

Dear Mr Decker,

I am 100% against a  
Casino in Limerick Township.  
Please give up this effort  
and support the people  
who are against this issue.  
All the results of a casino  
is bad news - Atlantic City  
is a mess.

Sincerely  
Dotty Luera

March 20, 2006

Tom Decker, Chairman

PA Gaming Control Board

P.O. Box 69060

Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Re: Casinos in Limerick, PA

Dear Mr. Decker,

I am writing to you to express my concern for having a casino exist in the town of Limerick, PA. I have lived in the Limerick area for nineteen years. It has always been a residential community that has supported and enhanced the well-being of families.

Having a casino in Limerick would cause major traffic problems and would cause property values to devalue. It would also take away business from local restaurants and merchants. More than anything it would be detrimental to the safe, family community life that

May 2, 2006

Dear Mr. Decker and Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board,

We are writing to request that the Gaming Control Board would not grant a license to the ones who want to build a casino in Limerick Township. We do not want the casino to be a part of our community. There are many negative effects that the casino could have on our community and surrounding area such as increased crime, increased taxes, increased traffic problems, and many other problems.

We do not want to see families destroyed in our community from addictions to gambling, as well as affording our teenagers easier access to gambling machines.

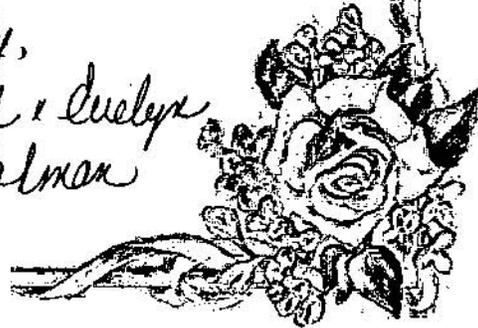
Please forbid this company from getting a license to destroy our pleasant community!

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Gratefully,

M. Donald & Evelyn

Salmon



4-10-06

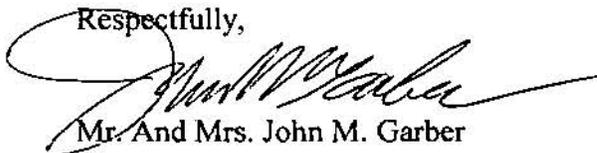
Tom Decker, Chairman  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
P. O. Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA-17106-9060

Gentlemen:

In our opinion it is most unfortunate for the State of Pennsylvania, that the legislature ever passed ACT 712004 legalizing slot machines in our state. This letter is to encourage you to oppose the Limerick Casino and support current bills to repeal or to at least limit Act 71.

Our greatest concern is the negative social impact of a casino. Adult gambling problems/addictions are a contributing factor to many issues relationally (abuse, divorce, domestic violence), financially (debt, credit card theft), and personally (suicide, drug/alcohol addiction). Also, there is much documented evidence to a significant increase in crime in areas surrounding casinos.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John M. Garber", written in black ink over a white background.

Mr. And Mrs. John M. Garber

Dear Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, April 20

I would like to inform you that I am opposed to the proposed casino in Limerick, Pennsylvania. I am against this proposal due to the fact that there will be a significant increase in crime rates. I also feel as though the traffic on route 422 is already treacherous.

I have recently been to a casino and found the people inside staring at screens or looking into their wallets, and the neighborhoods surrounding it in poverty. I do not wish to see this in my area. See past the jargon and do not allow a casino in Limerick, Pennsylvania!

Thank you,  
Danelle Lacey

TO: Tom Decker, Chairman, PA Gaming Control Board

FR: Elizabeth A Clark

DATE: 3/19/06

RE: NO CASINO

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This letter is to voice my concerns about the proposed Casino for the Limerick Area. I am OPPOSED to the project and feel that Limerick is the WRONG place to put a casino. Thank you.

TO: Tom Decker, Chairman, PA Gaming Control Board

FR: Paul D Clark

DATE: 3/19/06

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... out of Limerick ... Limerick ... NO

March 13, 2006

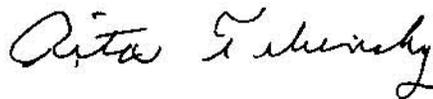
Tom Decker, Chairman  
PA Gaming Control Board  
P.O. Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

Dear Mr. Decker:

I request that you keep Casinos out of Limerick Township. Limerick Township is the wrong place to put a CasiNO.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita Tibensky".

Rita Tibensky

3/15/06

Dear Chairman DeChew:

It is my desire that you  
do not permit a casino in  
Limerick.

There is nothing good that  
has come out of gambling any  
where in the State; everything points  
to negative results, broken homes,  
neglect of family, lost of property,  
increase debt. we could go on and on.

Sincerely  
Lewis Harris

# CasiNO

March 22, 2006

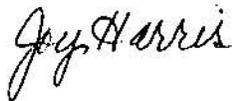
Dear Tom Decker:

My husband, teen daughter and I would beg you to not allow a casino to be built in Limerick Township.

We and our neighbors do not want the increased crime, increased traffic, decreased property values, and increased taxes to pay for additional law enforcement and emergency response workers that would inevitably result.

Thank you for considering our viewpoint.

Sincerely,



Joy Harris

COMMONWEALTH of PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD  
Chairman Mr. Thomas Decker  
P. O. Box 69060  
HARRISBURG, PA 17106-9060

April 11, 2006

Dear Mr. Decker,

The news that a gambling casino may soon be built in Limerick Township has been the subject of much controversy. This letter from us is to urge you, and the Board, to reject the proposal. We are opposed to this project, and the facts borne out around existing casinos in our country are pretty alarming.

While we do not gamble, we have heard the "horror stories" of some who have become addicted to this habit. Their losses are not just in the money lost in the casinos, but priceless losses such as spouses, families, homes, possessions and jobs. For the sake of keeping Limerick Township and vicinity free of gambling in a casino atmosphere, we ask you to reject the bid to erect a casino here.

Sincerely,

*Charles W. Esquirell*  
Charles W. Esquirell

*Emily R. Esquirell*  
Emily R. Esquirell

Charles W. & Emily R. Esquirell

4/5/06

Dear Mr. Decker,

My letter today is in reference to the proposed casino for Limerick Township. I am originally from Mississippi and I lived most of my life there. years ago, casinos were allowed into the state for various reasons. Immediately, there were negative consequences. As the years have passed and more casinos have opened, the devastating impact has become more evident.

One of my concerns for Limerick Township is safety. There maybe an increase in crime among the local businesses and apartments and also an increase risk of traffic accidents.

Since we all have a duty to protect our families and our community, I pray the plans for this proposed casino will be eliminated.

Thank you.

Julie Hurst

Tom Decker, Chairman  
PA Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

April 3, 2006

Dear Chairman Decker:

I am writing this letter as a concerned resident to voice my opposition against Boyd's casino, and to ask you not to grant them a slots license in Limerick. I hope you were all watching ABC action news tonight so you could see the citizens rallying in Limerick Chapel against the Casino:

I am writing you because I will not be able to attend the Allentown meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> to speak out against the casino. I wish the Gaming Control Board would reconsider where to hold the meeting that decides a very important part of Limerick's future. At the two Township Board of Supervisors meetings and at the Limerick Chapel rally, I have seen a citizenship largely united against Boyd's being allowed to place a casino here. There are petitions circulating constantly and an entirely volunteer run website (<http://www.stopthecasinos.com>), which should be testament to the strongly held opinions here.

Please do not allow Boyd's Casino or any other applicant gain a license here. Consider having a town meeting here, and you will see how people feel. Limerick is a terrible location for a casino. The infrastructure in this area alone would present large logistical obstacles, and there is very little assurance that the citizens would not have to bear the tax burden. Springford School District has rejected casino funds, so I fail to see how the state will really benefit.

Thank you for reading this. Please help Limerick protect its community.

Sincerely,

*Andrew C. Svendsen*

Andrew C. Svendsen

Ann Loomis

Dear Mr. Decker;

I am writing to ask you not to place a Casino in Limerick Township. I feel that this would hurt my Community by raising crime rates, decreasing property values and stressing our already congested roadways. I think if you do some research you too will agree that this is not the best for my Community (National Opinion Research Center "Gambling Impact and Behavior Study, April, 1, 1999, see [www.norc.uchicago.edu](http://www.norc.uchicago.edu) & National Gambling Impact Study Commission Report June 18, 1999)

I appreciate you considering my concerns and trust you will make a decision against placing a Casino in Limerick Township. Thank you.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann B. Loomis".

