MINUTES

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL 1031 VALLEY FORGE ROAD, WORCESTER, PA 19490 THURSDAY, October 24, 2024 - 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

2. ATTENDANCE

All the members were present.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the October 24th, 2024 Planning Commission meeting were approved unanimously with no amendments.

4. WORCESTER TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE UTILZATION AND ACQUISITION ANALYSIS

Chair Sherr provided background on a recent court case from Upper Pottsgrove. The case involved the municipality building a municipal building on open space. He expressed concern that the case might affect what could be done with Worcester's open space.

Member Bob Andorn questioned whether there were any restrictions that the new case would add to properties and what specific uses would be allowed. He would like to see if something like parking would be limited or if it would be specifically the building.

Township Manager, Dan DeMeno explained that the land in the Upper Pottsgrove case was bought with dedicated open space tax revenue. This would not be an issue in Worcester as the Township does not have a dedicated open space tax. However, Mr. DeMeno stated that he would follow up with the Township Solicitor on this matter.

Mr. Andorn indicated that he would rather not invest in a project until the Planning Commission gets an opinion on the case and new restrictions. He also provided an overview of the sites that were visited by some of the Planning Commission members.

Mr. Sherr stated that a bandshell might not be allowed.

Township Engineer, John Evarts pointed out that there are existing structures at Heebner Park that might make it easier to argue the building of additional structures.

Mr. DeMeno explained that there were large scale exhibits of open space parcels with contour lines that were being created by Mr. Evarts.

Mr. Andorn explained that there were properties that were along the trail that he felt not much could be done with. These three properties were expected to be sold to attempt to buy more space. He went on to list the properties that were seen on the site visit including Heiser Field, Griffith, Mt. Kirk and adjacent properties. He stated that these properties have significant potential.

Vice Chair Michelle Greenawalt indicated that a few residents came out and her questions about the open space involve the current usage. For example: How much the fields are being rented out. She also likes a little history of the property, so traditions are upheld.

5. LAND DEVELOPMENT

The Wangia Minor Subdivision - 1205 Hollow Road.

Mr. Sherr introduced the topic and asked if the applicant's Engineers had received the review letters.

All County Engineers stated that they had received review letters from both the Township Engineer and the Township Traffic Engineer and would need to seek zoning relief. The stormwater positioning also needed to be addressed, and since there is plenty of acreage on the properties, the applicant's Engineers felt confident in their ability to address these issues.

Mr. Sherr said there is not a lot of evidence brought up about subdividing and his questions concern the development of the lots after they are subdivided. He asked if this was only a subdivision, and All County Engineers confirmed that it was only for a subdivision.

Mr. Evarts further clarified that septic testing sites and backups are on the plans and his main concerns were some of the locations of stormwater and driveways. He also clarified that the property owner could subdivide and then apply for building permits, which is not uncommon in smaller subdivisions.

All County Engineers agreed that the current plan was to get the subdivision and then to apply for development once there are owners for the lots so that the new owners could choose specific housing layouts. These individual choices would impact things like stormwater.

Mr. Evarts stated that the lots fall into the allowable options for development in their zoning district.

Mr. Sherr asked for clarification on driveway access.

Mr. Evarts clarified that there is a dual access driveway, and the township would have to decide if the driveway should be shared. He also identified a slope issue and asked about the easement for the barn.

All County Engineers stated that the easement agreement for the barn was signed but never recorded and the owner is now in the process of revising and recording the agreement.

Mr. Evarts also clarified that there are two flag lots.

Mr. Andorn clarified that this is in fact a minor subdivision as the county listed it as a major subdivision.

Mr. Evarts stated that it was reviewed as a major subdivision.

Mr. Andorn said that he was not sure if this was an issue. He asked if this subdivision would change into a possible subdivision from a lot line change in 2015. Mr. Andorn also wanted clarification for the Growing Greener program which requires 10 acres.

Mr. Evarts clarified that there were not any deed restrictions on record.

Mr. Andorn stated that if a property has more than 10 acres then something might have conservation subdivisions.

Mr. Evarts stated that there would not be an issue with this as there are different development options.

Mr. Andorn explained that his concern was any possible restriction with the 2015 subdivision. He also stated that he would like to see all issues raised in the review letters addressed before providing a recommendation.

Mr. Evarts asked if there were waivers being requested. He listed waivers for road widening, curbing, and sidewalks that would likely be asked for. Mr. Evarts continued to say that with only the waiver issues outstanding, he did not feel comfortable making a recommendation to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Andorn wanted to give the applicant an acknowledgement that there are no significant issues or questions that the Planning Commission has. Although, he also pointed out that perking right now would not yield good results.

All County Engineers stated they did the perk tests a couple of months ago and found spots on all lots. Clarification about the dates of the deed were given. The property was deeded in 2017.

