RESOLUTION NO. 02-17

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STONE QUARRY NEAR AMERICUS, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the land surrounding the Wabash River is a natural treasure and should be protected;

WHEREAS, the collaborative efforts of state and local entities are vital to the protection and development of the Wabash River as a recreational venue;

WHEREAS, Prophetstown State Park, Wolf Park and the Battlefield at Battle Ground are attractions for additional tourism for the City of West Lafayette and should be protected;

WHEREAS, the source of the water for the City of West Lafayette follows a path near the Wabash River and stone mining operations upstream from the city exposes the surface and ground water to the danger of pollution;

WHEREAS, the quality of life in West Lafayette is increased by the green space surrounding urban areas, by wildlife that inhabit these areas including the American bald eagle that returned to the Wabash River corridor in recent years, and by recreational opportunities in the area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed stone quarry near Americus threatens the environment, area wildlife, recreational opportunities, and the general welfare of the City of West Lafayette.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of West Lafayette that the request for a special exception related to a proposed stone mining operation near Americus should be denied.

| INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING ON THE 6 DAY OF March , 2017. |
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