Ann B. Loomis

Mr. Thomas Decker  
PA Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060

March 16, 2006

Dear Mr. Decker,

I am writing to you regarding the Boyd license application for a proposed slots parlor in Limerick, PA. The approval of this license application would be a big mistake, for a number of reasons.

First, I have to express my disappointment and frustration with the underhanded way in which this process is proceeding. Holding a public hearing in Allentown about a proposed casino in Limerick is absolutely outrageous. What better way to guard against a big turnout of the opposition than to schedule a meeting an hour away at the time we are all getting our children onto the bus or dropping them off at school? It also makes it less likely that people will leave work to attend, given the extra 2 hour time block that would be involved. That way, all involved can make it appear as if not many Limerick Township residents are opposed to the proposed casino. Boyd must be thrilled. The handling of the impact report was also a disgrace. Given these issues, as well as Governor Rendell's relationship to both the individuals involved in the proposed project and the Gaming Control Board, it appears as if this application will be approved no matter how strong of an argument is made against it. However, I am truly hoping that the actions taken so far are just the result of oversight and are not indicative of a corrupt license approval process.

Although I am opposed to the slots parlor being approved for Limerick Township for many reasons, one of the biggest problems that I see with it deals with the Exelon Nuclear Plant and traffic in the area. As it is right now, these roads are barely able to handle the increased traffic due to the residential development in the township. I am telling you this based on personal experience because I live here. The 422 corridor is so congested, that some township residents are forced to leave for work more than an hour before they normally would just to get through the area. In addition, the small country roadways that we all travel to get around here are jammed during rush hour and lunch time traffic. I have heard the arguments that most casino traffic would be occurring during off-peak hours, and that may indeed be true. However, a great deal of thought must be given to the impact of the extra traffic on the evacuation of this area should an accident occur at the nuclear plant. Right now today, if we all had to evacuate this area immediately I don't know how we would all get out. If you

add casino/hotel/convention center personnel and patron traffic to the equation, it equals the potential for a tremendous tragedy. If you approve the license application for a slots parlor and an adjoining 600 room hotel to be built in Limerick Township, you are putting all of us at great risk. I'm not even sure how or why a casino and hotel/convention center would be permitted next to a nuclear plant in this post-9/11 age in the first place.

Another reason that I am asking you to deny the Boyd license application for Limerick Township is the effect that a slots parlor will have on the quality of life in the surrounding area. Every time I think about what we have now, and what we will be left with after the casino moves in, I literally get sick to my stomach. Mr. Decker, my family sunk everything we have into moving here to make a better life for our children. We specifically chose Limerick Township because of its small-town, residential atmosphere. We love the area and we are very happy here because, for us, we are fulfilling the dreams we have always had for our family. Giving Boyd a gaming license for Limerick Township will shatter that dream for us, as well as for many other families that we have been speaking to about this issue. If you would hold a public hearing here in Limerick, you would undoubtedly hear from many more of them.

I apologize if the tone of my letter reflects my great frustration with this situation. However, as I stated earlier, the way things have been handled to this point gives the impression that the Boyd license application is already a "done deal", and the official approval is a mere formality. I am praying every day that that is not the case. Please do what you can to hold a public hearing here in Limerick, so that you can really get an accurate picture of how the residents feel about this issue. The majority of the development here in the last few years has been residential – young families with small children. Most of us chose to live here because of what the area had to offer. A slots parlor that would profoundly impact our way of life and greatly increase the potential danger of living near the nuclear plant was definitely not what we dreamt of while envisioning the area that our children would grow up in. Please do not approve the Boyd Gaming license application for Limerick Township. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Shelly Calamia  
Limerick Township Resident

**NORTH COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

May 8, 2006

Gaming Control Board Representative  
PA Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg PA 17106-9060

Dear Gaming Control Board Representative ,

We wish to address the casino proposed for Limerick Township; specifically, we want you to know we strongly oppose this effort and ask you to vigorously oppose it as well.

Casinos do not create wealth -- they only redistribute it. Any visiting dollars spent in the casinos will not be spent elsewhere in the local area, and any local dollars spent in the casino will be dollars lost to local businesses. In the casino world, this is called substitution spending and they depend on it to meet their revenue projections. This damages local businesses, reducing their income, jobs and property tax contributions. We've seen this pattern before: new shopping malls destroyed existing downtown businesses.

In the long term, surrounding communities end up paying out far more than any benefit a casino can bring. Local businesses suffer decreased productivity on the job, and fraud and embezzlement become common among formerly hard-working and trusted employees. People the company will bring in from other gambling locations will fill management jobs. Area residents will be left to compete for the notorious lower paying casino jobs that can't provide an income level needed to support a family. Increases in crime, suicides, stress-related illnesses and bankruptcies occur, and families experience higher rates of divorce separation, and spousal and child abuse. These effects have direct costs in therapy, welfare and other social services. Who picks up these costs? One way or another, our local families, businesses and communities will.

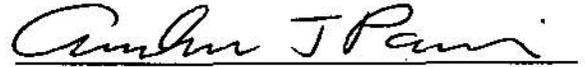
These results are not academic musings or statistical projections -- they are documented, real-world results. They add up to one inescapable conclusion -- there will be little benefit outside of the immediate township and school district.

As you are well aware, you didn't see any of these costs in the "impact analysis" presented by the developer. Yet these long-term negative outcomes are all too real. Additionally, the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission discusses many other costs not addressed by the developer's impact statement -- the costs to our area roads, police, ambulance services, fire departments and hospitals -- that are obvious and unpaid for in the surrounding region.

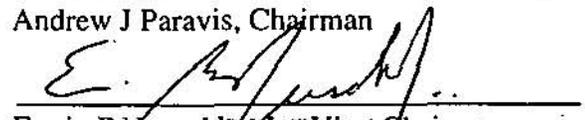
It is our strong belief that a casino will have severe and adverse impacts to the region, forever degrading our quality of life. We would be happy to discuss this further with you and invite you to meet with the Board at your convenience.

Thank you for your valuable time.

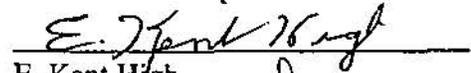
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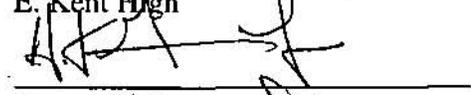
Andrew J. Paravis, Chairman



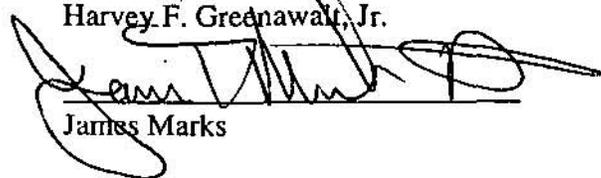
Erwin B. Benschke, Jr., Vice-Chairman



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Harvey F. Greenwald, Jr.



James Marks



POTTSTOWN  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

*Pottstown Schools – Building a Better Tomorrow*

June 1, 2006

PA Gaming Control Board  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg PA 17106-9060

Re: Proposed Gaming License  
Limerick Township, Montgomery County

Dear Sir/Madam:

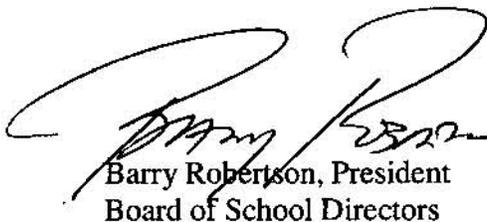
The Board of School Directors of the Pottstown School District has considered the proposed casino for Limerick Township and would like to express its feeling to the commission.

The Board recognizes there are many issues regarding the establishment of casinos in Pennsylvania. Some proponents suggest it will have a positive economic impact regionally where the casinos are located. Others suggest that the construction of a casino will have a negative impact on the surrounding communities. The School District shares some of the same concerns expressed by several local municipalities regarding the effect that a casino would have on increased crime and traffic together with its adverse affect on the general health, safety and welfare of the families living within the communities surrounding Limerick Township.