Mr. Sherr suggested that the Planning Commission send All County to continue to work as the Planning Commission was not ready to vote with the waiver issue being outstanding.

All County Engineers agreed to come back once the waivers were done.

Mr. DeMeno said that there was a waiver of timelines. However, All County Engineers suggested that they hope to be back in front of the Planning Commission for the next meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. DeMeno introduced a zoning ordinance amendment for fences and cell tower facilities. The existing cell tower ordinance would be moved under zoning rather than where it is currently located.

Mr. Andorn asked for clarification on the redlined version of the ordinance as he was concerned that rules around accessory structures might be removed.

Mr. DeMeno stated that the accessory structures section is not part of the ordinance today and will be brought to the commission at a later date, and the current rules would stay in place.

Mr. DeMeno provided a summary of the changes to the ordinance. The first change would be a change in the height of fences from 5 feet to 6 feet. He also discussed the language for front yard fencing, currently allowed to be 4 feet tall of split rail or picket. The new language would allow for other designs like wrought iron. This ordinance would also prohibit barbed wire and junk fences. Another section includes engineered retaining walls and definitions for walls.

Mr. Sherr opened the discussion for comment.

Motion to recommend approval of fence & wireless facilities amendment by the Board of Supervisors – Mr. Andorn made the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Sherr gave a brief overview of the bandshell discussion as well as the fact that the Planning Commission had discussed it earlier.

Mr. DeMeno informed the Planning Commission that the current draft of the 2025 budget did not have money to build the bandshell. He explained that, for good budgeting practice, he feels that there is no rush, and they can take their time to collect good community feedback before a project like this.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill McGrane spoke about the bandshell placement. He also expressed concern that the Township might not need a bandshell. Mr. McGrane indicated that there might be restrictions on the Heiser Field property so building a bandshell would be ill-advised.

Dana Common expressed concern about a bandshell being built on Heiser Field.

Another resident 1704 Brooks wanted to thank the Township for involving people in the process of planning.

Elizabeth Moran also expressed concern about a bandshell being built on Heiser Field.

Mr. Andorn spoke about the understanding of the usage of open space and how that might influence future usage, goals, and weaknesses in the current infrastructure.

Mr. Koch spoke about separate facilities for horses to have safety.

Mr. Andorn spoke about the bandshell some more and stated he would like to have more public input.

Brad Smith asked about the next meeting as he is not available to discuss his subdivision land development plan.

Ms. Greenawalt made a motion to move the next meeting to November 21st and the motion passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

active applications (review period expiration)

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

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

• LD 2024-01 Wangia Subdivision (review period waived)

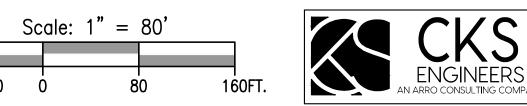




LEGAL RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE

EXISTING CONTOUR

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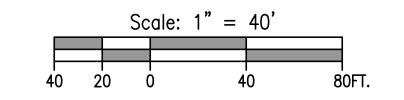




<u>LEGEND</u>



EXISTING SPOT ELEVATION EXISTING EDGE OF PAVEMENT







3126 Main Street P.O. Box 269 Sumneytown, PA 18084-0269 Phone: 215-234-4562

Fax: 215-234-0889

October 4, 2024

Dan DeMeno Worcester Township 1721 Valley Forge Road P.O. Box 767 Worcester, PA 19490

Subject: C. Bradford & Sandra B. Smith – Minor Subdivision Plan 3120 Fisher Road, Worcester Township

Dear Mr. DeMeno:

Enclosed please find the following in support of a Residential Minor Subdivision Plan submission:

- 1. One (1) Worcester Township Subdivision Application.
- 2. One (1) copy of the subject property deed.
- 3. One (1) Extension of Time letter dated October 4, 2024.
- 4. One (1) Montgomery County Planning Commission Applicant Request for County review.
- 5. One (1) check in the amount of \$2,000.00 payable to 'Worcester Township'- subdivision application fee.
- 6. One (1) check in the amount of \$6,000.00 payable to 'Worcester Township' professional escrow fee.
- 7. Eighteen (18) copies Minor Subdivision Plan dated October 3, 2024.
- 8. One (1) Waiver Request letter dated October 4, 2024.
- 9. One (1) electronic file CD with copy of the Subdivision Plan and supporting information in PDF.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

URWILER & WALTER, INC.

