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Dr. Stropkaj and members of the Keystone Oaks School Board,

As requested by the board at the Tuesday, October 24, meeting, Mt. Lebanon Municipality hosted a public meeting for members of the Myrtle Elementary community on Thursday, November 9, 2017. We would like to thank Keystone Oaks Superintendent Dr. Stropkaj, Myrtle Elementary Principal Scott Mizikar, and Communications Coordinator Sarah Welch for aiding us in hosting the meeting and distributing information to the Myrtle Elementary community. Approximately 15 residents attended the meeting in addition to representatives from Castle Shannon Borough and Castle Shannon Police Department.

Residents asked questions and provided comment on the site plan, the safety of the facility, and the potential benefit to Keystone Oaks School district and local residents. The following is a summary of the comments received and how Mt. Lebanon plans to address these concerns.

Site plan:

- **Stormwater detention pond security:** Fencing will be provided around the storm water detention pond in response to some of the comments and concerns that were expressed at the meeting last night.
- **Lighting:** Lighting will be wall mounted and a dark sky or appropriate fixture type will be selected to provide sufficient site lighting but minimize impact to the residential properties

Safety:

- **Traffic Calming:** Chief Lauth (MLPD) and Chief Truver (CSPD) will work together to collect baseline data regarding speed on Pine Avenue. Follow up data will be collected when the golf course is "in season" to accurately reflect volume and speeds during times of heaviest use. Mt. Lebanon and Castle Shannon will work together to take any appropriate traffic calming measures based on the data collected.
- **Security camera(s):** Mt. Lebanon is willing to pay for and install a security camera(s) and data share with other law enforcement agencies as appropriate.
- **Recreation program:** Mt. Lebanon will institute a background check requirement for all individuals signing up for the gun safety class offered through the municipality's recreation department.
- **Clearances for contractor's selected for construction:** Mt. Lebanon will review this request with TEDCO, the municipality's construction representative for the project.

Benefit to Keystone Oaks School District and residents:

- Ability for officers from Castle Shannon, Dormont and Green Tree to train and qualify locally at a reduced cost to those communities.
- Should Keystone Oaks decide to establish a high school rifle team the municipality would be willing to work with the school district to make the facility available to that team.
- Increased presence of police officers in the neighborhood.

Additionally, questions were raised in regards to the procedures utilized by the Mt. Lebanon High School Rifle team:

- The team consists of about 15 members and was the first WPIAL sport at the high school, beginning in 1933. There are currently 16 WPIAL rifle teams and rifle is the only sport where male and female athletes compete directly against each other. The team currently has eight "home" and eight "away" matches during the regular season. Rifle is a winter sport with the season taking place between December and February.
- Rifle competition uses .22-caliber Olympic free-style rifles that are fired from the prone position.
- Per Mt. Lebanon School District policy, team members meet at the high school and are transported to and from events (practices and matches) by bus. Students do not drive individually to practices or matches. This is a policy for all Mt. Lebanon High School teams.
- All competitive shooting events are monitored by Certified Range Safety Officers and coaches.
- When not in use during the competition or practice, rifles will be stored inside a locked gun safe inside a locked armory within the facility. Ammunition is counted by the coaches at the beginning and end of each competition and practice and stored in a locked case. Rifles and ammunition do not leave the facility except when the team travels for competition, at which point the firing pins are removed by the coaches for transportation.

Attached to this memo is also a copy of the Frequently Asked Questions document that we have developed and distributed to the Myrtle Elementary community.

Please let us know if the Board requires any additional information from Mt. Lebanon and what the next steps are that the board would like to see before considering our request for usage of the facility by Mt. Lebanon High School's Rifle Team and the Mt. Lebanon Recreation Department.

Sincerely,



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