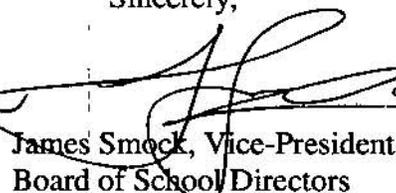
The School District is considering the development of an early childhood center and is in the process of establishing partnerships to better serve the needs of the family birth to post-graduate. Being mindful of the family unit and, in the spirit of promoting community wellness, the Board does not encourage gambling.

Please give all due consideration to our concerns as you deliberate this issue.

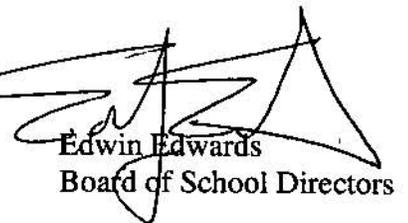
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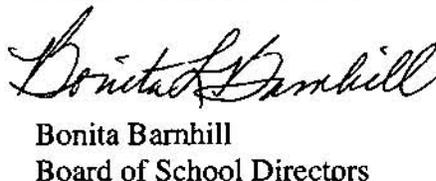
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Board of School Directors



James Smock, Vice-President  
Board of School Directors



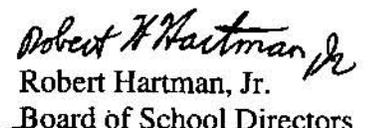
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Board of School Directors



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Board of School Directors



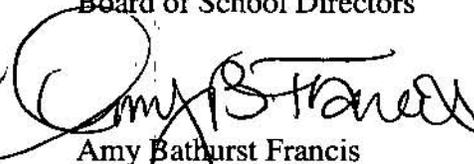
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Board of School Directors



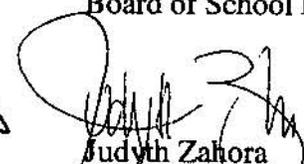
Robert Hartman, Jr.  
Board of School Directors



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March 11, 2006

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
Post Office Box 69060  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106-9060

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed for your serious consideration is a Resolution adopted by the Montgomery County Pomona Grange No. 8, which opposes the establishment of a Slot Machine Casino in Limerick Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

We trust that this resolution from a county long-established organization will be considered by your Board in your public hearings in Philadelphia and in Allentown during the month of April, 2006.

SOUTH WORTH

Very truly yours,

COLLECTION

*Ernest Yocum*

Ernest Yocum  
Member, Legislative Committee  
Montgomery County Pomona Grange No.

• 100% Cotton Filter •

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RESOLUTION

CASINO IN LIMERICK TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Boyd Gaming Corporation proposes to establish a slot machine casino on a large tract of land in rural Limerick Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania in the near future; and

WHEREAS, this area of Pennsylvania has always been rural throughout its history, and casinos by nature attract urban interests; and

WHEREAS, the Limerick Township area is not conducive to the gambling interests which evolve around casino areas, and highways in the area are not equipped for the heavy traffic volume generated by casinos, and this location is very close to the PECO Limerick Nuclear Generating Power Plant; and

WHEREAS, casinos generally require greater police and other emergency personnel protection, and often generate lower moral values for the younger generation because of the gambling-type atmosphere which surrounds a casino attraction, thereby increasing local taxation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Montgomery County Pomona Grange No. 8 strongly recommend that the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board reject the application of Boyd Gaming Corporation, and/or its successors and/or assigns, to establish a slot machine casino in Limerick Township or the townships surrounding the PECO Limerick Nuclear Generating Power Plant.

*Charissa Pignelli-Astheimer*  
Secretary  
Montgomery County Pomona Grange No. 8



This Resolution was adopted at a regular quarterly meeting of Montgomery County Pomona Grange No. 8, held in Trappe, Montgomery County, on Saturday, March 11, 2006.



# Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



## WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: GAIL P. WELLINGTON

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: GHS, Inc; trading as Three Peas in a Pod Florist & Gift

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

I own a small business in Limerick Township – a flower shop – that employs four part-time workers and 3 family members. I am opposed to the Boyd's Gaming proposal for a slot parlor in Limerick because I believe that it will be detrimental to small businesses such as mine because of its impact on the local labor pool.

In a recent Associate Press article (attachment A) as reported in The Pottstown Mercury newspaper on Sunday, April 23, 2006, the average wages, tips and benefits for casino workers ranges from \$24,000 to \$48,000, or roughly \$12 - \$24 per hour. The economics of my business permit me to pay \$7-8.50/per hour for sales clerks (unskilled) with no employee-paid benefits. (This is at or near the average for our industry according to studies conducted by FTD, an industry organization.)

In the Philadelphia Inquirer, columnist Andrew Cassel's column, The Economy, March 17, 2006 (attachment B) stated:

"Employers in a range of industries reported that the labor markets have tightened," the Fed report notes. Businesses "have had more difficulty attracting and retaining qualified workers at all skill levels."

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

With unemployment rates at 4% or less in the local area, I find it very difficult to find help. Local advertising generally results in 6 to 8 applicants, most of whom are unsuitable because of bad work history, unsuitability for waiting on the public or other factors. I believe that the ability of Boyd's to offer more money and benefits will make it even more difficult for businesses such as mine to hire local people to work for us. Mine is a labor-intensive business. Without staff, I cannot run my business.

Although Boyd's says that their project will attract workers to the area, people at their wage level cannot afford to live in Limerick. The Metropolitan Philadelphia Indicator Project report Where We Stand: Community Indicators for Metropolitan Philadelphia, (Temple University, 2005) classifies Limerick as an "affluent suburb." The same report indicates that in the period of this study 2001-3, in Limerick a home in median price range in the study would require an income of between \$75 and \$100,000. Average mortgage amounts are \$100-200,000 (see attachment C.) Since 2003, housing prices have continued to rise. My home, a modest 40-year-old 2400 square foot three-bedroom ranch house on a half-acre lot, appraised in February of this year for \$255,000. Comparables in the appraisal showed 21 homes in the neighborhood with sales prices in the range of \$180,000 to \$287,900. (See attachment D.)

Obviously the average casino worker cannot afford to purchase at these prices. Rental incomes are in the \$900 to \$1200 range plus utilities. Even this is out of the reach of most people on the casino wage scale. As a result of these numbers, I do not believe that the casino will attract workers to live in the area, and thus the labor pool will not expand. Casino workers will have to be bussed to work from outlying areas, something Boyd's can afford to do, but I cannot.

In summary, I am a small business owner that finds it difficult to find people willing to work at the wages I can afford. Boyd's Gaming will be able to offer better wages and benefits, thus making it even harder for me to find help. Housing prices in the area are prohibitive for people at the average salary for casino workers, so they are unlikely to move into the area. I believe granting a license in Limerick Township will create hardships for small businesses in the area

1, GAIL P. WELLINGTON verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



# Pennsylvania casinos may have to up

By Marc Levy  
Associated Press Writer

**HARRISBURG** — The legalization of slot-machine gambling in Pennsylvania has brought promises of thousands of new casino, hotel and restaurant jobs.

But attracting so many people at one time will likely pose a challenge, officials say, and the companies that win slots licenses may have to ante up additional benefits to compete with other slots parlors and find employees willing to accept long commutes.

In the Philadelphia area alone, there could be as many as five slot-machine parlors competing for workers who can commute to a booming Atlantic City — where a major labor union is already warning of a worker shortage at casinos in the seaside New Jersey town.

Three slots parlors could be within an hour of the Pocono Mountains, where tourism operators already recruit overseas for some seasonal workers.

"I think just finding people — finding qualified people who can deal with the public, finding qualified people who want to work those hours — is going to be difficult," said Robert Uguccioni, the executive director of the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau.

Because the industry relies heavily on good customer service to entice more gambling and tipping, slots operators will likely have to offer employee wages and benefits that exceed those at other tourism and hospitality businesses, those familiar with the industry say.

The state's 14 planned slots parlors, with their restaurants, hotels, stores and other services, are expected to employ 9,000 to 15,000 people once everything is up and running, according to estimates provided by license applicants.

Generous benefits are common in the casino industry.

very hard time matching the benefits that the big guys offer," said Mike Shubic, a Colorado-based casino executive for Jacobs Entertainment who has opened casinos in four states.