Scott T. Camburn

Scott T. Camburn

Enclosures cc: Bradford Smith

ERECTED INTO A TOWNSHIP IN 1733

TOWNSHIP OF WORCESTER

AT THE CENTER POINT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

1721 Valley Forge Road P.O. Box767 Worcester, PA 19490 Phone (610) 584-1410 Fax (610) 584-8901

APPENDIX

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMET APPLICATION

of Application:	l	Fee Paid:	W.T	.P.C File No	
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I	ocation/Parcel Nun	nber <u>67-00-0119</u> 6	0-00-3		
2.) Owner of reco	ord of land: Name	C. Bradford & Sa	andra B. Smith	Tel. # 267-664-2220	
Address: 3120	Fisher Road, P.O.	Box 157, Worcest	er, PA 19490	Email brad@bradfordw	oodworking.cor
3.) Applicant: 1	Name C. Bradford	& Sandra B. Smith	1	Tel. # 267-664-2220	
	Address 3120 Fisher Ro	ad. P.O. Box 157. Worcest	er. PA 19490	Email brad@bradfordw	voodworking.co
4.) Agent or Atto	rney, (if any): Nam	e		Tel #	
	Address			Email	
5.) Registerd Eng	gineer or Surveyor:	Name_Urwiler &	Walter, Inc	Tel # 215-234-4562	
	Address 3126 Mlan Stree	t, P.O. Box 269, Sumneyto	wn, PA 18084	Email scamburn@urwi	ilerwalter.com
6.) Name of Subo	livision or Develop	ment: C. Bradford	d & Sandra B. Sm	nith - Minor Subdivision	
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9.) Average Lot S	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,				
*Gross 10.2	-			11 acres	
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12.) Water Supply	plain (if any)1.	NA	On lot si	/stem Yes	
	m: Public system			/stem Yes	
14.) List of all End	•		On lot sy	Joseph Tea	
Amount		& Address of Per	son/Firm	Bk.No.	Pg. No

	WTPC File #			
Explan	atory statement of plan to be review	ed: Minor Residenti	al Subdivision	
Sub	divide 2.327 acre lot for a future resid	dential building lot		
Linear	feet of new streets: NA			
	of all restrictions, covenants, etc. If a	ny, under which lots	are to be sold.	
	Attached			
	None X			
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b.	Sidewalks			
c.	Widening of Existing Streets			
d.	Park Land		4.7.4.4	
e.	Street Lighting	·		
f.	Storm Drainage			
g.	Water Supply & Fire Hydrants			
h.	Sewage Disposal			
i.	Monuments			
j.	Landscaping			
k.	Etc			

21.) A copy of the description of the land as set forth in the deed shall be attached.

Signature of Owner C. Budford Ameth Date: 10-4-24

* Gross Area - area calculated to center of street

** Net Area - area calculated to the right of way. Net areas are to be used for density and land area requirements.

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1721 Vailey Forge Road P.O. Box767 Worcester, PA 19490 Phone (610) 584-1410 Fax (610) 584-8901

EXTENSION OF TIME

Date: O	ctober 4-, 2024
\ 1 F	Fownship Manager Worcester Township P.O. Box 767 Worcester, PA 19490
Dear To	wnship Manager:
RE: SU	BDIVISION PLAN/LAND DEVELOPMET PLAN OF _C. Bradford & Sandra B. Smith
On Oct	ober 4, 2024 , I (we) submitted the referenced plan for official filing.
Planning letter wi	e advised that notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code or the Worcester Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, this ll serve as notice to Worcester Township that the requirement that action be taken on this hin ninety (90) days, is hereby waived, without limitation as to time.

This wavier is granted to permit us to make such adjustments or revisions to the Plan as may be required during the Plan review process.

If we ever deem it necessary to limit the time of the subdivision or land development review process, we may revoke this extension of time in writing, sent certified mail, return receipt requested, and the Township shall be obligated to render a decision on our plans within sixty (60) days after the date on which the written revocation notice was received.

If the township determines that insufficient progress is being made towards concluding the subdivision or land development review process, the Township may revoke this extension of time in writing, sent regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested. For purposes of this provision, the Township's written notice shall be deemed received, if sent regular mail and certified mail, on the date of the written receipt on the certified mail return receipt, or, three (3) days after the date indicated on the Township's notification letter in the event the certified mail is return as "refused", "unclaimed", or is otherwise returned without indication of receipt, if addressed as follows (or to a subsequent address specifically provided to the Township by us for the purpose of notice):

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At any time sixty (60) days after our receipt of such notice from the Township, we understand that the Township may take (but shall not be obligated to take) such action with regard to our plans as the Township deems necessary and appropriate.

We further understand that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent us from offering, and the Township from accepting, additional extensions of time in the future, but neither party shall be obligated to do so by the terms of the Agreement.

Very truly yours,	
By: C. Signature C. Bradford Smith - Property Owner Print Name, Title	
	Accepted by:
Date: 10-4-24	Chairman, Board of Supervisors
	Attest:
	Manager/Secretary



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October 4, 2024

Planning Commission / Board of Supervisors Worcester Township 1721 Valley Forge Road P.O. Box 767 Worcester, PA 19490

Subject: C. Bradford & Sandra B. Smith - Minor Subdivision Plan - Waiver Request letter 3120 Fisher Road, Worcester Township

Dear Members:

On behalf of the applicant, we hereby request the following **Waivers** from the Worcester Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance – Chapter 130, as last amended.

