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Maureen Sterner, Borough Manager
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RE: Jim Thorpe Borough Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Section 500-21(B)(3) and new Section-21(D)

Mrs. Sterner,

The Carbon County Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed amendment to the Jim Thorpe Borough Zoning Ordinance per the requirements of Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC - Act 247 of 1968 as reenacted and amended).

Based on our review, the Carbon County Planning Commission, considered the potential impacts of additional residential development that would have a potential for a significant impact on the Mauch Lake Park and Mauch Chunk Creek regarding the quality of the borough water supply for west side of the borough and the local recreation and tourism economy reliance on these natural resources and believes the proposal is not consistent with the goals and objectives of the Middle Carbon County Comprehensive Plan and Carbon County Comprehensive and Greenway Plan that protection of natural resources, supply and quality drinking water are key goals within the plans.

In addition, the proposed amendment does not take into consideration updating Zoning Attachment 7 Special District Area, Yard and Height Regulations to the restrictions proposed to be adopted with this proposed amendment.

We believe that this is a borough issue regarding land development requirements within the Mauch Chunk Creek watershed and are forwarding our concerns outlined above to the Borough of Jim Thorpe for their consideration before an approval or denial of this zoning amendment is made.

Section 609 of the MPC specifies the procedure that must be followed for adoption of the amended Jim Thorpe Borough Zoning Ordinance. After enactment, please forward one (1) official copy of the Zoning Ordinance within thirty (30) days of adoption to the Carbon County Office of Planning & Development for our records.

Thank you for providing the Carbon County Planning Commission with the opportunity to review and comment on this document. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office at (570) 325-3671.

Sincerely,

David J. Bodnar Jr.
Director, Carbon County Office of
Planning & Development

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