While two or three slots parlors will be in downtown Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, others could be in rural areas.

Finding ways for those casino employees to live close to work should be looked at by state regulators, said Raymond S. Angeli, who was recently appointed to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board after more than a decade on the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency board.

"I think you're going to have to have some kind of housing near where you have the casino," Angeli said. "Let's face it, the people who are working in those facilities have to come from someplace, and that's usually a population that's not going to drive very far."

Prospective casino operators say they are not worried. While some say that employees may have to drive 45 minutes or so to get to work, they expect demand for the jobs to be high.

Some say they will hold local job fairs and work with colleges to train workers, while others say they will coordinate with the state to reach out to the unemployed.

Some will recruit casino employees in other states and possibly even overseas.

"We've looked at who are our employees going to be, and is there enough of a population to draw from, and we've determined that there is," said Rob Stillwell, a spokesman for Boyd Gaming Corp., one of the nation's biggest casino companies and an applicant for a casino to be built on farmland between Philadelphia and Reading.

It is hard to tell whether most gambling jobs in Pennsylvania will beat the state's average annual wage of \$37,600.

professor of management at Penn State's Harrisburg campus. "How far is someone willing to drive for a job that's in that salary range? It's a tremendous challenge."

Data gathered by the American Gaming Association show the average wages, tips and benefits of employees at commercial casinos in 2004 ranged from about \$24,200 in Louisiana to \$48,360 in Michigan.

Top managers can make six figures, while tipped employees — hosts, bartenders, food and drink servers, and slots assistants — can sometimes earn more than midlevel supervisors or white-collar workers.

The lowest earning positions are those that do not deal with the public, such as clerks, ware-

house staff, cooks, hotel and janitors.

Wage scales for bell caps in Atlantic City who are represented by UNITE-HERE Local 54 start at \$5.90 an hour, top out at \$10.61 after five years, according to the union. Cooks start at \$9.89 and top out at \$17.86.

The 16,000 employees represented by Local 54 — 1,000 of whom come from the Philadelphia area — do not contribute to the casino-sponsor health insurance and pension plans, said Chris Walker, union's staff and organizing director.

And if benefits are good, they are likely to get even as the industry grows and supply tightens, even further, Walker said.

*G. Wellington*

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## Job market poses quandary for Fed

The economy may be headed for disaster, just not this month.

All the indicators seem to be pointing toward what the Federal Reserve's weather-vane watchers call "moderate" and "steady" growth.

Consumers are spending, businesses are hiring, and capital investment — the catchall term for new buildings, factories, equipment, and research and development — is increasing, according to the Fed's quarterly national survey of conditions around the country.

In the Philadelphia district — roughly the eastern two-thirds of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware — there are even signs that the job market is heating up.

"Employers in a range of industries reported that labor markets have tightened," the Fed report notes. Businesses have had more difficulty attracting and retaining qualified workers at all skill levels.

Workers are obtaining more leverage, with some employers saying they have offered more money to keep employees from leaving. Some firms say they'll likely boost salaries significantly for some critical positions.

If that's true, it might mean we're heading toward the kind of economy seen here briefly in the late 1980s and again in the late '90s — when businesses had to scramble to fill jobs, and even lesser-skilled workers found themselves in great demand.

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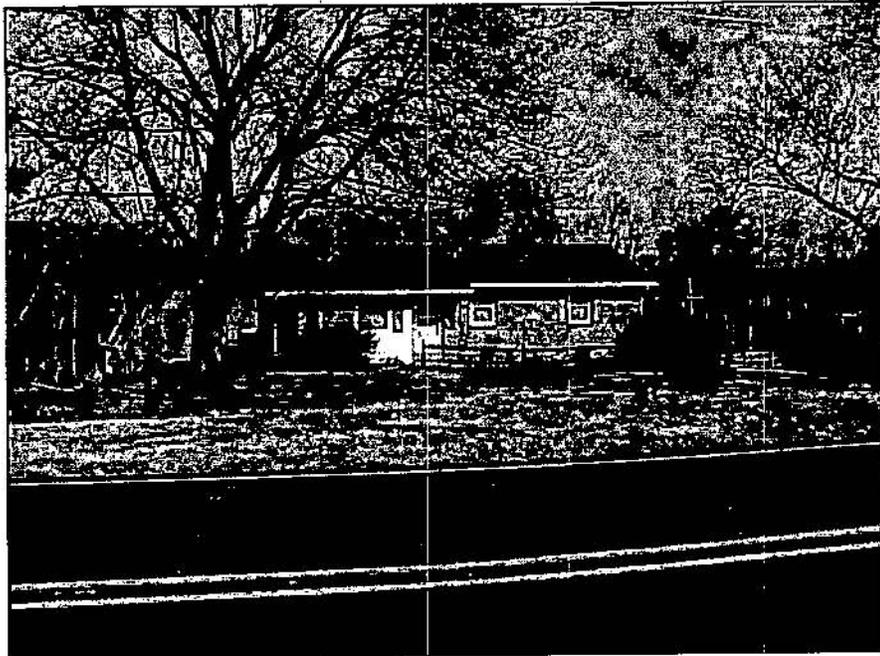
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APPRAISAL OF



A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

**LOCATION** :30 W. Linfield Trappe Road  
Royersford PA 19468

**CLIENT** :Arlington Capital  
3260 Tillman Drive, #90

**AS OF DATE** :02/17/2006

*G. Wellington*

# Uniform Residential Appraisal Report

2006-06-15 15:06

File # 10226

3 comparable properties comparable offered for sale in the subject neighborhood ranging in price from \$ 199,900 to \$ 269,000  
 21 comparable sales in the subject neighborhood within the past twelve months ranging in sale price from \$ 180,000 to \$ 287,900

FEATURE	SUBJECT	COMPARABLE SALE # 1		COMPARABLE SALE # 2		COMPARABLE SALE # 3	
Address	30 W. Linfield Trappe Road Limerick Township	85 W. Linfield Trappe Road Limerick Township		209 Heffner Road Limerick Township		535 N. Lewis Road Limerick Township	
Location to Subject		0.30 miles NW		1.29 miles NE		1.90 miles NW	
Market Price		\$ 265,000		\$ 270,000		\$ 265,000	
Size Price/Gross Liv. Area	0 sq. ft.	200 sq. ft.		240 sq. ft.		170 sq. ft.	
Data Source(s)		TReND Multiple Listing Service		TReND Multiple Listing Service		TReND Multiple Listing Service	
Other Source(s)		TReND Real Property Record		TReND Real Property Record		TReND Real Property Record	
WEIGHT ADJUSTMENTS	DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	±(+) \$ Adjustment	DESCRIPTION	±(+) \$ Adjustment	DESCRIPTION	±(+) \$ Adjustment
Market Fluctuating		Conventional		Conventional		Conventional	
Market Conditions		12/2005		07/2005		12/2005	
Market Cycle Time		average		average		average	
Market Progress		average		average		average	
Market Fee Simple		fee simple		fee simple		fee simple	
Size	51 acre +-	43 acre +-		1.74 acres +-	-6,000	1.82 acres +-	-7,000
View	average	average		average		average	
Design (Style)	ranch	ranch		ranch		ranch	
Quality of Construction	average	average		average		average	
Actual Age	44 years +-	37 years +-		23 years +-		75 years +-	
Condition	average	average		average		average	
Above Grade	Total Bdrms. Baths	Total Bdrms. Baths		Total Bdrms. Baths		Total Bdrms. Baths	
Room Count	5 3 1	5 3 1		5 3 1		5 3 1.5	-1,500
Gross Living Area	1,058 sq. ft.	1,294 sq. ft.	-4,500	1,144 sq. ft.	-1,500	1,537 sq. ft.	-9,500
Basement & Finished Rooms Below Grade	basement finished/Bath	basement unfinished/Bath	+2,000	basement finished/Pdr	+1,000	basement unfinished	+4,000
Functional Utility	average	average		average		average	
Heating/Cooling	HW/central	HW/central		HA/central		HA/central	
Energy Efficient Items	none	none		none		none	
Garage/Carport	1 car garage	3 car garage	-8,000	1 car garage		2 car garage	-4,000
Porch/Patio/Deck	deck	patio		deck/open porch	-2,000	patio/open porch	-2,000
fireplace	one	none	+2,000	none	+2,000	one	
DOM/List Price	n/a	21/LP \$268,000		30/LP \$286,500		16/LP \$285,000	
Net Adjustment (Total)		+ X -	\$ -8,500	+ X -	\$ -6,500	+ X -	\$ -20,000
Adjusted Sale Price of Comparables		Net Adj. -3.21 %		Net Adj. -2.41 %		Net Adj. -7.55 %	
		Gross Adj. 6.23 %	\$ 256,500	Gross Adj. 4.63 %	\$ 263,500	Gross Adj. 10.57 %	\$ 245,000

did not research the sale or transfer history of the subject property and comparable sales. If not, explain

My research  did  did not reveal any prior sales or transfers of the subject property for the three years prior to the effective date of this appraisal.  
 Data source(s) TReND Multiple Listing Service/Realty Public Record, the areas common data suppliers.

