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## **ZONING & LAND USE - PENNSYLVANIA**

### **Gorsline v. Board of Supervisors of Fairfield Township**

**Supreme Court of Pennsylvania - June 1, 2018 - A.3d - 2018 WL 2448803**

Objecting residents sought review of decision of township board of supervisors to grant energy company's application for a conditional-use permit to locate gas wells on tract of land that was located in an area zoned residential-agricultural.

The Court of Common Pleas reversed. Energy company and tract's owners appealed. The Commonwealth Court reversed. Objecting residents petitioned for allowance of appeal.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania held that company's proposed use was not, in any material respect, of the same general character as, or similar to, public-service-facility or essential-services uses, which were uses that zoning ordinance allowed in residential-agricultural districts.