1. Section 130-16.C.(2) Streets

Ordinance Requirement: Roadway widening

Request for Modification: Provide no roadway widening along the property frontage.

2. Section 130-18.A.(1) Sidewalks and curbs

Ordinance Requirement: Sidewalks shall be provided along all streets excepting where, in the opinion of the Township Supervisors, they

are unnecessary for the public safety and convenience.

Request for Modification: Provide no sidewalks along the property frontage.

3. Section 130-18.B.(1).a Sidewalk and curbs

Ordinance Requirement:

Concrete curbs shall be installed along each side of every

residential, secondary or commercial street or road.

Request for Modification: Provide no concrete curb along the property frontage.

URWILER & WALTER, INC. October 4, 2024 – C. Bradford & Sandra B. Smith - Waiver Request letter

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

URWILER & WALTER, INC.

Scott T. Camburn

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cc: C. Bradford & Sandra B. Smith

Applicant Request for County Review

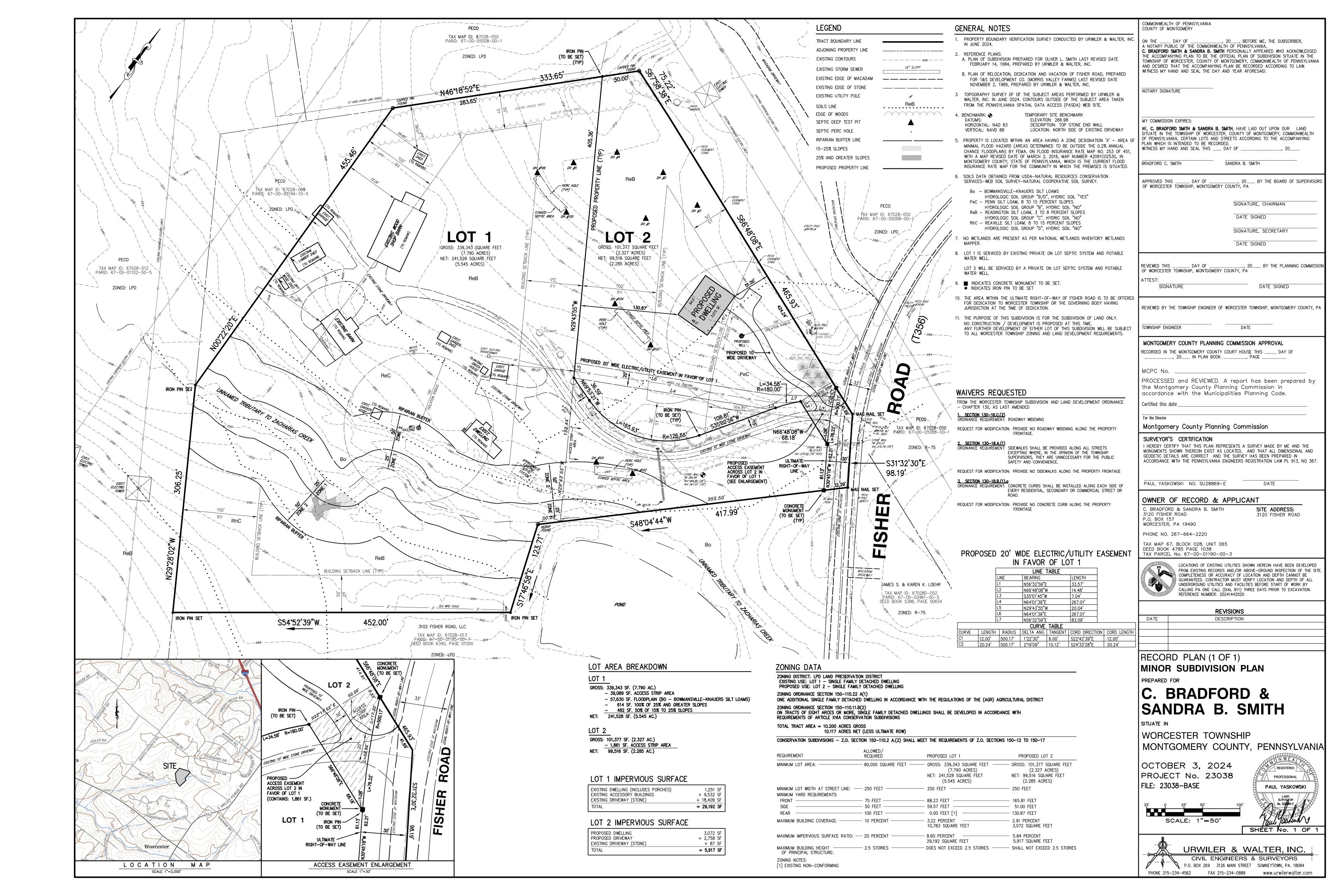
This request should be filled out by the applicant and submitted to the municipality where the application is being filed along with digital copies of all plan sets/information. Municipal staff will electronically file the application with the county, and a notice for the prompt payment of any fees will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



