**Reports for Green Sanctuary Meeting of December 16, 2024**

Save Ohio Parks. This group met via Zoom at noon on Friday, December 6. The Oil & Gas Land Management Commission met on December 9 in Columbus to discuss four “nominations.” No members of the public were allowed to speak at the meeting. Theresa White is the new chairperson of the OGLMC. When the nominations for two Salt Fork parcels came up, Ms. White and the other commissioners approved them. To review the process of approval of proposals for fracking in public lands, a nomination, once supported by the OGLMC, (the company originating the nomination is not named) leads to a bid, which then results in a permit authorized by ODNR when the company’s name is revealed.

Injection Wells. I mentioned in my report last month that Bob Lane and Bob Wilson actually won the appeal of their suit against several injection well companies. According to their attorney it was a very strong opinion. Their attorney wants to combine this case with another similar case and present it to the Athens County Court, which he thinks will be a more favorable legal environment to advance the case.

Bob Wilson had written a letter to the editor (Marietta Times) about their case, but it had not been published after several weeks. I offered to edit the letter. Bob and Bob accepted my offer, and Bob Wilson subsequently submitted it to the Marietta Times. I have not yet seen it, however.

ReImaigne Appalachia Events:

The major event for RA is:

January 14-15, 2025, 11 a.m. – 1:30 – ReImagine Appalachia Annual Strategy Summit. Plans for the upcoming year will be discussed.

Citizens Climate Lobby. Our first lobby meeting with a staff member from Congressman Michael Rulli’s office was held on December 12. Details of this meeting will be discussed at the CCL OH 06 meeting on December 16 (7 p.m. via Zoom). The major focus of CCL at this time is the Energy Permitting Reform Act (S 4753), which will soon be introduced in the House..

ARCH2 Event. My report on this event, which involved discussion of the proposed hydrogen hub in Appalachia, appears in a separate document.

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