MINUTES

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL 1031 VALLEY FORGE ROAD, WORCESTER, PA 19490 THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM

2. ATTENDANCE

All members were present.

3. **REORGANIZATION**

Mr. Koch motioned to appoint Tony Sherr as Chair; Ms. Greenwalt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Koch motioned to appoint Michelle Greenwalt as Vice Chair; Ms. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Greenwalt motioned to appoint Mr. Koch as Secretary; Bob Andorn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Motion to approve the December 14, 2023, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

The minutes were tabled by Ms. Greenwalt.

5. WORCESTER TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE UTILIZATION AND ACQUISITION ANALYSIS

- a. The Friends of Worcester were unable to attend the meeting.
- b. Ms. Judy Horrocks presented on behalf of the PSCTA. Her presentation focused upon Tennis courts in the Township as well as some discussion concerning Pickleball in the Township. Ms. Horrocks emphasized the importance of Tennis for young children and people of all ages.

6. LAND DEVELOPMENT

a. (LD 2022-01) BET – City View Apartments – Review of revised Preliminary Plans

Representatives for the applicant presented the updated plans for the proposed apartments on 2974 Germantown Pike. There are two four-story apartment buildings

proposed. One apartment building is proposed to contain 80 units and the second apartment building is proposed to contain of 64 units for a total of 144 apartment units.

Discussion concerning the proposed project ensued and the applicant was ultimately directed to revise several items and resubmit to the Township for further review.

No recommendation was made by the Planning Commission concerning the project.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made by Ms. Kim Brown, Mr. Mike Marchere, and Mr. Pasquale Mascaro in opposition to the project.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:238PM.

active applications (review period expiration)

• LD 2017-02 Palmer Village, LLC (review period waived)

• LD 2022-01 City View (review period waived)





LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

TO: Township of Worceste	r	DATE:	April 8, 2024			
P.O. Box 267			2035-3			
1721 Valley Forge Roa	ıd	ATTN:	The second second			
Worcester, PA 19490		-	610-584-1410			
RE: 2035-3: Carfagno - Worce			-			
The following item(s) will be	Hand Delivered			1		
	Fed Ex AWB#					
WE ARE SENDING YOU:	Other:					
Shop Drawings ✓ Pla	ins	CD	✓	Copy of Letter		
	ner - Photos					
Copies	Descripition					
1 2024-04-05 Response let						
5 2035-3 Carfagno - 1543 T		justment l	Plans - 2024-04-05	5		
1 Lot 1 - Revised Legal Des						
1 Lot 2 - Revised Legal Des	scription					
			-			
	×					
✓ For approval	For your use		As requested	For bids due		
Review/Comment	Other					
REMARKS:						
	\$1.7 \$1.0 ^{4.7}					
SIGNED:						
cc: File						
CIVIL ENGINE	ERS · LAND SURV	EYORS .	SITE PLANNER	s		



robert e. blue consulting engineers, p.c.

April 5, 2024

John W. Evarts, P.E. CKS Engineers 4259 W. Swamp Road Suite 410 Doylestown, PA 18902

Re: White Tail Farm, LLC – 1543 N. Trooper Road – Lot Line Relocation

CKS Reference: 7201-173

Dear Mr. Evarts:

On behalf of our client, White Tail Farm, LLC, the following information is being submitted in support of the property located at 1543 N. Trooper Road in Worcester Township, Montgomery County, PA. The revisions incorporated comments from the following review letter:

• White Tail Farm, LLC – Lot Adjustment Plan review letter prepared by CKS Engineers, dated March 11, 2024.

This letter shall serve as the response letter and includes how the concerns were addressed. The comments from the review letter are indicated in *italics* with the response in **bold**. The plans have been updated as follows:

ZONING

1. After the consolidation of Lots #2 and #3 (Plan Sheet 2), Lot #2 will now have a net lot area of 2.9927 acres and a lot width of greater than 250 feet, which would be conforming to the minimum lot area and lot width requirements.

RESPONSE: acknowledged.

2. We note that with the proposed Lot Line Relocation, Lot #2 will have an area of 2.6446 acres and a lot width greater than 250 feet and Lot #1 will have an area of 51.6902 acres and a lot width greater than 250 feet, both lots having more than the required minimum lot area and lot width

RESPONSE: acknowledged.



SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

- 1. As per SALDO Section 130-35.1, the following minor plan requirements need to be addressed:
 - a) The plan shall be drawn at a scale not to exceed 100 feet to the inch. A waiver from this requirement has been noted on Sheet 3 and requested in a letter to the Township dated February 2, 2024.

RESPONSE: acknowledged.

<u>ADDITIONAL PLAN COMMENTS</u>

1. The data for E1 on Sheet 2 does not agree with the E2 data listed on Sheet 4.

RESPONSE: The data on Sht. 4 has been corrected; E1 on Sheet 2 now agrees with E2 listed on Sheet 4.

2. The reference to "president" in the Ownership and Developer's Certification for Lot No. 2 must be revised to state "owner".

RESPONSE: complied; "owner" has replaced "president".

3. The label "Proposed New Lot Line" on Lot #2 on Sheet 2 is not a new lot line.

RESPONSE: complied; this label has been removed.

4. Proposed concrete monuments should be placed at the property corners along N. Trooper Road and Township Line Road, and as noted on the legal descriptions.

RESPONSE: complied; monuments are now shown as directed in comment #4.

5. Iron pins shall be set at all property corners of Lot #1 and Lot #2.

RESPONSE: complied; iron pins are now shown as directed in comment #5.

- 6. The following comments refer to the legal description submitted as Description of Lot 1:
 - a) Beginning paragraph, references "Lot 2". This should be revised to Lot 1.

RESPONSE: complied; Lot 2 text has been corrected.

b) Third paragraph, N 46° 401′ 00" W; correct 401′.

RESPONSE: complied; N 46° 401' 00" W has been corrected to N 46° 40' 00" W

c) Fourth paragraph, 1. - arc of circle; curving to the left; an arc length of 35.81 feet; direction and length should be corrected.

RESPONSE: complied; direction corrected to "right" and arc length to 39.92'

d) On page 3, fifth paragraph, 4 & 6 verify direction, arc length and chord distance.

RESPONSE: complied; direction and lengths were checked and corrected as directed in comment 6d.

- 7. The following comments refer to the legal description submitted as description of Lot 2:
 - *a)* Date should be corrected.

RESPONSE: The date has been corrected.

b) Fourth paragraph, 5. - verify direction arc length and chord distance.

RESPONSE: complied; direction and lengths were checked and corrected as directed in comment 7b.

Please accept the above materials on behalf of our client, White Tail Farm, LLC, for Lot Consolidation Plan for 1543 N. Trooper Road in Worcester Township. Please feel free to contact our office at 610-277-9441 ext. 16 or RBlue@robertblue.com with any questions or comments.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Blue, Consulting Engineers, P.C.

By:

Robert E. Blue, Jr., P.E., P.L.S.

President

Cc: White Tail Farm, LLC Richard Oswald - Robert E. Blue Engineers REB File #2035-3



robert e. blue consulting engineers, p.c.

Description of Lot 1 From Block 17, Unit 6 Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1 1543 N Trooper Road Norristown, PA 19403 Project No. 2035-3 February 1, 2024 Revised April 5, 2024

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground in the Township of Worcester, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shown as "Lot 2" on the Lot Line Relocation Plan, Sheet 3 of 4, for White Tail Farm LLC, prepared by Robert E. Blue, Consulting Engineers, P.C., Blue Bell PA, dated November 30, 2023, last revised February 1, 2024, bound as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point in the centerline of Township Line Road (SR 3001) (80 feet wide), North 42 degrees 56 minutes 34 seconds East, a distance of 40.00 feet to a concrete monument along the dividing line of lands now or formerly of Benjamin G. & Marlena Posen (Parcel 67-00-03561-00-8) and lands now or formerly of Ralph A. Harris (Parcel 67-00-03562-00-7);

THENCE along the right-of-way of Township Line Road (SR 3001) (80 feet wide), North 46 degrees 40' minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 386.15 feet to a concrete monument, said monument being the point of beginning;

THENCE along the dividing line between lands now or formerly of Benjamin G. & Marlena Posen (Parcel 67-00-03561-00-8) and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), the following five (5) courses and distances:

- 1. Along the arc of circle curving to the right having a radius of 25.00 feet, an arc length of 39.92 feet, a chord bearing of North 7 degrees 45 minutes 56 seconds West, a distance of 35.81 feet to an iron pin;
- 2. North 44 degrees 49 minutes 44 seconds East, a distance of 273.89 feet to an iron pin;
- 3. South 46 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds East, a distance of 145.10 feet to an iron pin;
- 4. South 43 degrees 17 minutes 33 seconds West, a distance of 25.33 feet to an iron pin;
- 5. South 46 degrees 37 minutes 01 seconds East, a distance of 257.01 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE along the dividing line between lands now or formerly of Ralph A. Harris (Parcel 67-00-03562-00-7) and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), North 43 degrees 07 minutes 10 seconds East, a distance of 204.76 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE along the dividing line between lands now or formerly of Vicque G. & Shawna A. Rondeau (Parcel 67-00-00652-00-1) and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), the following two (2) courses and distances:

1. North 42 degrees 46 minutes 12 seconds East, a distance of 329.80 feet to an iron pin;

1 of 3



Description of Lot #1 1543 N Trooper Roadr Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1 Project No. 2035-3 February 1, 2024 Revised April 5, 2024

2. South 45 degrees 16 minutes 55 seconds East, a distance of 330.76 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE along the dividing line between lands now or formerly of Gerald M. & Patricia A. McDonnell (Parcel 67-00-00658-00-4) and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), the following two (2) courses and distances:

- 1. North 44 degrees 39 minutes 05 seconds East, a distance of 253.86 feet to an iron pin;
- 2. South 47 degrees 06 minutes 55 seconds East, a distance of 442.58 feet to a concrete monument;

THENCE along the Right of way of N. Trooper Road (80 feet wide), North 46 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds East, a distance of 278.74 feet to a concrete monument;

THENCE along the dividing line between lands now or formerly of Rachel Paige Mumenthaler & Matthew J. Mascaro (Parcel 67-00-00661-10-9) and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), the following four (4) courses and distances:

- 1. North 43 degrees 22 minutes 17 seconds West, a distance of 162.30 feet to an iron pin;
- 2. North 46 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds East, a distance of 64.77 feet to an iron pin;
- 3. North 26 degrees 22 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 247.01 feet to an iron pin;
- 4. North 49 degrees 32 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 75.00 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE along the dividing line between lands now or formerly of T-Squared Realty LLC (Parcel 67-00-00664-00-7) and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), the following four (4) courses and distances:

- 1. North 40 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West, a distance of 287.06 feet to an iron pin;
- 2. South 49 degrees 32 minutes 33 seconds West, a distance of 325.78 feet to an iron pin:
- 3. North 40 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West, a distance of 800.02 feet to an iron pin;
- 4. North 49 degrees 33 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 728.52 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE along the dividing line between lands now or formerly of Philadelphia Variety Club Camp (Parcel 67-00-02845-00-4) and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), North 58 degrees 42 minutes 43 seconds West, a distance of 342.10 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE along the lands now or formerly of Robert C. & Debra E. McMaster (Parcel 67-00-00901-06-7) and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), North 59 degrees 49 minutes 14 seconds West, a distance of 107.17 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE along the dividing line between Lands now or formerly of William J. & Kathryn L. McShane (Parcel 67-00-00901-07-6) and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), the following two (2) courses and distances:

- 1. South 42 degrees 10 minutes 46 seconds West, a distance of 405.55 feet to an iron pin;
- 2. North 48 degrees 14 minutes 14 seconds West, a distance of 583.30 feet to an iron pin;



Description of Lot #1 1543 N Trooper Roadr Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1 Project No. 2035-3 February 1, 2024 Revised April 5, 2024

THENCE along the dividing line between lands now or formerly of Matthew A. & Ann M. DeCurtis (Parcel 67-00-00901-09-4), lands now or formerly of Samuel J. & Samuel J. Sr. Spadone (Parcel 67-00-00898-00-7), and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), South 38 degrees 57 minutes 22 seconds West, a distance of 311.68 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE along the dividing line between lands now or formerly of Elena Marie C. & Daniel Spinelli (Parcel 67-00-00897-60-2), lands now or formerly of Richard Fraske & Linda K. Schusterman (Parcel 67-00-00895-00-1), and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), South 38 degrees 57 minutes 50 seconds West, a distance of 566.96 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE along the dividing line between lands now or formerly of Dream Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-03556-00-4) and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), the following two (2) courses and distances:

- 1. South 50 degrees 47 minutes 18 seconds East, a distance of 564.41 feet to an iron pin;
- 2. South 41 degrees 53 minutes 34 seconds West, a distance of 447.41 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE along the lands now or formerly of John R. & Sara L. Posen (Parcel 67-00-03559-00-1) and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), the following two (2) courses and distances:

- 1. South 46 degrees 46 minutes 26 seconds East, a distance of 200.00 feet to an iron pin;
- 2. South 41 degrees 53 minutes 34 seconds West, a distance of 81.58 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE along the dividing line between lands now or formerly of John R. & Sara L. Posen (Parcel 67-00-00661-11-8) and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), the following six (6) courses and distances:

- 1. South 48 degrees 06 minutes 26 seconds East, a distance of 44.39 feet to an iron pin;
- 2. South 58 degrees 44 minutes 27 seconds East, a distance of 52.95 feet to an iron pin;
- 3. South 31 degrees 15 minutes 03 seconds West, a distance of 100.00 feet to an iron pin;
- 4. Along the arc of a circle curving to the right having a radius of 775.00 feet, an arc length of 160.68 feet, a chord bearing of South 30 degrees 21 minutes 24 seconds West, a chord distance of 160.40 feet to an iron pin;
- 5. South 43 degrees 08 minutes 14 seconds West, distance of 87.49 feet to an iron pin;
- 6. Along the arc of a circle curving to the right having a radius of 25.00 feet, an arc length of 39.27 feet, a chord bearing of South 81 degrees 17 minutes 37 seconds West, a chord distance of 35.36 feet to a concrete monument;

THENCE along the right-of-way of Township Line Road (SR 3001), South 46 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East, distance of 144.80 feet to a concrete monument, said monument being the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 2,251,625.87 square feet or 51.6902 acres of land, more or less.

m:\proj\2035-3\legals\2035-3 lot 1 description.docx



robert e. blue consulting engineers, p.c.

Description of Lot 2 From Block 17, Unit 75 Parcel 67-00-00661-12-7 2909 Township Line Road Eagleville, PA 19403 Project No. 2035-3 February 1, 2024 Revised April 5, 2024

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground in the Township of Worcester, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shown as "Lot 2" on the Lot Line Relocation Plan, Sheet 3 of 4, for White Tail Farm LLC, prepared by Robert E. Blue, Consulting Engineers, P.C., Blue Bell PA, dated November 30, 2023, last revised February 1, 2024, bound as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point in the centerline of Township Line Road (SR 3001) (80 feet wide), North 42 degrees 56 minutes 34 seconds East, a distance of 40.00 feet to a concrete monument along the dividing line of lands now or formerly of Benjamin G. & Marlena Posen (Parcel 67-00-03561-00-8) and lands now or formerly of Ralph A. Harris (Parcel 67-00-03562-00-7), said monument being the point of beginning;

THENCE along the dividing line between lands now or formerly of Benjamin G. & Marlena Posen (Parcel 67-00-03561-00-8) and Ralph A. Harris (Parcel 67-00-03562-00-7), North 42 degrees 56 minutes 34 seconds East, a distance of 274.01 feet to an iron pin;

THENCE along the dividing line between lands now or formerly of Benjamin G. & Marlena Posen (Parcel 67-00-03561-00-8) and lands now or formerly of White Tail Farm LLC (Parcel 67-00-00661-00-1), the following five (5) courses and distances:

- 1. North 46 degrees 37 minutes 01 seconds West, a distance of 257.01 feet to an iron pin;
- 2. North 43 degrees 17 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 25.33 feet to an iron pin;
- 3. North 46 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds West, a distance of 145.10 feet to an iron pin;
- 4. South 44 degrees 49 minutes 44 seconds West, a distance of 273.89 feet to an iron pin;
- 5. Along the arc of circle curving to the right having a radius of 25.00 feet, an arc length of 39.92 feet, a chord bearing of South 7 degrees 45 minutes 56 seconds East, a distance of 35.81 feet to a concrete monument.

THENCE along the right-of-way of Township Line Road (SR 3001) (80 feet wide), South 46 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 386.15 feet to a concrete monument, said monument being the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 115,197.07 square feet or 2.6446 acres of land, more or less.

m:\proj\2035-3\legals\2035-3 lot 1 description.docx

1 of 1

LOT ADJUSTMENT PLANS FOR

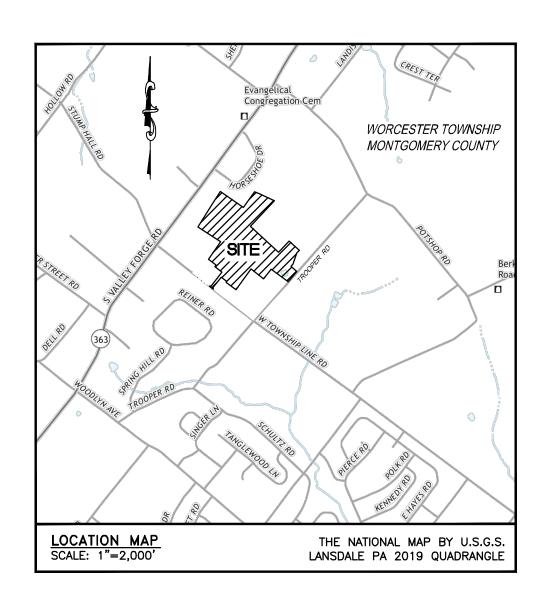
WHITE TAIL FARM LLC

WORCHESTER TOWNSHIP MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PROJECT No. 2035-3

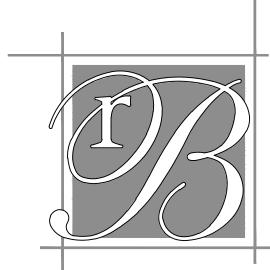
PREPARED FOR:

WHITE TAIL FARM LLC

1815 GALLAGHER ROAD PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462



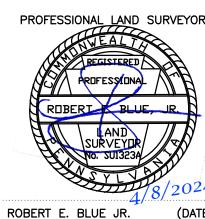
Sheet	List Table
Sheet Number	Sheet Title
1	COVER SHEET
2	LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN
3	LOT LINE RELOCATION PLAN
4	EXISTING FEATURES PLAN



robert e.blue consulting engineers, p.c.

