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Springfield Township Planning Commission
Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.

Re: Request for Improved Levy/Burroughs Materials Corporation Application Updates

Dear Planning Commissioners and Carlisle|Wortman Representatives:

I am writing to request that the monthly Levy/Burroughs Materials Corporation application updates provide a fuller and more transparent record of project developments to the Planning Commission and the public.

Thus far, the updates have offered very little beyond stating that revised application materials have not been submitted. Meanwhile, well installation, road testing, consultant work, site activity, and communication with the applicant have continued. Residents I have spoken with remain frustrated because they are left to piece together information from scattered notices, public records, meeting comments, and observations at the property.

A recent example is the undated email posted by Supervisor Davis stating that Levy had delivered a bulldozer to the Ormond Road property. The Carlisle/Wortman update did not mention the delivery or explain what work was planned, where it would occur, how long it might continue, or whether additional information had been requested from Levy. Even when all answers are not yet available, the update should identify what is known and what remains unanswered.

The application pause is the best time to build understanding. Each month could be used to explain one manageable part of the proposal, the aggregate mining industry, the review process, or a site-specific concern. Commissions and residents are being asked to evaluate a complex special land use proposal covering hundreds of acres, despite having little knowledge of or experience with aggregate mining.

Currently, residents receive a small, inconsistent trickle of information, leaving them to piece together developments on their own. Yet when Levy resubmits, commissioners and residents may be confronted with a firehose of technical material all at once. That sudden volume will make it harder to understand what has changed, evaluate the new information, identify what is still missing, and provide informed feedback.

Future updates could remain brief while consistently identifying:

- New activity, documents, or communications
- Work completed by the applicant or consultants
- Outstanding questions and information requests
- Anticipated next steps
- Where supporting records can be found
- How commissioners and residents can submit questions and receive responses

I respectfully ask the Planning Commission and Carlisle|Wortman to use these updates as a meaningful communication and education tool. The current level of reporting does not adequately serve the commissioners or the public.

Sincerely,

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