My research  did  did not reveal any prior sales or transfers of the comparable sales for the year prior to the date of sale of the comparable sale.  
 Data source(s) TReND Multiple Listing Service/Realty Public Record, the areas common data suppliers.

Report the results of the research and analysis of the prior sale or transfer history of the subject property and comparable sales (report additional prior sales on page 3).

ITEM	SUBJECT	COMPARABLE SALE # 1	COMPARABLE SALE # 2	COMPARABLE SALE # 3
Date of Prior Sale/Transfer	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Price of Prior Sale/Transfer	0	0	0	0
Data Source(s)	MLS/Public Record	MLS/Public Record	MLS/Public Record	MLS/Public Record
Effective Date of Data Source(s)	01/09/2006	01/09/2006	01/09/2006	01/09/2006

Analysis of prior sale or transfer history of the subject property and comparable sales: No current agreement of sale, option or listing for subject property within three years. No prior sales of subject property within three years. No prior sales of comparables within three years.

Summary of Sales Comparison Approach Adjusted sales indicated a value range from \$245,000 to \$263,500. The Sales Comparison Approach is the best indicator of value for this type of property.

Attachment C

# where we stand: community indicators for metropolitan philadelphia



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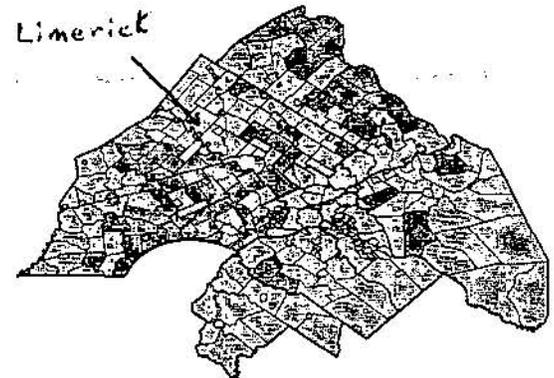
## indicator 5.3: house prices

The logical next step, given the picture of new homes and high levels of mortgage lending activity, is to examine the patterns of house prices. For the years 2001-2003, we calculated the average amount of mortgages. This amount indirectly implies sale prices and highly correlates with actual residential sale values. We used median amounts to control for extreme sales prices. The resulting map of mortgage values (Map 5.3) for each community shows a pattern mirroring both of the prior indicators. The higher housing price areas of Chester, Montgomery, and Bucks counties, in particular, overlap the newer, high loan volume areas noted in indicators 5.1 and 5.2.

The distribution of mortgage amounts by community type provides some insight into residents' housing choices, as Established Towns are second only to the Affluent Suburbs in the median amount borrowed. Urban Centers lag behind the rest of the region (Figure 5.3a).

Each of the past several years, the Joint Center on Housing Studies at Harvard has produced a report on the State of the Nation's Housing. The report includes a compilation of median

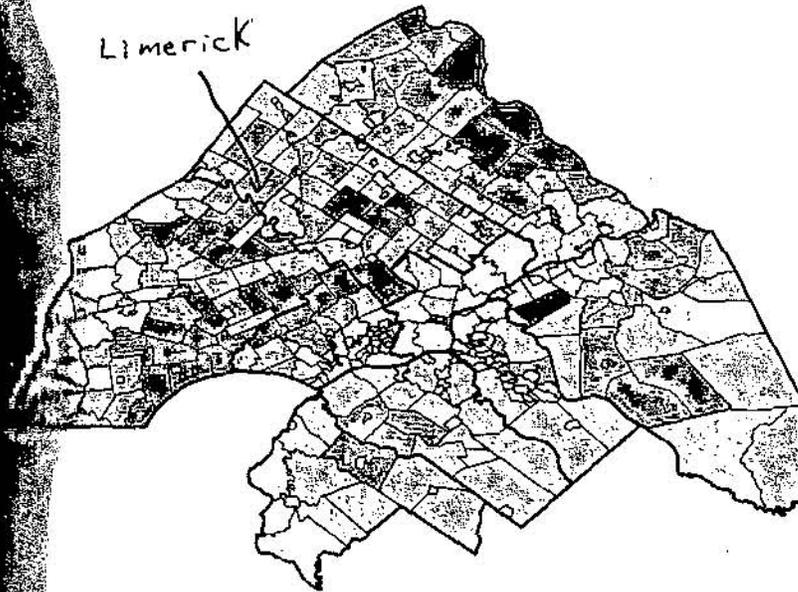
sales prices for the nation's metropolitan areas, ranging from 1990 to the present. Philadelphia lags far behind the highest priced area (Boston), and falls slightly below the halfway mark in a comparison to the remaining metropolitan areas (Figure 5.3b). Of concern to many in the region is the relatively low percentage change in metropolitan housing prices, as Philadelphia has the lowest rate of growth of any of the nine metropolitan areas compared. This cuts two ways, as housing remains relatively affordable across the region as a whole, but suggests only a modest rise in value across the entire region (roughly one percent per year).



MAP 5.3: Average mortgage amounts, 2001-2003

Source: Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Raw Data, 2001-2003.

## Figure 5.4: affordability



MAP 5.4: Housing affordability: income needed to buy median-priced house

Source: Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Raw Data, 2001-2003.

...of the outgrowths of the combination of selective upward movement of house prices across the region and limited improvements in socioeconomic status (discussed more fully in Chapter 4) is pressure on the affordability of housing in the region. From a combination of the mortgage data reported earlier and a housing calculator from Fannie Mae, Map 5.4 presents the distribution of housing affordability for the region's communities. The different gradations of communities represent the income level that would be needed to afford to purchase a house at the median estimated sale price for each community.

Communities represented by the lightest color on the map have houses that can be purchased with incomes at or below \$50,000; the second category of

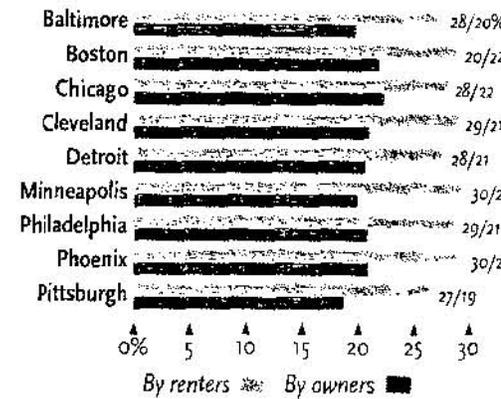


Figure 5.4: Percentage of income spent on housing, 2003

Source: U. S. Census, American Community Survey, 2003.

housing would be accessible for households with incomes at or below \$50,000; the second, between \$50,000 and \$75,000; the third, between \$75,000 and \$100,000; and the fourth, representing housing markets where the median house is affordable only for those with incomes above \$100,000. In the 2003 year's report, the more affordable communities are concentrated in the centers of the region and the oldest suburbs. It appears to be two exceptions to this trend, as Cedarbrook and Germantown-Mount Airy are among the highest income threshold for affordability, and Germantown-Mount Airy and North Philadelphia communities.

When Philadelphia is compared to other metropolitan areas, the percentage of household income spent on housing is generally within the metropolitan area comparison group (Figure 5.4). The differences between renters and homeowners in the amount of income paid for housing are not unusual; they reflect the economic advantages associated with home ownership.