1149 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422 tel: (610)—277—9441 fax: (610)—277—9897 www.robertblue.com email: rblue@robertblue.com





LICENSE NO. SU1323A

REVISIONS

1) 2024-02-01; REV. PER CKS REVIEW
2) 2024-04-05; REV PER CKS LTR 3/11/24

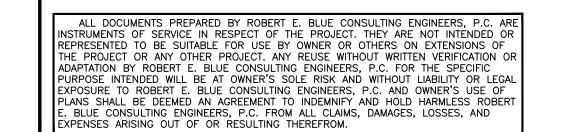
DRAWN BY: CHECKED BY: SCALE:
DJG REB AS NOTED

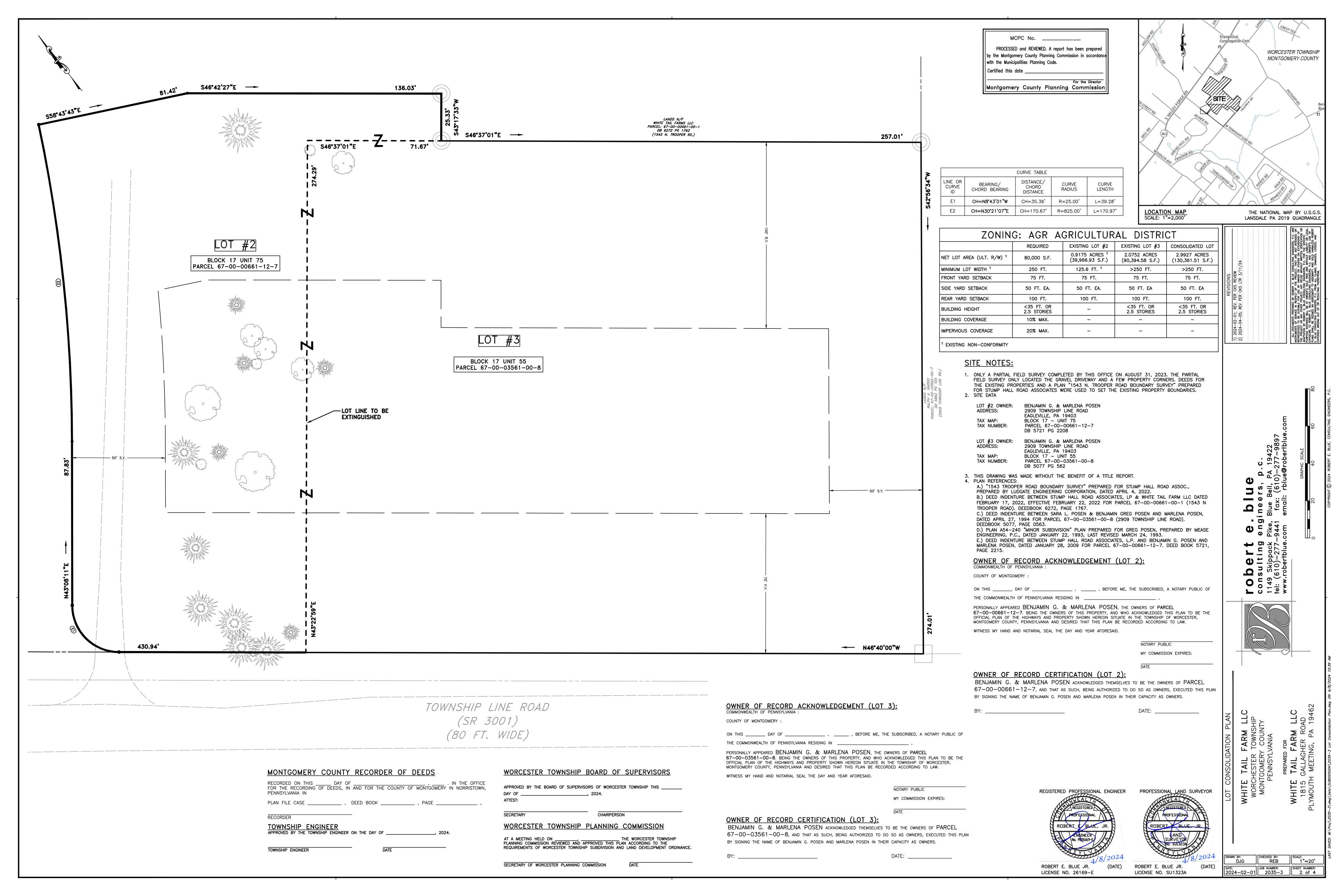
 DRAWN BY:
 CHECKED BY:
 SCALE:

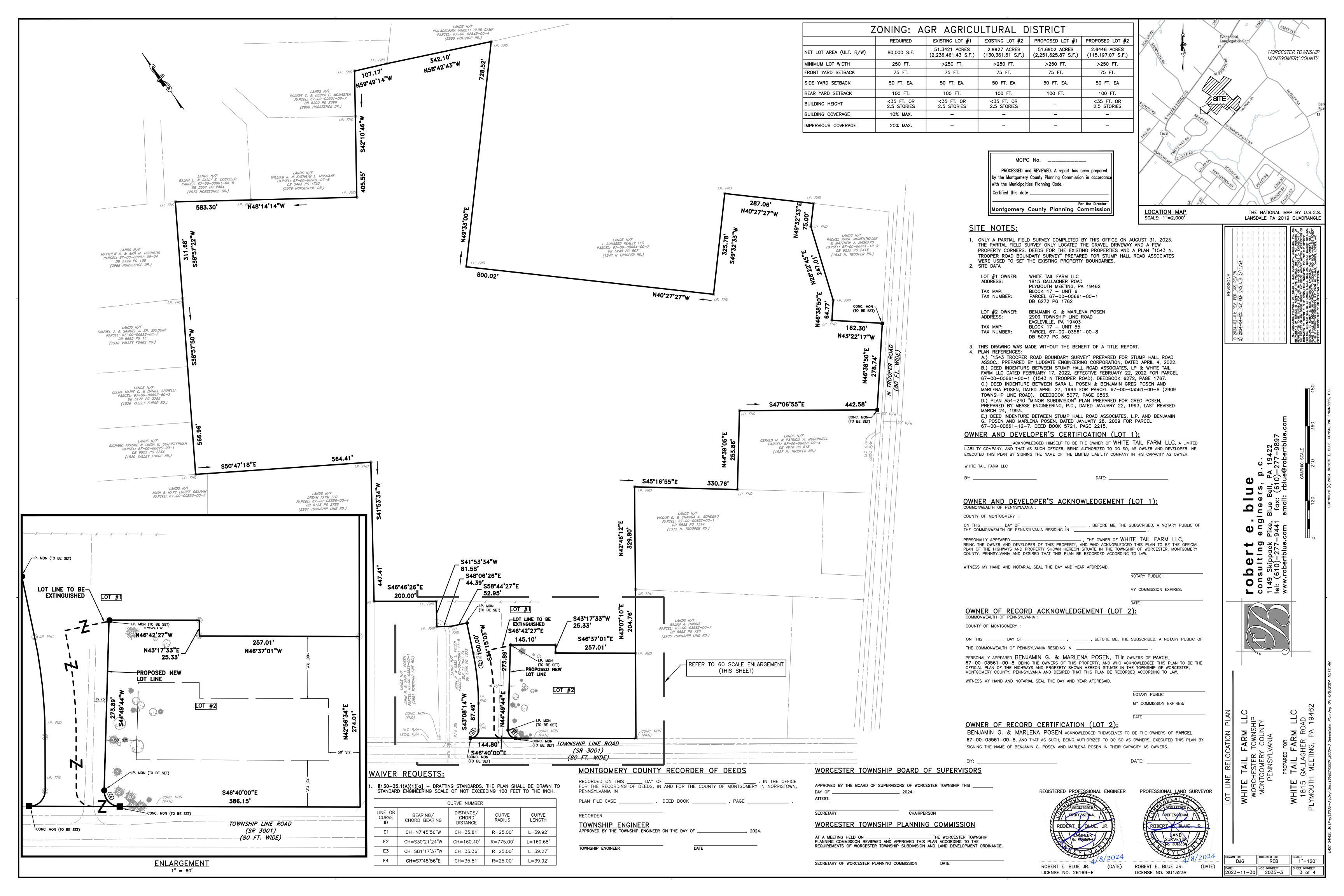
 DJG
 REB
 AS NOTED

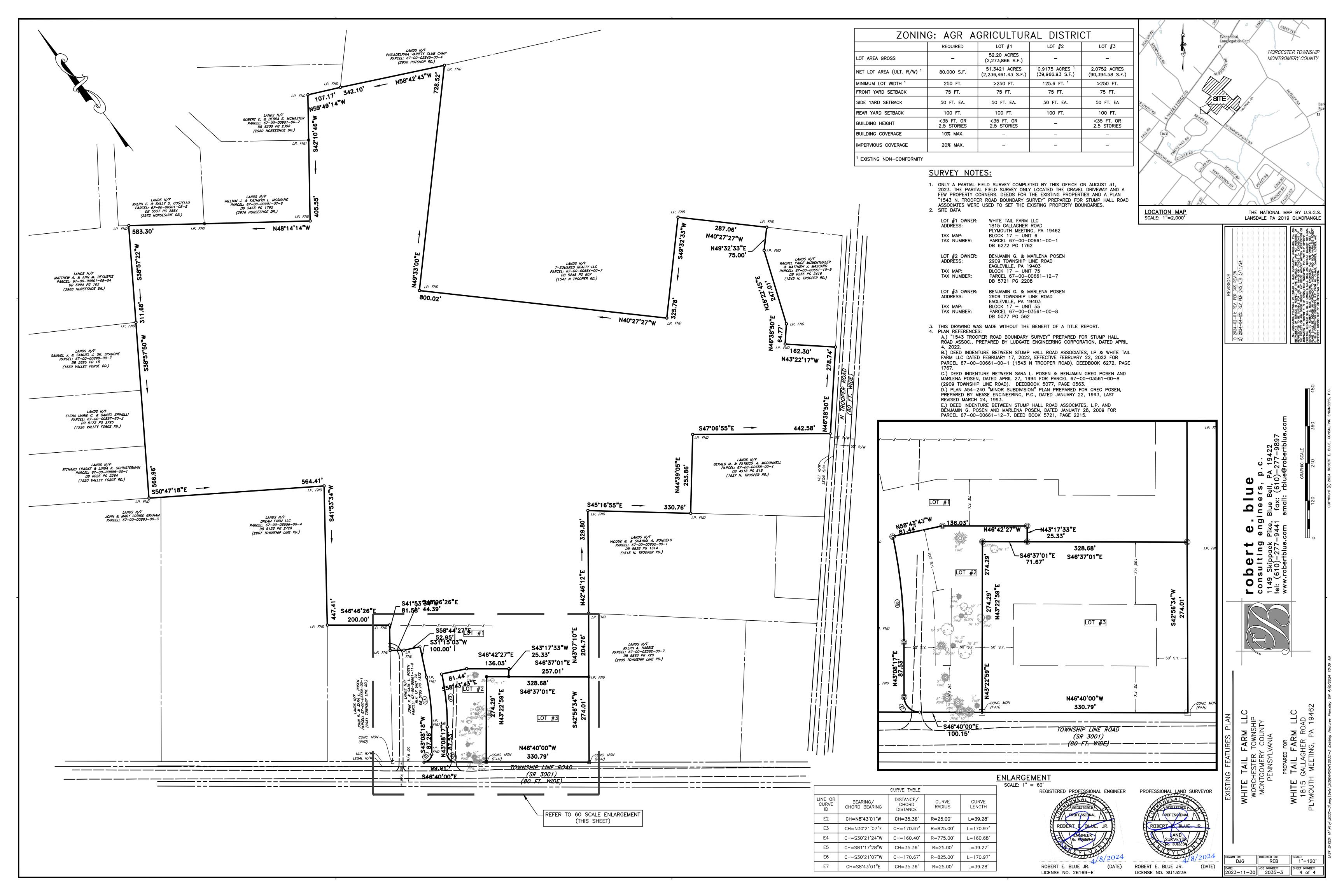
 DATE:
 2024-02-01
 JOB NUMBER:
 SHEET NUMBER:

 2035-3
 1 of 4











April 19, 2024 Ref: #7201-173

Via Email

Township of Worcester PO Box 767 Worcester, PA 19490-0767

Attention: Jay Finnigan, Jr., Interim Township Manager

Reference: White Tail Farm, LLC - 1543 N. Trooper Road

Lot Adjustment Plan (3rd Review)

Dear Jay:

I am in receipt of a Lot Adjustment Plan submission consisting of a four-sheet plan set for White Tail Farm LLC. These plans have been prepared by Robert E. Blue Consulting Engineers, Inc. where Sheets 1 and 2 are dated February 1, 2024 and Sheets 3 and 4 are dated November 30, 2023, all plans sheets have a latest revision date of April 5, 2024. The plans have been revised to now include the lot consolidation of parcel 67-00-00661-12-7 (Lot #2) and parcel 67-00-03561-00-8 (Lot #3), both owned by Benjamin G. and Marlena Posen, and then propose a lot line relocation between parcel 67-00-00661-00-1 (White Tail Farm, LLC) (Lot #1) and parcel 67-00-00661-12-7 (Posen) (Lot #2) to allow the existing driveway for White Tail Farm, LLC, which is currently located on the Posen lot, to be located on the White Tail Farm, LLC parcel.

The three parcels affected by the proposed lot line relocation are within the AGR Agricultural District.

CKS Engineers has reviewed these plans and supporting documents in conjunction with this submission to determine compliance with Township Zoning and Township Subdivision and Land Development codes. Based on our review, we offer the following comments:

ZONING

1. After the consolidation of Lots #2 and #3 (Plan Sheet 2), Lot #2 will now have a net lot area of 2.9927 acres and a lot width of greater than 250 feet, which would be conforming to the minimum lot area and lot width requirements.

April 19, 2024 Ref: #7201-173

Page 2

2. We note that with the proposed Lot Line Relocation, Lot #2 will have an area of 2.6446 acres and a lot width greater than 250 feet and Lot #1 will have an area of 51.6902 acres and a lot width greater than 250 feet, both lots having more than the required minimum lot area and lot width.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

- 1. As per SALDO Section 130-35.1, the following minor plan requirements need to be addressed:
 - a) The plan shall be drawn at a scale not to exceed 100 feet to the inch. A waiver from this requirement has been noted on Sheet 3 and requested in a letter to the Township dated February 2, 2024.

All Engineering related comments have been addressed. If the Township agrees to the requested waiver, these plans should be considered for Preliminary/Final Land Development approval. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further assistance with this project.

Very truly yours, CKS ENGINEERS Township Engineers

John W. Evarts, P.E.

John W. Evarts

JWE/paf

cc: Wendy Feiss McKenna, Esquire, Township Solicitor (via email)
Christin Jones, Worcester Township (via email)
Mary Ann Murray, Worcester Township (via email)
White Tail Farm, LLC
Robert E. Blue Consulting (via email)
File

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP SKETCH PLAN REVIEW REQUEST

Date of Request: 2/20/2024	Date of Plan: 2/19/2024				
Plan Revision Date(s):					
Applicant Name: Commerce Pursuit Capital, L.P.					
Address: 1300 VIRGINIA DR #215, FO	DRT WASHINGTON, PA 19034				
Tele: 215-283-2190	Fax:				
Property Owner(s) Name(s): JAMES O'DON					
Address: 1035 TROOPER RD, NORRI	N.				
Tele:	Fax:				
Tract Address: _1035 TROOPER RD, NORRIS					
Existing Zoning: C AND R-100 WITH MULTI RESIDENTIAL USE OVERLAY					
Tract Parcel Number(s): 67-00-01540-004					
Intended Land Use: MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOMES					
Tract Area: GROSS AREA: 15.11 ACRES					
MATERIAL STATE OF THE STATE OF					
Previous Submissions (include all referenced	names of tract & dates):				
Signature of Applicant: Commerce Pursuit Capital, L.P. Printed Name of Applicant: michael maier Date of Signature: 2/21/2024					
	T .				

Must present:

- 14 detailed sketch plans, folded, showing land use, number of proposed lots and information as attached. Plans will be returned if insufficient information is presented.
- A current Agreement of Sale or letter of acknowledgement from property owner. Application will be returned if this information is missing.

The Township Engineer review fee, when applicable, is pursuant to the current fee schedule. (Township will bill applicant unless otherwise advised.)

NOTE: Plan contents must be according to Ordinance No. 99-169.

C. Plan Contents.

- (1) Contents of Sketch Plans. Sketch plans shall be drawn legibly to scale but not necessarily showing precise dimensions and shall show at least the following information:
 - (a) name of subdivision or land development and name of municipality.
 - (b) A location plan showing the subject tract and the surrounding road network; including a key map.
 - (c) Name and address of the owner, agent, engineer, surveyor, and architect, as applicable.
 - (d) The tract boundary and location by deed plotting.
 - (e) A north point and scale.
 - (f) The existing and proposed road and lot (or structure layout.
 - (g) Significant topological and physical features, such as soils, floodplains, possible areas of wetlands, creeks or streams, steep slopes (over 10%). Woodlands, and existing structures.
 - (h) Areas proposed to be reserved for storm water runoff control.
 - (i) Areas to be reserved for community facilities, open space, trails, etc.
 - (j) Any additional information that the applicant believes will help explain the proposal. It is to the applicant's advantage to show as mch information as possible. Although the Planning Commission will discuss any plan presented, a lack of significant information may result in little useful guidance to the applicant.

D. Review Procedures.

(1) Sketch Plan Review.

likely response to discretionary planning decisions and optional layouts for the proposed development before the significant engineering expense associated with a preliminary plan has been incurred. Subdivision and land development applicants who choose to proceed without first obtaining Planning Commission reaction to a sketch plan may risk a greater possibility of a request for redesign of a submitted preliminary plan.

SECTION 2 - REPEALER

The Worcester Board of Supervisors, by virtue of this Ordinance, hereby repeals all other portions of any prior Ordinance or Resolutions of the Township insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 3 - DISCLAIMER

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired or liabilities incurred, or any permit issued, or cause or causes of action existing under the Ordinances of the Township prior to the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4 - SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of this Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted even if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

SECTION 5 - FAILURE TO ENFORCE NOT A WAIVER

The failure of the Township to enforce any provision of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the Township of its rights of future enforcement hereunder.

SECTION 6 - EFFECTIVE DATE



A Leading Residential Real Estate Developer

February 21, 2024

Mr. Sean Halbom, Township Manager 1721 South Valley Forge Road P.O. Box 767 Worcester, PA 19490

RE: 1035 Tropper Road APN# 67-00-01540-004

Dear Sean,

This letter and attachment represent our formal submission of a Sketch Plan Application, request for a pre-application meeting with the Township and be placed on the 3/28/2024 Planning Commission agenda.

As depicted on the attached Sketch Plan, dated 02/19/2024, Sheet 1 Drawing SKP-1 (14 copies enclosed), this sketch plan proposes 48 for-sale townhouses to be located at 1035 Trooper Road in Worcester within the MR Zoning District.

Enclosed please find:

- 1) 14 copies of the Sketch Plan
- 2) 14 copies of signed Worcester Township Sketch Plan Review Request application.
- 3) \$200 application fee
- 4) \$1000 escrow fee

In addition, please note the following:

Subdivision Name: Trooper Ridge (tentative)

Applicant: Commerce Pursuit Capital, L.P.

