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Mr. Joseph Romano  
Marple Township  
227 S. Sproul Road  
Broomall, PA 19008-2397

RE: Name of Plan: Recreational Amendment  
DCPD File No.: CP-24-6282-06-15  
Applicant: Marple Township, J. Adam Matlawski, Esq.  
Recv'd in DCPD: August 12, 2015

Dear Mr. Romano:

In accordance with Section 301.3 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, the above captioned submission has been reviewed by the Delaware County Planning Commission. At a meeting held on August 20, 2015, the Commission took action as shown in the recommendation of the attached review.

If the plan is adopted, please forward a copy of the final text to this office for our files.

Very truly yours,

Linda F. Hill  
Director

LFH/pmg

cc: J. Adam Matlawski, Esq.



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REMARKS (continued):

As stipulated in Section 301.(4) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, preparation of a comprehensive plan shall include "a plan for community facilities and utilities, which may include public and private education, recreation, municipal buildings, fire and police stations, libraries, hospitals, water supply and distribution, etc.."

The proposed comprehensive plan addendum includes a thorough account of the Township's Open Space and Recreational facilities which are classified in accordance with standards developed by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA).

As stated in the plan, the Township owns and operates 12 parks, which total 183.5 acres. The NRPA categorizes parks based on land's characteristics and amenities, but not exclusively based on the size of parklands to accommodate a community's population. NRPA standards recommended 10 to 12.5 acres of active recreation land per 1,000 residents. Recreational land should be comprised in a variety of park types, i.e., mini-park, neighborhood park, community/regional park, school park, special use park, greenways and trails, and nature preserves.

The plan stipulates residents in the Township that currently do not have sufficient access to local recreational opportunities include areas along the northern border with Haverford Township; to the north of the Delaware County Community College; and most visibly in the southern portion of the Township, to the north and west of the Saint Peter and Paul Cemetery. The plan recommends several remedies to address insufficient access, one of which is to enhance the existing open space network in the Core Areas of the Township via development and redevelopment activities, while also updating its fee-in-lieu ordinance to address both residential and nonresidential development where a fee would be

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paid in place of providing open space where lands may not be available or suitable for recreational use. Accordingly, in an accompanying SALDO petition, the Township has prepared a fee-in-lieu ordinance to address recommendations in the comprehensive plan amendment.

**ADOPTION**

In accordance with Section 306(b) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), the municipality shall forward a certified copy of the amendment to the County Planning Department within thirty (30) days of adoption.