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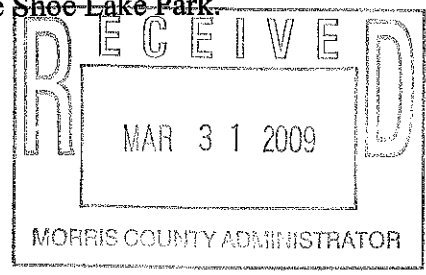
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Mr. Pinto,

Please accept this note of thanks for your attendance at the Roxbury Council meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Your professional demeanor and informative presentation exemplifies the open communication that is greatly appreciated by the Mayor and Council.


In furtherance of the discussion, the Township Council expressed the following concerns regarding the rehabilitation of the rail line behind Horse Shoe Lake:

1. The reactivation of the line and spur to the old Westinghouse property will increase rail activity on a route that runs parallel with the Horse Shoe Lake Bike and Pedestrian Trail. The trail's proximity to the rail line creates a significant safety concern.
2. The spur and line run through wetlands and environmentally sensitive areas. The rehabilitation of the line may impact those areas.
3. The Township's inability to establish frequency of trains, times of travel and manifest of materials on the tracks restricts local over site.
4. The possible trans-loading and storage of materials along the right of way again restrict local over site.
5. The Township receives limited direct benefit for hosting the line. It appears that surrounding communities benefit from the rail service to the detriment of our recreational facilities.
6. The noise and activity associated with the utilization of the rehabilitated line has the potential to create a public nuisance abutting Horse Shoe Lake Park.



The aforementioned items provide an inclusive yet not exclusive itemization of concerns raised at the Council meeting. In summary, the rehabilitation of the tracks to accommodate the Westinghouse facility is an overwhelming detriment to Horse Shoe Lake. The Township takes great pride in the fact that the Daily Record poll of all readers in 2007 determined that Horseshoe Lake was the number 1 recreational facility in all of Morris County. Therefore, The Mayor and Council urge you to use the power and authority of your office to revise the proposal to eliminate the impact on our cherished park and recreational facility.

Respectfully,



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