

ATTACHMENT 5

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION FOREST CONSERVATION RECOMMENDATIONS

TO: Plan enforcement staff, Development Review Division

SUBJECT: Project Name Pyle Middle School—Telecom Lightpole Date Recd 2/1/05
NRI/FSD # 4-05218E

The above-referenced plan has been reviewed by the Environmental Planning Division to determine the requirements of Chapter 22A of the Montgomery County Code (Forest Conservation Law). A determination has been made that the plan qualifies for the following exemption:

EXEMPTION:

Modification of Existing Developed Property - no more than a total of 5,000 square feet of forest will be cleared; no forest clearing within a stream buffer or on property subject to SPA WQP requirements; and does not require new subdivision plan.

NOTE: Per section 22A-6(b) of the Forest Conservation Law, Tree Save Plans may be substituted for Forest Conservation Plans on properties where the proposed development is exempt from Forest Conservation except that it involves clearing of specimen or champion trees.

This property is not subject to a Tree Save Plan.

This property is not within a Special Protection Area.

Signature: Candy Bunnag^{CB}, Environmental Planning Date: 2/22/05

Cc: Hillorie Morrison (fax: 410-636-5287)

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PYLE PTSA OPPOSES NEXTEL TOWER ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Pyle Parents – As a result of the motion passed at last night's meeting, the following letter has been sent to the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission.

Marilyn Clemens, MLA
Planner Coordinator/Urban Designer
Community-Based Planning Division
Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

Dear Ms. Clemens,

On Tuesday, May 24, 2005, the T.W. Pyle Middle School PTSA met to discuss the Nextel proposal to erect a cell phone tower on school grounds. After the sharing of information and substantial discussion of a variety of issues, the PTSA has gone on record in opposition to this plan.

Pyle Principal Michael Zarchin attended the meeting and stated that he supports the PTSA position. He is in the process of drafting a letter to Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Jerry Weast to that effect.

Here is the text of the motion that was adopted:

The Pyle PTSA opposes Nextel's proposal to place a cell phone tower on the grounds of T.W. Pyle Middle School based on numerous concerns including, but not limited to, potential long- and short-term adverse health effects, student and staff safety and security, aesthetics, corporate encroachment, a lack of demonstrable benefit to the education of our children, an inappropriate use of limited land resources, and the risk of legal liability. Given these concerns, and after extensive discussion, the PTSA embraces the principle of "first, do no harm."

It is our desire that this information be shared with members of the Montgomery County Planning Board. If there is anything additional we need to do to ensure that the PTSA's voice is heard on June 9th, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Noelle McHugh and Karen Finucan Clarkson
Pyle PTSA Co-presidents
T.W. Pyle Middle School
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