

Cancer Cells

By Bill Piper

I would like to draw an analogy for the folks reading this. A few years ago a previous Board of Commissioners blessed the creations of two tumors in Elizabeth Township. Let's call them Plutus and Apollo B. Tumors by their nature will send out tendrils looking for a vein to tap into so it can thrive. Our tumors reached out and found the Yough River. The Board blessed this. A lesion appeared on the banks of the Yough – a pumping station.

With the passing of a few years, the cancer wants to spread or metastasize. As cancers will spread from say, liver to lungs, our cancer will reach out to Rostraver Township close to the Ice Skating Rink. And where will this tumor get its nourishment? Why, the Yough. They won't need the Boards blessing as they have established their beachhead in Blythedale. Returning closer to home, a tumor wishes to sprout by our high school. Let's call this brain cancer. The Planning Commissioners have blessed this. They would also relieve us of any coal found. This would be akin to a thief saying, "I'll take your wallet and oh- give me your water too!" And lest we forget, they have plans for a compressor station. Where will this end?

Are we to look like Elrama before they are done with us?

To finish this analogy, our Board of Commissioners are to act as our Immune System. Each member active as a "T" cell" to look out for and protect each cell – us citizens. In this regard many of their predecessors have done a lousy job. They have denied them nothing. What are these new members made of? We are about to see.

Editors note: On July 11, as residents begged Commissioners at Elizabeth Township, PA, to reject the application for the Heracles well pad that would be about 1700 feet from the local High School, Bill Piper took to the mike. He put the situation in language that could be painfully understood by all. Plutus and Apollo B are hydrofracturing well pads already in production in the community by the same company. Olympus Energy is also seeking a new pad in neighboring Rostraver Township. His words left Commissioners speechless – what could they say???