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To All Trappe Borough Residents

Background Regarding the Proposed 7th Avenue Apartment Complex

In January 2019, a developer submitted a sketch plan to the borough for apartments in the LI Limited Industrial District. The developer claims that apartments are a permitted use in the LI Limited Industrial District per the language in the borough code. Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), the developer requested an opinion from the Trappe Zoning Officer as to whether apartments are allowed in the LI Limited Industrial District. The Trappe Zoning Officer issued a letter stating that in her opinion apartments are NOT allowed in the LI Limited Industrial District. Trappe Borough Council and the Mayor are in unanimous support of the opinion of the Zoning Officer.

In accordance with the MPC, the developer filed an appeal of the Zoning Officer's decision to the Trappe Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB). After formal public hearings on the matter, the ZHB must decide whether to uphold the Zoning Officer's decision. The only issue before the ZHB is whether apartments are permitted in the LI Limited Industrial District per the terms of the zoning code. The next hearing is scheduled for November 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.