Effective 5/1/18

Date: October 4, 2024		Applicant's Scott T. Camburn					
Municipality: Worcester Township		Representative:	Jrwiler & Wal	ter, Inc.			
Proposal Name: C. Bradford & Sandra B. Smith - Minor Subdivision		Address: 3126 Main Street, P.O. Box 269					
Applicant Name: C. Bradford	& Sandra B. Smith	City/State/Zip	: Sumneyto	wn, PA 180	84		
Address: 3120 Fisher Road,	P.O. Box 157	Business Phor	ne (required	l): 215-234	-4562		
City/State/Zip: Worcester,		Business Ema	il (required	l):			
Phone: 267-664-2220		scamburn@urv	vilerwalter.co	m			
Email: brad@bradfordwood	working.com						
Type of Review Re (Check All Appropriate Boxes) Land Development Plan	equested:	Plan Inform			3		
☑ Subdivision Plan							
☐ Residential Lot Line Cha	inge						
		Location 3120 Fisher Road					
☐ Nonresidential Lot Line Change		Nearest Cross Street Valley Forge Road					
☐ Zoning Ordinance Amendment		Total Tract Area 10.2 Acres					
☐ Zoning Map Amendment		Total Tract Area I	mpacted B	y Develop	ment 2.32	Acres	
☐ Subdivision Ordinance Amendment		(If the development is a b development, or only imp			-	_	
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☐ Conditional Use			Number of New	Senior Housing		Nonresidential New	
☐ Special Review*		Land Use(s)	Lots Units	Yes No	Acres*	Square Feet	
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Type of Plan:	Type of Submission:	Apartments)		
☐ Tentative (Sketch)	✓ New Proposal	Commercial Industrial			_		
✓ Preliminary / Final	Resubmission*	Office					
<u> </u>		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 will be o	n a separate lo	t or deed restri	cted with an	
Zoning: LPD		easement shown on the p	lan.				
Existing District:		Additional Inform	nation:				
Special Exception Granted Variance Granted O Yes							

RESET





CKS Engineers 4259 West Swamp Road, Suite 410 Doylestown, PA 18902 P: 215.340.0600 www.cksengineers.com

November 7, 2024 Ref: # C0005306.00

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

Attention: Dan DeMeno, Township Manager

Reference: 3120 Fisher Rd.

Parcel No. 67-00-01190-00-3

Bradford Minor Subdivision Plan Review

Worcester Twp. LD 2024-02

Dear Dan:

Our office is in receipt of your request for review of a minor subdivision plan for the above-referenced site. The submission consists of one sheet prepared by Urwiler & Walter, Inc. dated October 3, 2024, with no revisions; a completed copy of the Worcester Township Land Development & Subdivision Application; and the property deed.

The applicant proposes subdivision of an existing 10.2-acre (gross)/10.11-acre (net) parcel in the LPD Land Preservation Zoning District on the western side of Fisher Road (T-356) to create two lots as follows: Lot 1, a 7.79-acre (gross)/5.45-acre (net) lot to contain an existing single-family detached dwelling with two detached garages, a barn, woodshop, shed, garden shed, lumber shed, greenhouse, and chicken coop. Lot 2 will be a 2.32-acre (gross)/2.28-acre (net) lot for the future development of a single-family detached dwelling and driveway to interconnect with the existing access at Fisher Road. The existing and future proposed dwelling are to be served by private (well) water service and private sanitary sewage disposal (on-lot systems).

We offer the following comments for consideration by the Township:

I. ZONING ORDINANCE

The following comments are based upon the Worcester Township Zoning Ordinance (ZO):

1. The existing use of Lot 1, single-family detached dwelling, is permitted. However, we note that accessory building coverage is over seven times that of the principal dwelling area footprint and defer to the Township Zoning Officer to confirm that all accessory buildings as shown on the plan were previously approved by the Township as accessory structures. It is our understanding that a woodworking business may be present on the site, but this is not indicated on the plans as a home occupation or similar use. However, the building areas dedicated to the use appear to exceed ordinance limitations for a home occupation. (150-110.22.A.1, 150-110.22.C, 150-177.A and 150-201)





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2. The westernmost garage (to remain) located north of the lumber shed on Lot 1 is shown to partially encroach the lands of PECO, Parcel No. 67-00-03194-10-5. We recommend an easement be secured from PECO for this encroachment if the garage will not be relocated or demolished as part of this application.