1300 Virginia Drive, Fort Washington, PA 19034

Engineer: T&M Associates

Project Narrative:

Project proposes to construct 48 townhouses and associated access roads, parking, stormwater management facilities, amenity spaces, etc. on the property located at 1035 Trooper Road in Worcester Township.

The existing house and garage will be subdivided onto their own single family detached lot.

Post construction stormwater management will be designed to comply with Township and PADEP requirements and will utilize a combination of above and below ground stormwater manage basins. Stormwater infiltration testing will be conducted on site to determine infiltration rates and inform the design and location of the basins. Stormwater will be routed to the basins via a system of swales, storm inlets, and piping. It is anticipated that water from the basins will be directed offsite to the municipal storm system in Germantown Pike and Trooper Roads.

The property is located within the Pennsylvania America Water Company franchise area and will connect to public water via their main in either Germantown Pike or Trooper Road.

Sanitary sewer service will include a system gravity mains and laterals on the property leading to a proposed sewage pump station tentatively located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Germantown Pike and Trooper Road. From there a pressurized force main will pump effluent west in Germantown Pike to the Heritage Village pump station force main or to the pump station. The existing Heritage Village pump and force main will be evaluated to determine the best suited connection point.

As noted above, we request to be scheduled for the March 28, 2024, Planning Commission public meeting. Further, if desired, we welcome the opportunity to schedule a site visit with Planning Commission and other Township officials, as appropriate, prior to the March 28 Planning Commission.

Please advise as to when our pre-application meeting can occur.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

MICHAEL MAIER

michael maier

VICE PRESIDENT, Approvals

Westrum Development Company



March 25, 2024 Ref: # C0005084

Township of Worcester 1721 Valley Forge Road PO Box 767 Worcester, PA 19490-0767

Attention:

Sean Halbom, Township Manager

Reference:

1035 Trooper Road

Parcel No. 67-00-01540-004

"Trooper Ridge" Sketch Plan Review

Dear Sean:

Our office is in receipt of your request for review of a Sketch Plan for the above-referenced site. The submission consists of one sheet prepared by T&M Associates dated February 19, 2024, with no revisions.

The applicant proposes subdivision of an existing 15.11 acre (gross) 13.32± acre (net) parcel to create two lots as follows: Lot 1, a 1.26-acre lot to contain an existing single-family detached dwelling with a detached garage located entirely in the R-100 Residential Zoning District and Multi-Residential Use Overlay district; Lot 2 will be a 12.06-acre lot to contain 48 townhouses in 12 clusters ranging from three to five units each with new roadway, overflow parking, stormwater management areas and amenity improvements including an internal trail located on a split-zoned lot in both the R-100 Residential, C-Commercial Zoning Districts, as well as the MR Multi-Residential Use Overlay District. Access to Lot 2 will be provided at two locations; one full-movement access at the southeasterly frontage along Trooper Road (State Route 3002), and one access to Germantown Pike (Montgomery County Route) will be via a right-in/right-out only at the southwesterly frontage. The three existing driveways serving Lot 1 will remain unchanged. All townhouses are proposed to be connected to public water and sewer service. Sewer service will require a sewer pump and force main, conceptually located at the southwest corner of the tract.

We offer the following comments for consideration by the Township:

1. Ordinance No. 285 adopted June 16, 2021 made the MR Multi-Residential Overlay District applicable to this property with underlying zoning districts to remain. The existing 15.11-acre lot consists of two zoning districts, approximately 21% C-Commercial and 79% R-100 Residential. Once subdivided, Lot 1 will be entirely R-100 and Lot 2 will be approximately 19% C-Commercial with the remainder being zoned R-100 Residential. For clarity, the applicant should define the zoning district boundary on future plan submissions.

Ref: #C0005084 Page 2

The proposed use of Lot 1, single-family detached dwelling with a detached garage, is 2. permitted by-right in the R-100 Zoning District and Multi-Residential Overlay. (150-67.B, 150-67.C and 150-83.A)

- The proposed use of Lot 2, multi-family dwellings consisting of 48 townhouses, is 3. permitted in the Multi-Residential District at a density of four units per developable acre. The plan notes a lot area of 12.06 acres; therefore, 48 townhouses is a permissible density only once the applicant provides a calculation demonstrating how the lot area was determined. The density may need to be reduced if the calculation returns a lesser lot area. (150-83.B and 150-89.E.1)
- The applicant should confirm if the townhouses will be slab on grade or provide 4. basements. All townhouses are limited to two stories and thirty feet in height. Due to the existing slope of the site, some units may have walk-out basements that could qualify as stories.
- Two all-weather parking spaces are noted for each townhouse; the applicant should 5. confirm if these spaces are to be located within a garage or if they will be located within the driveway area. If to be in the driveway, the typical paved driveway width must be dimensioned so that it may be confirmed two compliant spaces can be provided side-byside. (150-9)
- A tabulation of impervious surface types should be provided with future submissions. In 6. concept, the plan will likely comply with the 50% impervious coverage limit of the MR Zoning District. (150-86.B)
- A lighting plan will be required with future submissions. Adequate illumination must be 7. provided between buildings and at overflow parking areas. Installation of luminaires at street intersections is recommended as well. (150-89.E.4)
- The plans show the conceptual stormwater management basins located in front yard 8. setbacks. For multi-family residential districts, no part of any detention basin shall occupy more than 35% of the required yard area of any district yard. Additionally, no detention basin shall be located closer to any building containing two or more multi-family dwelling units than the minimum distance required between buildings. We note that a required 30ft. separation is required between the stormwater facility and the townhomes. (150-89.D and 150-203)
- No part of any detention basin shall be located 25 feet from any property line. (150-203) 9.
- The 75-foot unbuilt upon buffer strip between Lots 1 and 2 is not achieved in the vicinity 10. of units 19 through 21. A variance will be required to place these units as currently shown on the sketch plan. Additionally, where homebuyers opt for a 10-foot patio or deck, this installation as described in Plan Note 1, will be an encroachment of the 75-foot buffer yard requirement at numerous locations throughout Lot 2. (150-89.E.6.a)
- A 20-foot-wide screen planting buffer shall be provided in the exterior 50 feet of the 75-11. foot buffer area. The extent of buffer screen plantings is not detailed in the sketch plan; therefore, we are unable to provide comment at this time. (150-89.E.6.b)

CKS Engineers Ref: #C0005084
Page 3

12. The required 130-foot sight triangle appears to be partially encroached by plantings. Clear sight triangles will need to be illustrated at intersections with Germantown Pike and Trooper Road on future submissions. (150-89.E.6.b.4)

- 13. We recommend the internal trail configuration be discussed with the Planning Commission as we have the following concerns:
 - a. The trail is looped and provides no connections to adjacent properties; provisions should be made for stubs at the intersection with Germantown Pike and Trooper Road which has existing pedestrian crossings on two legs, as well as at the northwest corner of the tract allowing for future extension along Germantown Pike.
 - b. The portion of trail to the rear of proposed Lot 1 has a slope of approximately 14.67% and will disturb an existing wooded area. The applicant should consider minimizing impacts to existing wooded areas by re-routing the trail elsewhere as such a steep slope is not recommended for such a long segment. Preservation of natural resources, such as woods, is required in the overlay district. (150-89.E.3)
 - c. The residents of the development may benefit from additional connections to the sidewalk network other than those shown at the internal road crossings. We recommend connections be explored to the conceptually planned amenity areas near units 8/43, 9/46 and 21/22.
 - d. Walking trails shall be 40 feet from property lines. The trail's proximity to the northwest corner of Lot 1 should be dimensioned. This narrow area may also prohibit the installation of a suitable landscape buffer between the remaining dwelling and new townhouses. (150-89.E.6.a)
 - e. The applicant should indicate the intended width and material for the walking trail. It appears to be eight feet in width, which is the minimum recommended; a bituminous wearing course would be ideal for use by walkers, joggers, and cyclists.
- 14. If to be operated under a homeowners association, the future association declaration and by-laws may need to include language prohibiting the keeping of recreational vehicles and travel trailers. (150-160)
- 15. We note that the front yard of proposed Lot 1 is an existing nonconformity, with the ultimate right-of-way encroached by the principal dwelling. While the subdivision line causes a small unbuildable building envelope for the site, all existing structures would likely still encroach the required 100-foot front yard depth unless relocated. We take no exception to the subdivision but recommend the configuration of the subdivision line be adjusted for maximum compliance possible with required yards and buffer areas for both lots. (150-85.A and 150-162)
- 16. The applicant should indicate if the new streets will be public or private.
- 17. The developer should indicate if they intend to provide amenities other than the trail, such as an outdoor meeting area or tot-lot. Centralized areas dedicated to parking are not consistent with the intent of the ordinance for the overlay district, which requires providing green space in a higher density development. Reconfiguration of the roadway network could allow for a central green to be an interior focal point and destination for residents.

