Rushcreek Township Zoning Department

August 15, 2021

Amish Request for Section 11.5 Cemetery Variance

The meeting for a variance request to allow for a cemetery on a property to be from 40 acres to 4 acres along with other various requests and stipulations was voted on and decided between June 23,2021 and August 1, 2021. The voting members have approved the variance with the following conditions:

- A) The cemetery lot be a minimum of 2 acres and meet all requirements set in the variance.
- B) The cemetery lot will need to have its own parcel number.
- C) The cemetery lot will need to have a fence place around it and clearly marked graves/burial lots as appropriate.
- D) Maintenance of the cemetery will remain with the Amish community and will also be properly maintained by them and not the township for an indefinite amount of time.
- E) The cemetery can't be considered part of a parcel that requests its road frontage for any reason.
- F) The cemetery must be clearly marked as a cemetery and use for that intended purpose only.
- G) All graves and burial lots shall be no closer than 17 feet from any lot lines.
- H) The cemetery must have direct road access and cannot cut through other properties or parcels.

These are the conditions for which approval for a variance has been granted. If any of these items are not met then the variance becomes null and void.

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Zoning Inspector

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