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Joanne McCullough

March 30, 2006

Office of the Clerk  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
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Dear PGCB,

The enclosed article was published in a local newspaper on March 28, 2006. I believe this article raises questions as to conflict of interest and may need further investigating. The familiarity between all the players in the proposed Limerick Borgata Casino seems a bit cozy to me.

I wasn't sure where to turn to with this information so I am sending it you. Thank you for taking this matter in consideration.

  
Joanne McCullough

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## Casino opposition spurs scrutiny

JACOB FENTON, Staff Writer

03/28/2006

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**If state regulators allow Boyd Gaming Corp. to build a 3,000-slot-machine casino in Limerick, township supervisor Frank Kotch will serve as a liaison between the company and the local government during the rezoning process.**

Kotch knows a thing or two about gambling. His resume includes more than six years in the casino and gambling industry in Nevada.

"I started as a dealer and eventually got up to a floor supervisor," Kotch said. None of the casinos he worked at were owned by Boyd, he said.

Kotch said his work experience would aid his understanding of the proposal, but not make him more likely to support it.

"I do have an insight, but is it biased? I don't think so," said Kotch, who was first elected in 2005.

Kotch said that he has not been offered a job at Boyd if the casino goes through – but he couldn't rule out the possibility of working at a Limerick casino if it were built. It would be, he pointed out, the largest local employer.

Local officials in municipalities where casinos are proposed face heightened scrutiny of their potential links to gambling backers.

Although public attention has focused most heavily on the competitive state process for awarding casino licenses, state politicians who were worried about Philadelphia corruption passed legislation this month to curb city politicians' participation in casino zoning decisions.

Bucks County state Rep. Paul Clymer, R-145th District, has been a consistent critic of gambling.

"In looking at other states that have legalized gambling, we know that public corruption and organized crime will surely follow the industry's formation in Pennsylvania," Clymer said in a press release touting the formation of a new unit in the state attorney general's office devoted to public corruption.

Posters to sites like *stopthecasinos.com* have speculated at length about possible misdeeds surrounding the plan. A site representative would not comment for this

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Kane's co-founder, according to the firm's Web site, is Mark Marino, who is chairman of the the Skippack Township Board of Supervisors.

Marino recently became chairman of the Area 4 Republican Committee, a district that includes Limerick, Collegeville, Lower Providence, Perkiomen, Royersford, Skippack, Trappe, Upper Providence and Worcester.

Marino's father is former District Attorney and former County Commissioners Chairman Michael Marino, who was recently appointed county solicitor.

Michael Marino also keeps an office at Kane Core and does occasional legal work for the group. "It's a loose association," he said.

When Michael Marino was appointed county solicitor, Carolyn Carluccio was named to the newly created position of chief deputy solicitor. The promotion increased her salary from \$68,321 a year to \$91,773.

Carluccio's father is Charles J. Tornetta, president of Tornetta Realty Corp.

Providence Properties, a related company that state records list as being headed by Lawrence F. Tornetta, made more than \$31 million selling 125 acres to Boyd's for the casino.

A project summary prepared by Boyd notes that "Tornetta Realty Corporation will retain 57 acres of the site for retail and commercial development."

Charles Tornetta has served on the county planning commission since 1966 and chaired it from 1968 to 1991. He also serves on the board of Continental Bank with Clement.

Realty executives at Tornetta's firm did not return calls for comment on the proposal.

Tornetta's daughter Carluccio was appointed chief public defender about five years ago under Marino's administration.

"I appointed her because she's highly competent," Marino said. He said he'd known Charles Tornetta "forever."

The idea that Carluccio's employment had any bearing on the Limerick proposal was "the most absurd, ridiculous possibility in the world," Marino said. He described the association as a meaningless link. "You string 'em all together and you end up with nothing," he said.

County Commissioner Ruth Damsker, the lone Democrat on the county's three-person governing board, said that Carluccio's promotion came about because both she and County Commissioners Chairman Tom Ellis were pleased with her performance. "Michael did not choose to have her as a deputy," Damsker said.

"This is really a local issue and we really have no oversight whatsoever," said Damsker, adding that local issues like traffic would be much more important.

The traffic analysis included with Boyd's local impact report was conducted by Pottstown-based Traffic Planning & Design and dated Dec. 16, 2005.

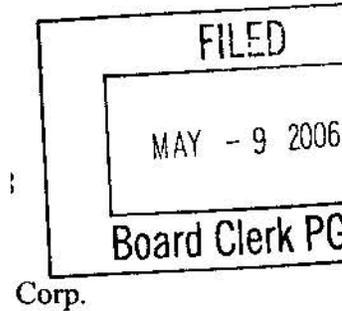
On Jan. 3, 2006, Traffic Planning & Design was named the new traffic consultant in both Skippack and Limerick townships.

Kane said the firm was the most qualified.

"As a board in Limerick Township we did tremendous research and did tremendous interviews to become educated" about professional consultants before hiring them, he said.

**Staff Writer Jacob Fenton can be reached at (215) 361-8831;  
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J. McCullough



May 3, 2006

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**WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE  
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS**

I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

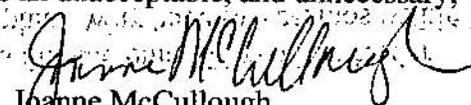
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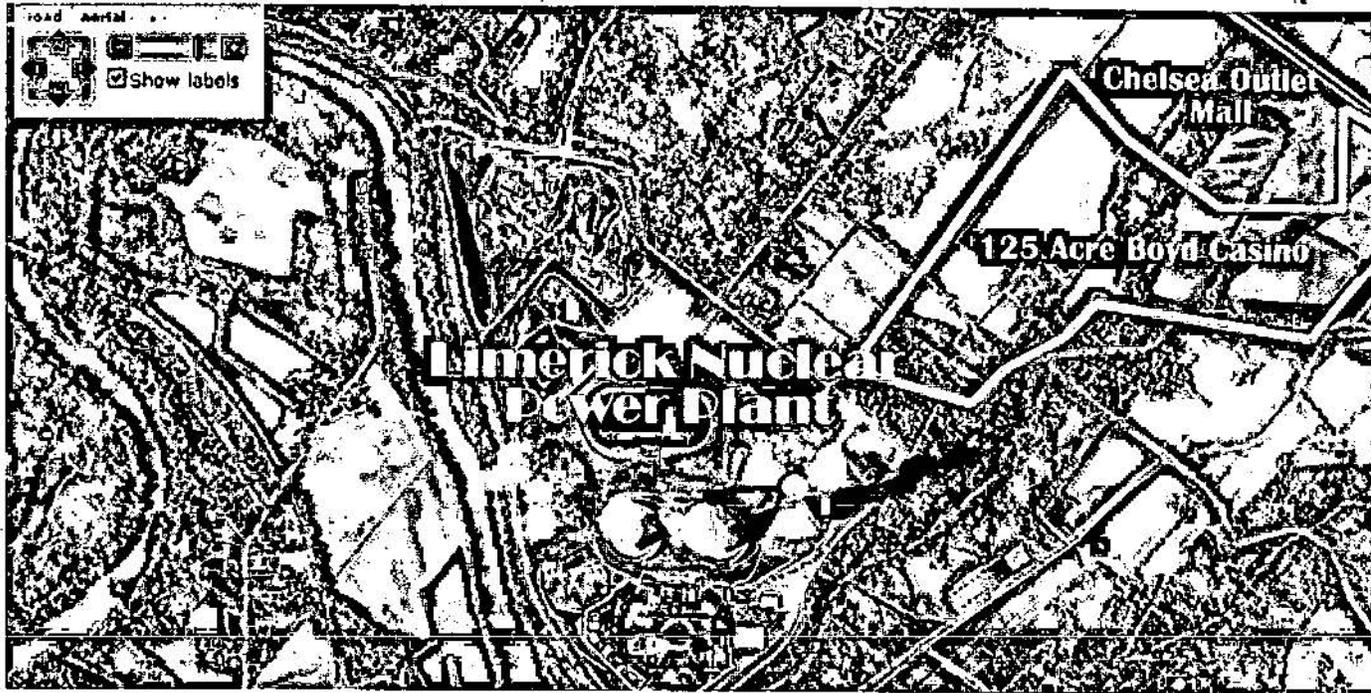
75% of the feeder market for the Limerick casino is Philadelphia. 75% of the feeder market for the Philadelphia casinos is also Philadelphia. Why have two casinos within 35 miles of each other competing for the same patrons? It makes much more sense to have casinos in Philadelphia and the Lehigh Valley.