- 3. Multiple structures on Lot 1 are located within the rear yard setback. The Township Zoning Officer should confirm if these are non-conforming as footnote [1] of the Zoning Data table indicates. (150-177.A.2)
- 4. The proposed use of Lot 2, single-family dwelling, is permitted by-right in the LPD district if development is in accordance with the regulations of the AGR Agricultural District. General Note 11 indicates that the intent of this plan is "for subdivision only"; therefore, the dwelling proposed on Lot 2 is conceptual in nature but does demonstrate that a dwelling satisfying the dimensional and parking requirements of the AGR district could potentially be constructed on the subdivided lot. (150-110.22.A.1 and 150-12 through 150-16)

II. SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

The following comments are based upon the Worcester Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SLDO):

- 1. The paved cartway width(s) of Fisher Road must be dimensioned on the plan. (130-35.1.A.3.c.1)
- 2. The street classification of Fisher Road must be noted on the plan. (130-35.1.A.3.c.1)
- 3. Whenever practical, the sidelines of a lot shall be at right angles or radial to the right-of-way line. We note that a 50-ft. minimum 'leg' must be provided for Lot 2. We request that the curved lot line be reconfigured to eliminate the curved portion of the lot line to make Lot 2 more a regular shaped lot.
- 4. It is our understanding that the existing driveway serving Lot 1 is of stone material. We recommend the driveway apron between the existing cartway edge and ultimate right-of-way line be paved with asphalt material. A typical section detail for any proposed paving must be added to the plan. (130-17.B.3)
- 5. We calculate that a minimum of four street trees are required, or five if the existing driveway is not excluded from the calculation. The trees must be spaced 25 feet on-center and located at least five feet behind the right-of-way line. Due to the presence of existing White Pine trees at the frontage, a lesser quantity may be sufficient if these plantings are deemed to be suitable street trees. The plan does not propose any new street trees. (130-28.G.4)
- 6. Lot 2 must provide a softening buffer along its side and rear lot lines which abut the lands of PECO. The buffer shall consist of a minimum of one evergreen tree for each 35 linear feet; one ornamental or shade tree for each 50 linear feet; and one shrub for each 10 linear feet of property line. Informal groupings of more closely spaced plants which reflect the natural character of the site are encouraged. Existing vegetation of appropriate species and quantities on the property can be considered in the fulfillment of these

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requirements; however, vegetation along the side property line appears to be minimal. The plan does not propose any buffer plantings. (130-28.G.5.b)

- 7. The setback dimension of the staked septic area on Lot 1 must be added to the plan. The on-lot sewage disposal area may not be located in a required front yard nor 10 to 30 feet from a property line. The current location may not satisfy one or both conditions. (130-26.B.2.c)
- 8. A minimum of three deciduous or evergreen trees must be proposed to be planted on Lot 2, unless an equivalent number of existing trees are already on the lot. We note several evergreens are present on Lot 2. (130-28.9.A)
- 9. The future well on proposed Lot 2 must be constructed in accordance with PADEP and Township requirements. (130-31.C)
- 10. Areas of steep slopes on the lot must be defined. If none are present, this condition should be stated as a general plan note. (130-32.1)
- 11. The applicant should confirm that there are no deed restrictions or covenants which would otherwise prohibit the subdivision of the lot as proposed. (130-34.J.2.h)
- 12. The applicant is seeking waivers from the following three sections of the Worcester Township SLDO:
 - a. Section 130-16.C.2 to not require the minimum width of paving for the roadway classification.
 - Due to the minor nature of this proposal, we take no exception to this request.
 - b. Section 130-18.A.1 to not require sidewalks to be provided along Fisher Road.
 - We note that lot frontage is approximately 138 feet at the ultimate right-of-way line. Due to the existing use of the lot to the north (PECO) and environmental features on the lot to the south (unnamed tributary to Zacharias Creek), we are not opposed to the waiver request for sidewalks; however, should the Township ever desire a trail system along Fisher Road, this may be the only opportunity to provide such infrastructure along this frontage.
 - c. Section 130-18.B.1.a which requires concrete curbing to be installed along the street frontage.

As the existing driveway access will be maintained and only be modified to accommodate interconnection with a future access driveway serving a dwelling on Lot 2, we take no exception to this waiver request. However, if the Township deems sidewalk necessary and does not grant the waiver described in item 'b' above, we believe that the installation of curbing would also be appropriate in conjunction with such sidewalk.

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III. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

The following are general comments and considerations generated during the course of our review:

- 1. The application must be reviewed by the Montgomery County Planning Commission.
- 2. The applicant should provide evidence of the feasibility of on-lot sewer service for Lot 2 per PA Title 25 Chapter 73. A primary disposal area and secondary reserve area should be conceptually sized and located on the plan. Only one septic area is shown on Lot 2 at this time. Additionally, a septic area is proposed on Lot 1, but approximately 30 feet from the rear of Lot 2. The applicant must clarify which lot each area is intended to serve. Approval of the PADEP and Montgomery County Health Department will be required for any future system to be installed.
- 3. Legal descriptions, to be reviewed under separate cover following plan approval, must be supplied for the following:
 - a. The 20-ft.-wide electric/utility service easement through Lot 2, in favor of Lot 1.
 - b. The 1,861-s.f. cross access easement over Lot 2 in favor of Lot 1.
 - c. Area between the title line and ultimate right-of-way being offered for dedication to Worcester Township or the authority having jurisdiction.