Ref: #C0005084 Page 4

The applicant may wish to consider providing a mail collection area at such a central location if cluster boxes are mandated by the Postmaster. (150-89.E.7)

- All structures, buildings, parking areas, regraded slopes, and substantial improvements (with the exception of driveway and utility crossings when no other location is feasible) are prohibited on slopes of 25% or greater. It appears that construction of units 12 through 17 may impact steep slopes of 25% or greater; therefore, a variance would be necessary for their current location. (150-146.4.B.1)
- The applicant should describe the proposed method of trash storage and collection for Lot(150-89.E.5)
- All buildings shall be designed as a single architectural scheme. The applicant must provide the Township with renderings of the intended building design scheme for the townhouses with future submissions. (150-89.E.2)
- 21. The applicant should clarify if existing well and septic service at Lot 1 will be maintained or abandoned and converted to public water and sewer connections.
- 22. We recommend access by fire apparatus and waste hauling vehicles be evaluated due to the narrow cartway width and radii of internal horizontal curves. The applicant should indicate if on-street parking will be prohibited on both sides of all streets.
- 23. Guest parking is provided at a rate of 0.52 spaces per dwelling unit. The Planning Commission should comment on provided overflow parking as parking along the frontage roadways of the tract is not feasible.
- 24. The driveway configuration at units 16/17 and 38/39 is not recommended as this may encourage parking in the shared center section of pavement which is too small to properly accommodate a vehicle. This design may also result in unnecessary conflict points between driveway users. These clusters of townhouses should be reduced to have one less unit.
- 25. No road improvements are proposed on Trooper Road or Germantown Pike. At a minimum, curbing and sidewalk must be provided.
- 26. Due to the limited driveway lengths (20') created by façade offsets, vehicle overhang on the sidewalk network is anticipated for larger vehicles and trucks. This may hinder pedestrian movements in the minimum width four-foot sidewalk.
- 27. We offer the following cursory comments on street trees and landscaped areas:
 - a. Depending on tree species, the on-center trunk-to-trunk spacing of 20 for street trees at some locations is not realistic and may compromise canopy development as trees mature.
 - b. Deck and patio areas, if constructed, may encroach areas denoted as "landscaped area".
 - Routing of utilities should be considered for clearance to root systems, particularly due to the limited spacing between townhouse unit driveways.

CKS Engineers Ref: #C0005084
Page 5

28. Two areas on the plan have been identified as "stormwater management basins" adjacent to Trooper Road. The applicant is advised that all stormwater generated by this project must conform to the requirements of the Township's Stormwater Management Ordinance.

- 29. The Township may need to revise its Act 537 Plan in order to provide public sewer service to this project. The applicant will need to prepare proper planning module components.
- 30. The applicant must provide a written summary of requested waivers from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance with any future submissions. Based on the Sketch Plan, we anticipate waivers being necessary from the following:
 - a. Section 130-16.B.2.a for residential street alignment having curves less than 150 radii.
 - b. Section 130-16.C for inadequate verge width (4 ft. provided vs. 5 ft. required).
 - c. Section 130-17.D.2 to have perpendicular parking provided off of a street, not separated from the cartway by a curb barrier of at least 7 feet.
 - d. Section 130-18.A.3 for sidewalks located less than 5 ft. from the curb line.
 - e. Section 130-19.A for street blocks less than 500 feet in length.
 - f. Section 130-28.F.7 for tree removal and replacement; further data is required to evaluate compliance on future submissions.
 - g. Section 130-28 for street tree spacing less than 25 feet on-center and setback not five feet outside of the right-of-way.
 - h. Section 130-32.1 for regrading of steep slopes; further data is required to evaluate compliance on future submissions.
- The applicant must be confirmed. The plans list Bristol Ridge Associates, LLC while the Application lists Commerce Pursuit Capital, L.P.
- 32. Note 5 under the site statistics must be revised to state R-100 zoning district.
- The applicant will be required to go through the full subdivision and land development process subsequent to this sketch plan phase. All applicable sections of Township code must be adhered to, and the subsequent plans will be reviewed by the Township, the Township Engineer, Township Traffic Consultant, PennDOT, Montgomery County Road and Bridge Departments, PADEP, and Montgomery County Conservation District.

Ref: #C0005084 Page 6

The above represents our initial comments on this Sketch Plan Submission. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional assistance on this project.

> Very truly yours, CKS ENGINEERS Township Engineers

John Evarts, P.E.

JWE/klk

Christian Jones, Assistant Township Manager (via email) CC:

Casey Moore, Township Traffic Engineer (via email)

Commerce Pursuit Capital, LP, Applicant

James O'Donnell, Owner

Michael Maier, Westrum Development Company (via email)

File

Bowman

March 21, 2024

Mr. Sean Halbom Township Manager Worcester Township 1721 Valley Forge Road P.O. Box 767 Worcester, PA 19490

Attention: Christian R. Jones, Assistant Township Manager

Mr. Robert D'Hulster, Public Works Director

RE: Traffic Review #1 – Sketch Plan

1035 North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) – 48 proposed townhouse units Worcester Township, Montgomery County, PA Project No. 314086-01-001

Dear Sean:

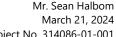
In response to the Township's request, Bowman Consulting Group (Bowman) has completed our initial traffic engineering review, which entailed the review of the Sketch Plan associated with the proposed development to be located at 1035 North Trooper Road (S.R 3002) in Worcester Township, Montgomery County, PA. According to the sketch plan materials submitted to our office, the development is proposed to consist of 48 townhouse units with access being provided via a proposed right-in/right-out only access/local road to Germantown Pike and a full-movement access/local road to North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002). It should be noted that the existing single-family home and garage will remain on the northern end of the site on its own lot (lot 1).

The following document was reviewed in preparation of our comments:

Sketch Plan – Trooper Ridge, prepared by T & M Associates, Inc., dated February 19, 2024.

Based on our review of the document listed above, Bowman offers the following comments for consideration by the Township and action by the applicant should the sketch plan continue to move forward for a submission for land development:

1. Based on information provided in Land Use Code 215 (Single-Family Attached Housing) in the Institute of Transportation Engineers publication, *Trip Generation*, 11th Edition, the proposed 48 townhouse units are expected to generate approximately 23 "new" trips during the weekday morning peak hour and approximately 27 "new" trips during the weekday afternoon peak hour, based on trip generation itself, a full transportation impact study (TIS) is not required for the proposed development. However, due to the site's location along the highly-trafficked roads of North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and Germantown Pike, as well as located adjacent to the intersection of North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and Germantown Pike which currently experiences congestion during the weekday commuter peak periods, the applicant should submit a transportation impact assessment (TIA) for the proposed development. The applicant should provide a TIS scoping meeting application to PennDOT, Montgomery County, and the Township so the TIA is scoped concurrently between all three agencies to obtain their guidance and concurrence on the scope of the proposed study. At a minimum, our office recommends that the TIS scoping meeting application should include the following, but may not be limited to upon official agency scoping:



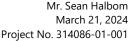
Project No. 314086-01-001

Analysis of the weekday morning and weekday afternoon commuter peak hours for existing traffic conditions, as well as opening-year conditions, both without and with the proposed development, at the intersections of North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002)/West Germantown Pike ,Park Avenue (S.R. 0363)/West Germantown Pike, Trooper Road and Woodlyn Road/Woodland Road, as well as the proposed site accesses. (Note: The proposed City View apartments by BET Investments at the SE quadrant of Germantown Pike and Park Avenue will be providing some intersection/signal improvements that should be captured in the traffic evaluations for the subject Westrum site.)

Bowman

- Mitigation improvements, as applicable, to address levels-of-service and queuing issues, as well as degradation must be provided as recommendations in the traffic study and how they will be addressed by the applicant.
- The full-movement driveway along North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) as proposed may necessitate peak hour or full-time left-turn egress restrictions dependent upon on the impacts of Trooper Road queuing beyond the access location, as well as sight distance limitations or obstructions that may be caused by queued vehicles. Therefore, a gap study will be recommended to be conducted for the proposed driveway along North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002).
- Provide sight distance analysis at the full-movement driveway along North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and the right-in/right-out only driveway to West Germantown Pike.
- Conduct left-turn and right-turn auxiliary lane warrant analysis at the proposed full-movement driveway along North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and right-turn auxiliary lane warrant analysis at the proposed right-in/right-out only driveway along West Germantown Pike.
- Provide a crash analysis at the study intersections, as well as along the North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike site frontages.
- The applicant must include the electronic Synchro files with the TIA submission for review.
- Additional comments on the scope will follow upon receipt of the formal TIA scoping application to PennDOT, Montgomery County, and Worcester Township.
- 2. The proposed development is located in the northwestern quadrant of the intersection of North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike, which currently experiences congestion, especially during the weekday morning and weekday afternoon commuter peak periods. The applicant should be aware that in order to alleviate the congestion currently experienced by vehicles along West Germantown Pike in the vicinity of the site, long-term roadway improvements along the site frontage of West Germantown Pike are necessary with any development of this property. Based on improvements identified in the West Germantown Pike Corridor Study completed for Montgomery County in the early 2000's, as well as the Montco Pikes Study recommendations (adding turn lanes, signal upgrades, adding bicycle/pedestrian facilities at the intersection and along the site frontages, consistent shoulder widths, etc.) the curb line along the West Germantown Pike site frontage should be setback with development of this site to accommodate two westbound through lanes, a left-turn lane (essentially a 5-lane crosssection for Germantown Pike) plus bike lanes/pedestrian ways that would continue through the North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) intersection. The proper setbacks today will allow for the future corridor improvements.
- 3. The applicant and their team should contact Montgomery County for additional information on the two studies mentioned in the previous comment, as well as Worcester and East Norriton Townships for access to their current Act 209 Roadway Sufficiency Analyses and Capital Improvement Programs.
- 4. The cartway widths along the North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike site frontages should be clearly labeled on the plan and be in accordance with Section 130-16.C of the Subdivision

2 of 5 bowman.com

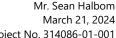




and Land Development Ordinance. Frontage widening improvements will be required to satisfy right-of-way and cartway requirements for the classification of the roadway, as well as the provision of curbing and sidewalk unless waivers are requested and granted by the Township.

