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Borough of Wharton
Planning Board
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Re: North Main, East Central Avenue, Second Street

On Friday, July 31, 2020, Borough of Wharton Administrator Jon Rheinhardt contacted me via telephone in reference to the above stated project. Mr. Rheinhardt requested to know the status of the Wharton Fire Department Board of Engineers, Plans Review Committee meeting with the project manager. I informed Mr. Rheinhardt that due to upcoming trainings and availability we are planning on meeting August 10, 2020. Mr. Rheinhardt informed me that there are time constraints regarding this project proposal to the planning board. Therefore, he requested that I convene my committee and supply the planning board with recommendations that would rectify the fire department concerns that were outlined in our July 23, 2020 letter.

On Sunday, August 2, 2020, members of the Wharton Fire Department Board of Engineers and Project Plans Review Committee (WFD) conducted a meeting in relation Mr. Rheinhardt's request. During this meeting, members of our committee determined that because we are not engineers, planners, or developers it would be highly inappropriate for us to make recommendations to rectify the previously identified concerns. The WFD experience pertains to safe fire emergency response to the proposed property. Additionally it was our committee's outlook that time constraints of the proposal should not supersede the safety of potential future residents and our firefighters. Therefore, we welcome the opportunity to meet with the project manager from Dynamic Professional Engineering Consultants on Monday, August 10, 2020 to discuss our concerns further as well as potential suitable remedies for such.

In conclusion, the Wharton Fire Department Board of Engineers and Project Plans Review Committee are supplying this information with the safety of our citizens and firefighters in mind. We thank you in advance for your time.

Respectfully,

Brian Cronin
Department Chief
Wharton Fire Department

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