Township supervisors voted unanimously to oppose the Boyd casino in Limerick. They have not and will not change their ruling on zoning; all other townships are ready to go with this project and have their zoning in place. Limerick is not in need of revitalization and the majority of residents do not want this casino in Limerick.

The biggest reason that this site is not the right one for a casino is the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant. I have enclosed an aerial view of the site. Boyd's casino would be at the foot of the power plant and would be situated between the Limerick Airport and the nuclear plant. It would sit a mere 1/8 of a mile from the power plant. There is no evacuation plan in place to handle the crowd the casino would draw and the infrastructure of the roads is inadequate to handle the evacuation crowd as well. A casino at this site is simply poor planning. Why invite the risk of any type of attack when there are other, better located sites? Security should weigh very, very heavily in the decision making process for the casino license.

I have driven up to this site several times and I urge each of you to do the same. The proximity of the casino to the nuclear power plant is an unacceptable, and unnecessary, risk.

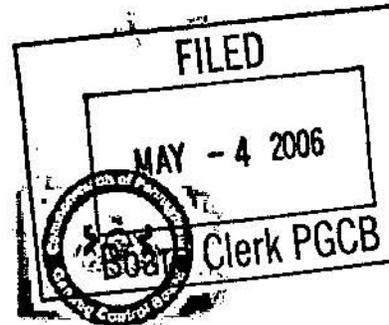
  
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# Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board



## WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: Dana L. Schulze

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

See enclosed letter

Comments: Page 2 (continued)

I, Dana L. Scholze verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Dana L. Scholze*

Dana Schulze

April 24, 2006

This letter is being written to address concerns of the possibility of the Boyd Casino moving to Limerick Township, PA. I am a voting resident of Limerick Township and recently moved here after being drawn to the country and quiet setting in this community. My husband and I looked forward to raising our three children in a safe, quiet, and less congested area of Pennsylvania not in close proximity to a gambling institution which will increase traffic and attract crime to the area.

Boyd Gaming is not a philanthropical organization coming to our community to bring us jobs and money and increase our standard of living. They will be contributing to our taxes because their institution increases social costs far greater than what they contribute. Professor Earl L. Grinols, Dept. Of Economics, University of Illinois has been studying the economics of gambling since 1990 when legalized gambling has been approved throughout several states. Even using conservative cost and benefit estimates, costs to benefits are greater than \$3 to \$1. Social costs of \$214 per adult annually include increased crime (of which crime = \$65), business and employment costs, bankruptcy, suicide, illness, social service costs, direct regulatory costs, family costs, abused dollars.

This list doesn't touch upon the cost of a decreased well being due to the increased time spent on a congested roadway filled with an increase of 5.8 million visitors annually as stated in the impact report. Boyd plans to improve the roadway into their institution. What about the route 422 corridor (via 76 and 476) the majority of people will be traveling on to get to the casino? All side roads within the area will see an increase of traffic, as well as route 100 and 724. With 5.8 million additional travelers annually, the roadways will be very congested and needing major repairs. The peak travel time for visitors will be weekends. Does a traffic jam on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, (our family time and free time) sound like an improved standard of living and increased well being? Seven neighboring counties can expect to be impacted by increased traffic and the spillover effect from the costs of the institution.

The 3950 jobs being brought here are expected to pay an average wage of \$32,000 and most workers will commute. Boyd isn't bringing jobs they are bringing commuters. The people working next door to you have no investment in your and your community's well being. The Limerick area has a high standard of living, expensive housing costs, higher than average income, low rates of poverty, higher than average population growth, unemployment here is consistently lower than the rest of the state. We don't need gambling to bring us jobs. We don't need to give our money to Boyd. The Limerick area doesn't need an increase in jobs or housing. We are already growing and improving our standard of living more quickly than the nation. It is the first tier suburbs that are struggling to maintain their niche.

The above list of social costs, although extensive, also doesn't list the decreased sense of enjoyment and well being due to a large 200 foot building scarring our beautiful view of the country side. The Limerick nuclear facility is an eyesore to the entire Schuylkill Valley. Just imagine if it was covered with lights and trying to attract the attention of 5.8 million visitors 24 hours a day. This isn't the country setting our residents desire. Don't change the zoning! We do not want a tall gaming facility marring our beautiful countryside.

The casino is planned to be a self-contained dining, entertainment, meeting, lodging (600 rooms) facility. Patrons might buy snacks and fast foods near 422. Is that the type of business that residents want to increase in our community? No way!! Good bye to the family owned small businesses which offer us so much flavor and enjoyment in a unique setting. The retail trade and service sectors will be most affected. The substitution effect guarantees that local businesses will suffer. Casinos absorb existing entertainment, restaurant and hotel business, and deplete dollars available to other retail businesses. That destroys other jobs in the trade area and eliminates their sales, employment and property tax contributions. We don't need to give our money to Boyd.

There will also be an increased need for community services in the police and fire departments. Limerick is the first response to the nuclear generating facility. In a quickly growing community, these areas are already in need of more patrols. The additional traffic will increase the roadway and highway patrols. What will we do if there is an emergency at the nuclear facility and we need to evacuate? The roadways are already clogged before adding the 5.8 million visitors. The community definitely needs an improved wastewater treatment facility. If I can't have a garbage disposal in my home, how can we allow an additional 5.8 million visitors into our area? Where will that increased cost come from since our costs already outweigh the taxes Boyd will be paying? More of our money will be given to Boyd.

Grinols and Mustard's study, March 2001 concluded that casinos increase crime, creating crime and not merely moving it from one area to another. Expect an increase in aggravated assault, rape, robbery, larceny, burglary, auto theft, embezzlement, and fraud. Nearby areas will experience the spillover effect.

Gambling brings addiction and is an addictive behavior. Gambling has all the properties of a psychoactive substance, and it changes the neurochemistry of the brain. Youth have the highest addiction rates, between 4 and 8%. Is this risk worth the increased money the school boards will get? Isn't saving one child from this addiction worth stopping the wealthy and powerful casino tyrants?

Expect suicides from the addicted gamblers. No other addictive population has had as high a prevalence for attempts. Nevada has been the highest in the nation for suicides for 10 of the last 12 years. Put this together with increased risk to our youth and it is a very volatile equation. Can one life be quantified?

Gambling does not create a tangible product. Many people gamble to acquire money. This gambler expects to get something for nothing. Who is paying the costs? The more people who gamble to acquire money, the poorer society will become.

Limerick residents don't want a casino. Limerick residents don't need a casino. Don't change the zoning.



Dana L. Schulze, B.S., M.A., LPC



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April 20, 2006

Mike Pincus  
Limerick Twp Board of Supervisors

**Re: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Public Input Hearing**

Dear Mr. Pincus:

Thank you for submitting a registration to speak at the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board ("Board") Public Input Hearings. The Board is pleased to accept your registration as a Government Official. As a Government Official, you will be permitted up to 30 minutes to speak. Pursuant to the Rules of Conduct for the Public Input Hearings, the Presiding Officer will strictly enforce the allotted speaking time, to ensure that the maximum number of participants have time to speak.

This letter is **official notification we have scheduled you in Allentown at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on to use your opportunity to testify before the Board.** It is also your confirmation document and **must be presented at the Sign-In Desk on that day.** Sign-in will begin at 7:45 a.m. and conclude when the last speaker is heard by the board but no later than 6:00 o'clock p.m., whichever occurs first.

To ensure that the maximum number of witnesses have time to speak, the Board will accept into the evidentiary record, PowerPoint presentations, videos, DVDs or CD-ROMs, as exhibits, **for review by the Board at a later date.** Therefore, please do not plan to electronically display during your oral testimony the material contained in those media; such displays will not be permitted.

All oral testimony will be transcribed by a stenographer and become a part of the evidentiary record.

Azta Corporation, Boyd Gaming and Sands Bethworks Gaming will be the presenting applicants on that day and will be permitted up to 40 minutes each to speak. They will be followed by (1) Legislators; (2) Local Government; (3) Community Groups; and (4) Individuals.

