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Re: zone change 881 Weber St

Mayor Shantz and council members

My name is Patrick Polillo, my wife and I live at [REDACTED] Apple Grove Rd, we have owned this property for approx 25 years, we thoroughly enjoy living here and are proud to call Woolwich home.

Our property is 15 acres in size, approx 8 acres is used by a local Mennonite farmer for crops and the rest is in lawn, house, out buildings, bush area and Martin Creek waterway.

Recently we received a letter in the mail about a development directly beside our property. We have went over the letter and all documents pertaining to the development by 881Weber Street Inc. We do have some very real concerns listed below about this development plan.

The owner has hired The Planning Partnership ( TPP ) firm to present a Planning Rational Report to council. I find it very disturbing that our property was not mentioned in this report, since we will be the most affected of all properties in the area. The report talks of all properties in the area like Martins Apple Orchard, Johns Nursery, service stations, restaurants and other on farm business. Our property is our home, this is where we live, we do not run a business out of here. Our quality of life will most definitely be affected by this development which TPP has conveniently left out.

Apple Grove Rd is a gravel road, the increase in truck traffic this plan will have combined with Martins Apple Orchard truck traffic will deteriorate this road quickly, resulting in more maintenance and costs, this is a gravel road, it cannot take the heavy tractor trailer traffic.

Apple Grove Rd was to be paved from Weber St to Lobsinger Line, only half was completed, would the other half to Lobsinger Line be paved to help reduce maintenance? If the road is left in gravel the increase in truck traffic will definitely increase more than the normal amounts of ruts and pot holes, also I am concerned about dust conditions, since their entrance way to their property off Apple Grove will be right at our property line and approx 190 ft from our house to their roadway coming in.

TPP has said Apple Grove Rd will be used for incoming traffic only, traffic will then exit on to Lobsinger Line. Who will monitor this? At 8pm in the evening or 5am in the morning, trucks will leave the property which is most convenient to them and remember our house is only 190 ft from their laneway. At present heavy trucks from ongoing construction are leaving the property daily onto Apple Grove . Will this include car traffic as well, and seasonal and full time help. I really doubt a metal sign showing were to exit the property is going to help exit traffic onto Lobsinger Line, it may at first but over time traffic will start to exit onto Apple Grove I'm sure. Also I am concerned that trucks and trailers will be left parked and running in the laneway off Apple Grove Rd. This would be a major disruption for us due to noise from the trucks and trailer refrigeration units running along with diesel exhaust odour. Has a noise study been completed? We hear the trucks running for hours at Martins Apple along with their refrigeration units running and they are located further away from our house, they park their trucks and trailers on their entrance way off Apple Grove.

TPP mentioned how the cluster building style will keep trucks and equipment hidden from the public and reduce noise. It may keep this equipment hidden but it will only enhance noise levels. Martins Apple Orchard has a similar design where the trucks and trailers are in a loading dock area enclosed on three sides, all it does is cause an echoing effect from the truck motors and refrigeration units running, I have lived here for approx 25 years, we can hear very clearly the noise from Martins Apple, 881 Weber Inc will be alot closer than Martins Apple Orchard. This will clearly be a noise problem for us.

TPP mentions how the construction style of the two housing units for the full time and seasonal staff will result in a healthier life style for the workers. These housing units will be constructed in area D from the paper work that I received. People, these units they are proposing to

you are to be built in a orchard, surround by fruit trees on two sides, these trees are sprayed with pesticides when needed, regardless as to weather conditions, wind, no wind, rain, sunny and hot, humid they get sprayed. To have workers exposed to this would be absolute insanity. These units are downwind from the trees and will most defintely be contaminated from drift and over spray, any outdoor furniture, vehicles the building itself, windows , doors etc will be comtaminated, and we want to house workers in there. Our own vehicles have been hit with over spray driving down Apple Grove Rd, these high powered sprayers were easily 75 to 100 ft away, we have seen over spray and drift go across Lobsinger Line, well over 100 ft of drift, as I said earlier we have lived hear for approx 25 years, we see what goes on, it would be madness to have workers that close to the orchard. We have all read the papers and watch the news on TV as to the conditions that the farm workers are exposed to, pesticides are a major problem for these workers. Often these workers come from other countries, they come here for work and sometimes will not complain about working conditions for fear of getting let go. We have an opportunity to house these workers in the safest spot on the property. After looking at the paper work that I received an area behind the proposed store, toward Lobsinger Line would likely give more of a buffer between the trees to be sprayed and the housing units, easy access to Lobsinger Line for exiting the property, close to a bus stop at Wagners Corners, and they can still easily walk to their jobs, plus it will not take away from the look of the orchard that TPP has pointed out.

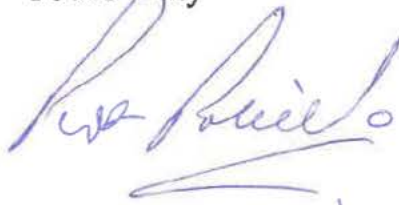
Mayor and council members , is this what we do, we bring in foreign help, house them in unhealthy situations and in six to eight months we send them home not knowing the health implications of living in a orchard. TPP has failed to provide any information on this, they are putting convenience over someones health.

The workers that are proposed to be housed are employees of 881 Weber Street Inc, will there be some type of supervision of these employees while they are living on the property?

The workers that are proposed to be housed on 881 Weber St, will they work solely at 881 Weber St or will they be transported to other properties in the township, and if so does this zoning permit seasonal workers to live on one property and work at a different location.

My wife and I want to thank you for looking over are concerns, if  
you have any questions I can be reached at [REDACTED]

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Powell", with a horizontal line underneath.