- 5. A note must be added to the plan stating that the area between legal right-of-way line and ultimate right-of-way line along North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike should be offered for dedication to the authority having jurisdiction over the road as required by Section 130-16.C(2)(c) of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- 6. Adequate sight distance measurements will need to be provided on the land development plans for the proposed driveways along North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike as required by Section 130-16.E(5) of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and to satisfy PennDOT and Montgomery County highway occupancy permits.
- 7. According to **Section 130-18.A** of the **Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance**, sidewalk should be provided along the site frontages of North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike. The plan currently does not show any sidewalk along the North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike site frontages, thereby not satisfying the ordinance requirement. We recommend that the plan be revised to show sidewalk (or multi-purpose trail if preferred by the Township) along the entire site frontages of North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike. Otherwise, a waiver must be requested from this ordinance section. We do note that there is currently a multi-purpose trail provided around the perimeter of the townhouse units internal to the site. In addition, we also note to the Township at this time that no sidewalk currently exists along either side of North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike in the vicinity of the site. While again we recommend the provision of sidewalk and/or a multi-purpose trail on the plan, the Board of Supervisors may also consider deferring this obligation that is required of the applicant until such a time as may be required by the PennDOT, Montgomery County, or the Township for this property, whether under present or future land ownership, and at no cost to Worcester Township, or may desire to consider a fee in lieu of sidewalk to be kept in escrow for future sidewalk installations in the Township and/or area of these properties.
- 8. According to **Section 130-18.B** of the **Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance**, curbing should be provided along the site frontages of North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike. The plan currently does not show any curbing along the North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike site frontages, thereby not satisfying the ordinance requirement. We recommend that the plan be revised to show curbing along the entire site frontages of North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike, or a waiver must be requested from this ordinance section. We do note to the Township that there is currently no curbing along either side of North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike in the immediate vicinity of the site. Alternatively, the Board of Supervisors may also consider deferring this obligation that is required of the applicant until such a time as may be required by the PennDOT, Montgomery County, or the Township for this property, whether under present or future land ownership, and at no cost to Worcester Township, or may desire to consider a fee in lieu of curb to be kept in escrow for future curb installations in the Township and/or area of these properties.
- The curb radii should be labeled on the plan at the proposed driveway intersections with North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and West Germantown Pike and be in accordance with Section 130-17.B(3) of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

3 of 5 bowman.com

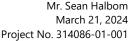


Project No. 314086-01-001



- 10. The designer should ensure sufficient sight distance is provided for the proposed driveways along the internal road in accordance with Section 130-17 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- 11. Horizontal curvature information should be provided on the plans for the internal roadway and be in accordance with Section 130-16.(2) of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- 12. Parking along the internal roadway curblines based on the site design, road widths and location of driveways should be prohibited by signing. The amount of guest parking spaces must be confirmed with the ordinance so that sufficient spaces are provided without the ability to park along the roadways. The applicant and designer may consider widening the western side of the internal road between lot 45 and lot 48 to a minimum of 28 feet to allow parallel parking along that section of road only.
- 13. Turning templates must be provided demonstrating the ability of emergency vehicles, trash trucks, and the largest expected delivery vehicle to maneuver into and out of the full-movement driveway along North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) and the right-in/right-out only driveway along West Germantown Pike, as well as entirely through the site.
- 14. The Township Fire Marshal should review the emergency vehicle turning templates for accessibility and circulation needs of emergency apparatus. Ensure that any correspondence, including any review comments and/or approvals, is included in subsequent submissions.
- 15. The plan(s) must be signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 16. All proposed signs should be clearly labeled on the plan in subsequent submissions.
- 17. According to the Township's Roadway Sufficiency Analysis, the proposed development is located in Transportation Service Area South, which has a corresponding impact fee of \$3,125 per "new" weekday afternoon peak hour trip and the applicant will be required to pay a Transportation Impact Fee in accordance with the Township's Transportation Impact Fee Ordinance. If the information provided in Land Use Code 215 (Single-Family Attached Housing) in the Institute of Transportation Engineers publication, Trip Generation, 11th Edition for proposed 48 townhouse units is the proper land use description for this development, then with the sketch plan it is preliminarily expected the site would generate 27 "new" trips during the weekday afternoon peak hour resulting in a transportation impact fee of \$84,375.
- 18. A Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) is required for this project from both PennDOT and Montgomery County for the proposed site accesses and work that may be completed within the legal right of way on North Trooper Road and West Germantown Pike since North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) is a State Roadway and West Germantown Pike is a County Roadway. Furthermore, since the site and/or the intersections in the study border the adjacent municipality of East Norriton Township, and the site adjacent traffic signal at the intersection of West Germantown Pike and North Trooper Road (S.R. 3002) is owned and maintained by East Norriton Township, any roadway/signal improvements extending into that jurisdiction will require the review and approval of that municipality, as well. The Township and our office must be copied on all TIA and HOP submissions, as well as correspondence between the applicant, PennDOT, and Montgomery County, and invited to any and all meetings among these parties. If it would be beneficial to all parties involved with this application, the applicant and their team may

4 of 5 bowman.com





desire to schedule a (virtual) technical meeting with Worcester Township, PennDOT, and Montgomery County representatives to go over the project since all three will be involved with permitting for this project. Upon determination of study area roadway and signal improvements that will be required for the mitigation and development of the subject site, it may be beneficial and/or necessary to include East Norriton Township in future discussions.

- 19. A more detailed review of the site and all transportation-related engineering elements on the plan will be conducted, as the Township deems necessary, if and as the application advances into and through the land development process at the Township. Additional comments may be raised at that point, as well as how the comments herein are satisfied.
- 20. Upon resubmission, our office will evaluate the information in concert with PennDOT and Montgomery County and will provide additional reviews of engineering and supplemental submission details as we receive them.
- 21. A response letter **must be provided** with the resubmission detailing how each comment below has been addressed, and where each can be found in the resubmission materials (i.e., page number(s)) to assist in the re-review process.

We trust that this review letter responds to your request. If you or the Township have any questions, or require clarification, please contact me, Michelle Eve, P.E., or Brian Jones, PTP, TOPS.

Sincerely,

Casey A. Moore, P.E

EVP/Regional Manager - Transportation

BMJ/MEE/CAM

cc: John Evarts, P.E., CKS Engineers (Township Engineer)

Devin Ralph, Esq. (Township Solicitor)

Robert Hart, East Norriton Township Manager

Scott Burton, PennDOT

Paul Lutz, PennDOT

Andy Parker, McCormick Taylor (PennDOT and Montgomery County Review Consultant)

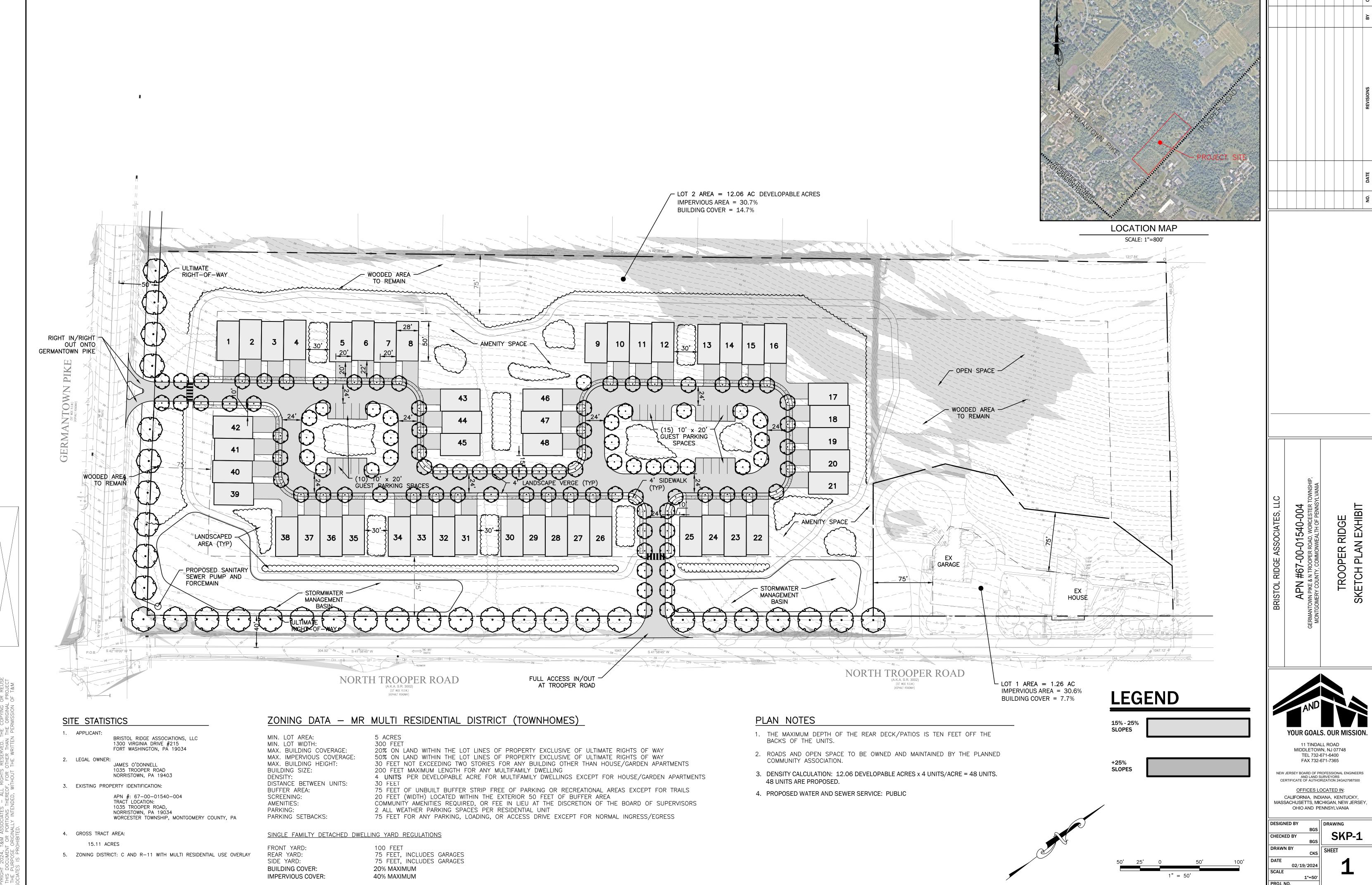
Susan M. Guisinger-Colon, P.E., LEED AP (Montgomery County consultant)

Michael Maier, Westrum Development Company (Applicant)

T&M Associates (Applicant's Site Civil Engineer)

Q:\PA-FTWA-MC\MCM\eng\WORCETO1\314086-01-001 - 1035 Trooper Road\Submissions\2024-03-12 Sketch Plan\Review\2024-03-21 Review Letter #1 - 1035 North Trooper Road (finalized).docx

5 of 5 bowman.com



Applicant Request for County Review

This request should be filled out by the applicant and submitted to the municipality where the application is being filed along with digital copies of all plan sets/information. Municipal staff will electronically file the application with the county, and a notice for the prompt payment of any fees will be emailed to the Applicant's Representative.

