



MORAVIAN COLLEGE

May 23, 2018

Mr. Michael Alkhal
Director of Public Works
City of Bethlehem
10 East Church Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Subject: Moravian College Student Parking Lot 'X'
Request for Extension to Curb & Sidewalk Deferral

Dear Mr. Alkhal:

At its' June 9, 2016 meeting, the City Planning Commission approved the minor land development plans for Moravian College's Student Parking Lot 'X'. As part of this approval, a conditional deferral of curb and sidewalk installation along the western edge of Mauch Chunk Road between the parking lot's northern driveway and the lot's northern property line (approximately 480 linear feet) was granted. This initial deferral was granted for a two-year period, at the end of which the College was to return to the Planning Commission to determine whether the deferral would be extended to some future date or if the curb and sidewalk installation would then be required.

As discussed at the Planning Commission meeting, if a need would arise regarding parking for the students at the Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center (SMRC) located at 1441 Schoenersville Road, additional sidewalks adjacent to Parking Lot 'X' would be beneficial. Parking Lot 'X' is currently used exclusively as long-term parking for resident students who live near the intersection of Mauch Chunk Rd. and W. Laurel St. Since the parking lot has opened, the College has not witnessed, nor had any requests for pedestrian accessways or shuttle service from the lot to the SMRC.

The SMRC is the current home of the Athletic Training program, future home for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech Language Pathology and a portion of the facility is leased to St. Luke's Health Network as a physical therapy center. There are currently 25 graduate students in the Athletic Training program. Occupational Therapy and Speech Language Pathology are scheduled to begin in fall 2019 and Physical Therapy is expected to start in summer 2020.





Based on the current enrollment and future projections, the SMRC parking lot will accommodate staff, students and patients well into the future and the pedestrian access from SMRC to Parking Lot 'X' should not be an issue. Therefore the College is requesting the extension of the Curb & Sidewalk Deferred until such time that there is a documented need.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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