The hearing will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and conclude when the last registered and signed-in speaker is heard but no later than 6:00 o'clock p.m., whichever occurs first. We encourage you to sign-in early because of the uncertainty of how long any one day will last should the speakers either not show or do not use all of their allotted time.

You may wish to submit written comments at the Public Input Hearing, rather than present oral testimony. The Board has posted on its website ([www.pgcb.state.pa.us](http://www.pgcb.state.pa.us)) the form to be used for the submission of written comments at the Public Input Hearing. A copy of that form is enclosed for your use, should the written submittal of your comments be more convenient. Board staff will also be available at each hearing to assist in taking written submissions.

Written comments taken at the Public Input Hearing will become part of the evidentiary record for the Board's consideration when evaluating each applicant.

Those unable to attend the Public Input Hearings to which they have been assigned may submit written comments, via regular mail, until June 2, 2006 when the evidentiary record will be closed.

If there are any additional questions or problems, please visit the PGCB's website at [www.pgcb.state.pa.us](http://www.pgcb.state.pa.us) or contact the Office of the Clerk at (717) 346-8300.

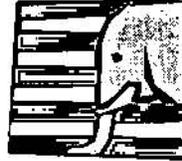
Respectfully,



Michael P. Edmiston, Esq.  
Director Hearings and Appeals

**PINCUS MOWDAY MANAGEMENT  
AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mike Pincus Bruce Mowday



April 28, 2006

Michael P. Edmiston, Esq.  
Director of Hearings and Appeals  
Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
P.O. Box 69060  
Harrisburg PA 17106

Re: Public Input Hearing  
Boyd Pennsylvania Partners, LP, Applicant

Dear Mr Edmiston;

As a pre-registered speaker on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Limerick Township, I am submitting the attached written statement on their behalf, to be entered into the evidentiary record in lieu of oral testimony.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Pincus', written over a horizontal line.

Mike Pincus  
Consultant to Limerick Township



ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

## LIMERICK TOWNSHIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT

April 28, 2006

Pennsylvania State Gaming Commission  
**RE: Gaming Proposal-Limerick Site**

As the duly elected officials of Limerick Township, Montgomery County, PA, we have conducted a review of the Boyd Pennsylvania Partners, LP proposed site in our township. On behalf of the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors, the following statement is to be entered into the Public Input Hearing evidentiary record regarding the application of Boyd Pennsylvania Partners, LP, in consideration before the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

**The Limerick Township Board of Supervisors cannot support the application and the location proposed by the applicant, Boyd Pennsylvania Partners, LP.**

David F. Kane  
Chairman  
Limerick Township Board of Supervisors

We do not want a  
casino in Limerick.

Mr. + Mrs. Hunsberger



Shirley Runyan

Dear Pennsylvania  
Gaming Control Board,

Should you please  
help us to keep our Township  
in good living conditions and  
secure conditions as has been  
these many years past.

Casinos and all  
that goes with them  
is not the kind of family  
living that we have ex-  
perienced these many years  
in Limerick Township.

Please say "no" to  
the casinos & slot machines  
in Pennsylvania.  
for the health and well being  
of our families, friends & neighbors.

Thank you for caring  
about people's needs  
people's health  
people's security  
people's peace of mind  
people's plans for better living  
people's spending their money wisely.

people's using their time rightly,  
and people's dreams of a  
good future  
and a hope.

Should appreciate a people.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Shirley Runvan

April 6, 2006



Mrs. Shirlev Runvan

Sue Morris

Mr. Tom Decker, Chairman  
Pa. Gaming Control Board  
P.O. Box 69060  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17106-9060

Dear Sir,

Limerick township IS the wrong place to put a casino. This is a beautiful area (despite the Nuclear Power Plants). But to add a slot machine casino - buses and buses trucking up 422. And to think someone is ridiculous enough to think they can reroute all that traffic to I. 724 and then 23 is absolutely ludicrous.

I am against gaming. It will bring in mob theft and other crime. You'll have to enlarge our police + fire station. For what? The money we'll get will go to protecting us. We'll have to spend any gaming taxes on police & fire.

8, 2006

TAD DECKER,  
PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD  
PO Box 69060  
Harrisburg, PA.

Dear Sir:

I would like to register my concern and opposition to the introducing of GAMING into Bethlehem with you and the members of the PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD.

While morally I have some question as to the question of "gambling", that is not the concern from which I speak... that being a decision that each individual must make.

I am concerned on the overall impact - financial and social - that will be made on that area of our city.

There will be both an immediate impact on traffic and availability of low-income housing - which is already at a premium. The initial financial windfall will be more than used up in trying to arrange and maintain the services needed and the bulk of money will flow out of the community.

Fundamentally Bethlehem is a city which has worked hard - and purposefully - to create a family-friendly environment (its historical preservation, musical Christmas events) which GAMING will not add to but seriously detract from.

Sincerely,  
DAVID HENIKOWSKI

It is a well known fact Boyd's Gaming Corp. out of Las Vegas hires few locals. Why in the world would I much want a casino run by a Las Vegas Corporation.

I ask you to please think of these things before a lovely area becomes like Atlantic City. And then people who pay taxes will start moving out.

Sincerely,

Susan H. Morris

4/11/06

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the planned casino to be built in Linrick township. I can not imagine why anyone would think that this was a good idea. I moved here 8 yrs. ago for the country feel of the area. If a casino were to be built, I shudder to think of the impact on 422, which is already a nightmare. The "benefits" of a casino would be detrimental to this city. For those who need to gamble, Atlantic City is close enough. I haven't seen any of the so-called "benefits" of a casino in Atlantic City. I see more crime, more dysfunctional families and more anti-social behavior.

If this casino does go through, I would seriously consider moving, and I

Have heard many of my neighbors  
and friends say the same thing.

Please do not let them destroy  
our township with this poorly-thought  
out plan.

Sincerely,  
Tisha Kudoba

NO CASINO!

Denise & Jeff Schmidt

March 10 2006

Chairman Tom Decker,

We are opposed to having a casino built in Limerick Twp. Our concern is that the current infrastructure is not and will not be in the foreseeable future adequate to handle the additional traffic this casino will generate. Route 422 is already overcrowded and dangerous. We already believe that this communities emergency evacuation plan is woefully inadequate and to add additional traffic and people is irresponsible. We all watched New Orleans attempt to evacuate during Katrina. Imagine the horror of a crisis at the power plant and the effects of an evacuation in this area. It would be impossible! Dont add to this problem!

Chairmen Decker, you must  
consider carefully before building a  
casino in Limerick. Please do  
all that you can to keep our  
community safe.

Sincerely,

Denis Schmitt  
Jeffrey J. Schmitt



Pennsylvania  
Gaming Control Board



WRITTEN COMMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE  
EVIDENTIARY RECORD OF THE PUBLIC INPUT HEARINGS

I request that the following comments be made part of the public input hearing record and considered by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board prior to awarding licenses for slot operators:

Name: Heidi Macy

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if any: N/A

Employer: N/A

COMMENTS: (Please use second page if more space is required)

Please deny Boyd PA Partners application for the following reasons:

- ① Road infrastructure is unable to accommodate more traffic, even with improvements.
- ② Any site within 10 miles of Limerick Nuclear Power Plant is unacceptable for a destination tourist attraction as it will complicate evacuation procedures.
- ③ Limerick area does not need economic development.
- ④ Any jobs that will be created will not benefit Limerick residents as they will be mostly part-time jobs.

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- ⑤ Casinos should never be placed in any family-oriented community like Limerick.
- ⑥ Thousands of area residents have opposed the Boyd Casino application by signing a petition.
- ⑦ ~~The local share of gambling revenue will~~ not be adequate to upgrade roads, police, fire & other emergency response needs. Taxes may actually have to be increased for local residents to cover those costs.
- ⑧ Location is too close to Philadelphia & the customer bases of Phila. & Limerick casinos would overlap & create less overa. revenue to the state.
- ⑨ Boyd Gaming has not been forthright with the residents or elected officials. They have promised public meetings, but refuse to follow through with their promises.
- ⑩ Additional public <sup>input</sup> hearings should be held after the Gaming Board questions the applicants, the independent traffic studies are public.

I, Heidi Macy verify that the information contained in this written comment is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Heidi Macy