Variance Granted

No For



Date: Municipality: Proposal Name:		Applicant's Representative: Address:							
Applicant Name: Address: City/State/Zip: Phone: Email:		City/State/Zip: Business Phone (required): Business Email (required):							
Type of Review Re	equested:	Plan Information Tax Parcel Number		on:					
☐ Land Development Plan									
☐ Subdivision Plan									
☐ Residential Lot Line Change		Location							
☐ Nonresidential Lot Line (Change	Nearest Cross Street							
☐ Zoning Ordinance Amendment		Total Tract Area							
☐ Zoning Map Amendment		Total Tract Area Impacted By Development							
☐ Subdivision Ordinance Amendment		(If the development is a building expansion, or additional building on existing development, or only impacts a portion of the tract, please provide a rough estimate							
☐ Curative Amendment		of the land impacted, inci	-	-		-	-	-	
☐ Comprehensive / Other Plan					T				
Conditional Use			Number of New		Senior Housing		Open Space	Nonresidential New	
☐ Special Review*		Land Use(s)	Lots	Units	Yes	No	Acres*	Square Feet	
•	ncludes parking lot or structures that are not	Single-Family							
associated with new building square for	2 0	Townhouses/Twins							
Type of Plan:	Type of Submission:	Apartments							
• •	• •	Commercial		-					
Tentative (Sketch)	☐ New Proposal ☐ Resubmission*	Industrial Office		-					
Preliminary / Final	L Resubilitssion*	Institutional		-					
* A proposal is NOT a resubmission if A) The proposed land use changes, or B) The amount of residential units or square footage proposed changes more than 40%, or C) The		Other		-					
previous submission was over 5 years ago.		*Only indicate Open Spa	ce if it w	ill be on a	ı separa	ate lot o	r deed restric	cted with an	
Zoning:		easement shown on the p			-				
Existing District:		Additional Inform	nation	:					
Special Exception Granted	Yes No								

RESET Effective 5/1/18

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JAMILA H. WINDER, CHAIR NEIL K. MAKHIJA, VICE CHAIR THOMAS DIBELLO, COMMISSIONER

WWW.MONTGOMERYCOUNTYPA.GOV



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Montgomery County • PO Box 311 Norristown, Pa 19404-0311

610-278-3722 PLANNING@MONTGOMERYCOUNTYPA.GOV

> SCOTT FRANCE, AICP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 19, 2024

John J. Finnigan, Interim Manager Worcester Township 1721 South Valley Forge Road P.O. Box 767 Worcester, PA 19490

Re: MCPC #24-0066-001 Plan Name: 1035 Trooper Road (2 lots comprising 15.11 acres)

Situate: Trooper Road and Germantown Pike

Worcester Township

Dear Mr. Finnigan:

We have reviewed the above-referenced sketch plan, as you requested on March 18, 2024. We forward this letter as a report of our review.

BACKGROUND

The Applicant, Westrum Development Company, has submitted a sketch plan proposing the development of a 15-acre tract for 48 townhouses, open space and associated improvements in the MR Multi-Residential Overlay District. The tract has an existing dwelling with outbuildings that will be subdivided into a new 1.26-acre parcel, leaving the rest of the property to be developed into a townhouse community. Two designated 'amenity spaces,' as well as a trail encircling the development are also proposed. Twenty-five guest parking spaces are proposed along two central green islands within the internal street network of the development. Stormwater management areas are designated only schematically at this stage of the proposal. One of the two access points to the development will be from Germantown Pike, a County road, which will require a Highway Occupancy Permit from the County. The development would be served by public water and sewer service.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMPLIANCE

Montco 2040: A Shared Vision, Montgomery County's Comprehensive Plan, identifies the Future Land Use of the tract in question as 'Suburban Residential Area', which is appropriate for both single-family attached and multifamily development, generally. As this is what is envisioned in this development, this proposal appears consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The Future Land Use Map of Worcester Townships' 2008

Comprehensive Plan identifies the general area of this development as 'Mixed Use Village Area;' this residential development appears consistent with that designation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) generally supports the applicant's proposal, however, in the course of our review we have identified the following issues that the Applicant and Township may wish to consider prior to final plan approval. Our comments are as follows:

REVIEW COMMENTS

A. SITE DESIGN

- Front Yards. As proposed, with 20-foot-wide driveways and 28-foot-wide townhouse units, the
 front yards of the townhome units only measure 8 feet wide, and contain no sidewalk
 connections to the units. The Applicant may want to consider pairing adjacent garages and
 driveways to closely abut, which will consolidate green spaces and provide better planting areas.
- 2. Street Trees. We appreciate the Applicant's proposal to plant a significant amount of street trees, both along Germantown Pike and Trooper Road, as well as within the development itself. However, at present the configuration of the sidewalks, the green verge areas between the sidewalk and street, and possible underground utility lines will reduce the viability of these trees. The Applicant should consider setting the sidewalk further back from the street (which may result in setting back the townhomes a few feet to compensate) to make the green verge wider, the increased area of which will support more robust and lasting tree growth. As an alternative, the Applicant may consider placing the proposed trees behind the sidewalk and on the front yard areas of the townhome units.
- 3. <u>Utilities.</u> As referenced above, the potential for underground utilities running under or adjacent to the sidewalk will greatly reduce the viability of street trees within the development. We recommend the Applicant locate the underground utilities in such a way that they will not reduce the number of trees as proposed here.
- 4. <u>Amenity Spaces.</u> As a requirement of the MR District, the Applicant is required to place Amenity Spaces within the development; two spaces have been indicated on the plan. However, at present, they have not been further elaborated upon. Due to the density of the development, we would recommend at least one of the Amenity Spaces to include a Tot Lot. Other elements of equal substance should be considered, such as gazebos, pavilions and benches.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL

1. <u>Stormwater Management</u>. We acknowledge that the stormwater management plan of the development has not been designed, and that what is represented on the plan is only

schematic. However, it is also acknowledged that the stormwater areas will likely be located where they are indicated, since these are at the lowest points of the tract.

The Applicant should consider the possible visual impacts of these basins, if optioned; split-rail fencing or other barriers may be required if the basins are particularly deep. Additionally, assuring the stormwater management features have more naturalized features (such as plantings for infiltration) will increase the environmental value of the open space in which these features will be located.

 Sewer Pump and Force Main. The Applicant proposes to install a sanitary sewer pump and force main near the intersection of Germantown Pike and Trooper Road. However, it is likely that the pump will generate substantial noise, therefore the Applicant should consider buffering the pump with vegetation or some other means of dampening the sound created from its operation.

CIRCULATION

- 1. <u>Trail Connections</u>. At present, the trail is proposed to encircle the development in a loop. However, there are no direct connections indicated either into the development or to connections or destinations outside the project. We recommend the trail connect to the intersection of Germantown Pike and Trooper Road, where the County is planning to install ADA curb ramps. Additionally, we recommend the trail make connections within the development as well, not just where the trail intersects and crosses the two main access points of the development from Germantown Pike and Trooper Roads; particular attention should be paid to those units at the center of the development and at the northwest edge of the proposed neighborhood.
- Sidewalk Connections. Just as the trail should make more connections, the proposed sidewalk network should make more connections within the development. Particular attention should be paid to connecting the Amenity Spaces to the internal sidewalk network.
- 3. <u>Sidewalk Design.</u> We recommend that the Applicant widen their proposed sidewalks from 4 feet to 5 feet, as this is a more standard practice.
- 4. <u>Trail Design</u>. At present the Applicant is proposing a significant slope for the trail to climb at the northwest end of the tract, which would likely create significant disturbance of the wooded areas beyond the new tree line the Applicant indicates they will establish. The trail alignment should maintain grades similar to those required of sidewalks or conform to ADA standards for trails.

CONCLUSION

We wish to reiterate that MCPC generally supports the applicant's proposal but we believe that our suggested revisions will better achieve the Township's planning objectives for townhouse development.

Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the municipality and final disposition for the approval of any proposal will be made by the municipality.

Should the governing body approve a final plat of this proposal, the applicant must present the plan to our office for seal and signature prior to recording with the Recorder of Deeds office. A paper copy bearing the municipal seal and signature of approval must be supplied for our files. Please print the assigned MCPC number (#24-0066-001) on any plans submitted for final recording.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Olszak, Principal Trails & Open Space Planner brian.olszak@montgomerycountypa.gov - 610-278-3737

c: Michael Maier, Applicant's Representative Christian Jones, Assistant Township Manager

Attachment A: Aerial Image of Site

Attachment B: Reduced Copy of Applicant's Proposed Site Plan

ATTACHMENT A: AERIAL



ATTACHMENT B: SITE PLAN

