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Re: PB 2019-17



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Tue 4/14, 3:55 PM

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Good Afternoon Ladies,

I have review the most recent change for this application. The reduction in the residential level does not affect the STC recommendations outlined in the January 22, 2019 memo. The recommendations stand and continue to be valid. The recommendations are based on the overall streetscape.

I hope that is email is sufficient for your needs.

Regards,

April

From: April Stefel

Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 5:04 PM

To: Rosalind Miller; mapte@cmeusa1.com

Subject: PB 2019-17

On behalf of the Plainfield Shade Tree Commission (STC) I am reviewing the plans submitted by Stonefield Engineering and Design for the above mentioned project. Due to the fact that this is a corner property I will review each side individually.

Netherwood Avenue

The existing shade tree on Netherwood Avenue was planted by the STC in a Greening of Union County Planting Grant and is a Marshall Seedless Green Ash (shown on C-3 Demolition Plan). It is not recommended that this tree be relocated because the chance of survival during the transplanting is minimal. In addition, this genus is susceptible to the devastating Emerald Ash Bore and is no longer recommended for planting in New Jersey. The tree should be removed. A new tree should be planted to the east of the existing utility pole, and planted with a more suitable medium sized tree such as Amur Maple or Hedge Maple, 2-2.5 inch caliper, B & B. This selection is based on the overhead wires at this location. In addition, the small concrete sidewalk perpendicular to the street and adjacent to the proposed driveway should be removed and the area filled with top soil and seeded. The proposed location of parking spaces 6 & 7 requires the granting of a variance as they are within 10' of the public ROW, and do not allow for required screening on private property of the parking lot. Should the board not grant the variance, the STC recommends the planting of an evergreen screening and shade trees on private property in accordance with city code.

East 2nd Street

The plantings for the planting bed near the intersection of Netherwood Avenue and East 2nd Street are acceptable as shown on C-3 Demolition Plan. The (STC) recommends that the bed be extended and include the frontage of space 1 & 2.

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existing grass strip between the curb and the sidewalk and two in planting pits to be cut out of the existing concrete sidewalk approximately in front of the proposed mixed use building.

There should be a total of five (5) medium shade trees planted along the streets. If they are not planted, the applicant will provide a check in the amount of 300.00/tree for the Plainfield Tree Trust.

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