the microphone will be sanitized after each speaker.

Throughout the meeting, law enforcement will be on hand to provide security and safety to all who attend.