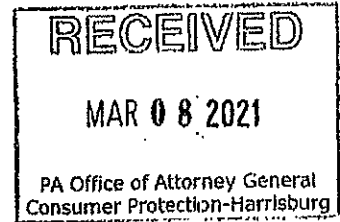


PA Office of Attorney General  
Attn: ACRE  
15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Strawberry Square  
Harrisburg, PA 17120  
February 12, 2021



Dear Mr. Shapiro,

I am an Allegheny county resident and live in Pine Township. I own approximately fifty-five acres of land. There are several large trees that are blowing over and/or dying from natural causes. This includes rot, oak wilt, ash bore, and bug infestation. I'm interest in harvesting these trees with the guidance of professional forester,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has advised me that a carefully managed harvest would significantly improve the health of my forest and also help me realize an income from the timber for years to come.

I also enjoy raising beagles and training them on rabbits, in doing so, brushy thick woods are preferred for rabbit habitat. I would like to take the tops of the trees to make brush piles and would like to clear a plot for deer hunting. Thomas and I feel that this work could be done for free and I could be compensated for the timber value.

Thomas contacted Pine Township in regards to this issue. The reply he received is that Pine is unwilling to consider variances to their ordinance. Below are just a few of the many ordinance stipulations that I believe are all illegal:

1. 50' NO CUTTING buffers along all roadways and property lines
2. Provide a stamped legal survey of the property or a drawing from a surveyor.
3. Trees are to be marked and the GPS located and numbered to within one meter in location.
4. No harvesting is allowed on slopes over 25%.
5. Logging operator has general liability insurance in an amount no less than \$1,000,000, automobile liability insurance in an amount no less than \$500,000, and property damage liability insurance in an amount no less than \$100,000, all in favor of the Township and the property owner.
6. A map that has been sealed by engineer(s) and/or surveyor(s) of record.

Attached is a copy of Pine Township Ordinance #84-51.

Please review and advise me.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]