The above represents all comments on the proposed minor subdivision.

Very truly yours, CKS ENGINEERS Township Engineers

John W. Evarts, P.E.

JWE/klk

cc: <u>via email:</u>

Christian Jones, Assistant Township Manager Wendy F. McKenna, Esq., Township Solicitor C. Bradford and Sandra B. Smith, Owners Scott T. Camburn, P.E., Urwiler & Walter, Inc. George DiPersio, CKS Engineers File

§ 150-177

TOWNSHIP OF WORCESTER MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE 2024-___

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING PROVISIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE REGARDING ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

WHEREAS, from time to time, corrections and other revisions are required to be made to Township Code of Worcester Township;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania mandates that municipalities have published in a newspaper of general circulation all proposed ordinances that make such corrections and revisions, at a great expense to municipalities;

WHEREAS, Worcester Township consolidates such corrections and revisions into one proposed ordinance, in lieu of individual ordinances, so as to minimize the expense incurred by the taxpayers in meeting this unfunded advertisement mandate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Worcester Township has determined that it is in the best interests of the Township to amend the Township Code as set forth herein below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Worcester Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, hereby ordains and enacts as follows:

- A. Accessory uses and structures to a single-family detached residential use shall be regulated as follows:
 - (1) In the AGR, R-175, and R-AG-175 Districts, structures accessory to single-family residential uses, except those regulated in Subsection A(2) through (9) below, shall be located in the rear yard or side yard only, and no closer than 15 feet to a property line. In all other districts, and at all properties created pursuant to Option 1 or Option 2, as set forth in Article XVIA, Conservation Subdivisions, structures accessory to single—family residential uses, except those regulated in Subsection A(2) through (9) below, accessory structures shall be located in the rear yard or side yard only; said accessory structures may be erected in the rear yard not closer than 10 feet to the rear property line subject to the following requirements:
 - a. Lot Size of less than three (3) acres:
 - Accessory structures less than 250 square feet in gross floor area have a minimum rear and side setback requirement of 5 feet and a maximum height of 12 feet
 - ii. Accessory structures between 250 square feet and 1200 square feet in gross floor area have a minimum rear and side setback requirement of 10 feet and a maximum height of 20 feet.

Commented [DD1]: This is a wholesale replacement of this section. It removes "private garages" as a specific thing with specific requirements and merges them into "accessory structures". The new setbacks and sizes are based off of lot size and the size of the proposed accessory structure. This will allow larger lots larger accessory buildings with appropriate setbacks and greater heights allowed with those larger setbacks.

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iii. Accessory structures greater than 1200 square feet in gross floor area have a minimum rear and side setback requirement of 20 feet and a maximum height of 25 feet.

b. Lot Size of three (3) acres or more:

- Accessory structures less than 250 square feet in gross floor area have a minimum rear and side setback requirement of 5 feet and a maximum height of 12 feet
- ii. Accessory structures between 250 square feet and 1200 square feet in gross floor area have a minimum rear and side setback requirement of 10 feet and a maximum height of 20 feet.
- iii. Accessory structures between 1200 square feet and 3000 square feet in gross floor area have a minimum rear and side setback requirement of 20 feet and a maximum height of 25 feet.
- i-iv. Accessory structures greater than 3000 square feet in gross floor area have a minimum rear and side setback requirement of 30 feet and a maximum height of no greater than the maximum allowed principal building height in that location.
- (2) Unless otherwise permitted below, accessory structures in any zoning district shall not be higher than 15 feet. [Amended 5-16-2018 by Ord. No. 277; 5-19-2021 by Ord. No. 284]
- (3) Private garages (whether attached or detached) may not encreach on any yard setback and must be located entirely within the building envelope of the lot on which they are located. Attached garages shall not exceed the height restriction for principal buildings in the applicable zoning district, and detached garages shall not exceed 20 feet in height such unoccupied and
- (4)(3) Private swimming pools shall be constructed in accordance with the applicable Township ordinances and shall be located entirely within the rear yard of the lot on which the pool is located and at least 10 feet behind the closest part of the main building. However, in no case shall the distance from the pool to the side or rear property line be less than 25 feet. In the AGR, R-175, and R-AG-175 districts, excluding properties created pursuant to Option 1 or Option 2, as set forth in Article XVIA, Conservation Subdivisions, the distance from the pool to the side and rear property lines shall be not less than 50 feet. The water edge shall be the line for measurement of these setbacks. All filters, heaters and accessory structures incidental thereto shall meet the same setback criteria. Freestanding spas and hot tubs shall be exempt from the requirement to be located at least 10 feet behind the closest part of the main building. [Amended 5-19-2021 by Ord. No. 284]
- (5)(4) Private tennis courts and private sports courts and all facilities incidental thereto shall be located on a lot 60,000 square feet or larger and in the rear yard only. Except as set forth below for lighted courts, a private tennis court shall not be less than 50 feet from the side and rear property lines, and a private sports court shall not be less than 75 feet from the side and rear property lines. A

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vegetative screening landscape buffer in accordance with the Worcester Township Landscape Ordinance requirements for rear and side yards as set forth in § 130-28 of the Worcester Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance shall be provided for all private tennis courts and private sports courts and all facilities incidental thereto. To the extent required by the Township Engineer, all tennis courts and sports courts shall have stormwater management facilities. All required stormwater management facilities shall be approved by the Township Engineer.

The lighting of a private tennis court or private sports court shall conform to § 150-200. Any lighted private tennis court or sports court shall not be less than 100 feet from the side and rear property lines. No tennis court or sports court shall be illuminated after 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, or after 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

- (6)(5) Private stables and barns for the keeping of horses and livestock shall be permitted on properties having a gross lot area of three acres or more. A gross lot area of three acres shall allow a maximum of two large animals (e.g., horses, cattle, llamas). Two small animals (e.g., goats, sheep, mini horses, ponies, yearling horses or cattle, donkeys) shall be the equivalent of one large animal. Each additional acre of gross lot area shall allow the keeping of one additional large animal or the equivalent. All grazing areas shall be suitably fenced to contain the animals at all times. All buildings and structures (including rings, but not including fencing) used for the housing, stabling, training, and recreational enjoyment of such animals shall be located within the building envelope and shall be no higher than 35 feet.
- (7)(6) Decorative structures such as garden trellises, arbors, statues, benches, and the like, but specifically not including storage units, sheds, greenhouses, or other work areas, may be located no closer than 15 feet to any property line, but not within the ultimate right- of-way of any road.
- (8)(7) Private mailboxes shall be located as required by the United States Postal Service. Private newspaper boxes may be located adjacent to private mailboxes and no closer to the cartway than a private mailbox.
- (9)(8) Private driveways shall be regulated by § 150-155, and private parking spaces shall be regulated by § 150-153.
- (10)(9) Structures associated with public or private utilities (such as water, stormwater, sanitary waste, power, fuel, telephone, and cable) to serve permitted agricultural and single- family residential uses shall be exempt from the setbacks in this section.
- B. Accessory uses authorized by this chapter shall not be interpreted to include nonpermanent structures for the sale of goods, which are prohibited by Chapter 119,¹ except as otherwise set forth therein.
- C. Private or public school uses. Accessory structures such as backstops, dugouts/team structures, retaining walls, scoreboards, bleachers (permanent or movable), benches, goals (permanent or movable), or similar accessory structures associated with outdoor sports and athletic facilities may be located or erected within 50 feet of

Commented [DD2]: Added barns to this. Barns with no electric, water, etc., are agricultural buildings, but with those features, they are accessory structures like any other. Adding this here I believe will fit the intent of this section while giving the zoning officer more clarity.

a front lot line or 40 feet of any other property line subject to the following: [Added 1-15-2014 by Ord. No. 248]

- (1) Backstops shall be permitted on any baseball or softball field but shall be limited to a maximum height of 40 feet;
- (2) Scoreboards shall be permitted and shall not be considered signs so long as the scoreboard complies with the following:
 - (a) Scoreboards shall not contain any advertisement for any company, product, or service:
 - (b) Scoreboards shall be limited to a maximum size of 36 feet by 10 feet;
 - (c) Scoreboards shall be limited to one per field;
 - (d) Scoreboards shall be limited to a maximum height, when mounted, of 20 feet from average surrounding grade within a stadium and 15 feet when mounted at all other fields on a single property; and
 - (e) Scoreboards, if illuminated, shall:
 - [1] Be internally illuminated LED displaying only the score and necessary game information and shall be illuminated only during the time of play and for a maximum period of 30 minutes following the end of play; and
 - [2] Neither cast any illumination off of the subject property nor create a nuisance or intrusion to the privacy of adjacent residential property owners or the public;
- (3) Dugouts or team shelters shall be limited to two per field, one for the home team and one for the visiting team;
- (4) Dugouts or team shelters shall be a maximum size of 12 feet by 50 feet;
- (5) No structure shall be located or erected so as to interfere with the sight triangle of any intersection; and
- (6) Fences and walls shall be regulated by § 150-182LJ.

Commented [DD3]: Change to meet new section number in pending fence section amendment.

2. Editor's Note: See Ch. 119, Sales from Nonpermanent Structures

