

New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Agenda

May 29, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Members of the public must attend the meeting in-person to participate and provide comment at New Albany Village Hall at 99 West Main Street. The meeting will be streamed for viewing purposes only via the city's website at https://newalbanyohio.org/answers/streaming-meetings/

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Action on minutes March 25, 2024
- IV. Additions or corrections to agenda

Administer oath to all witnesses/applicants/staff who plan to speak regarding an application on tonight's agenda. "Do you swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth."

- V. Hearing of visitors for items not on tonight's agenda
- VI. Cases

VAR-26-2024 Variance

Variances to codified ordinance 1169.16(d) and the Beech Road North District Design Guidelines to the quantity, size, lettering height, and design of signage for Crown Lift Trucks located at 3450 Horizon Court.

Applicant: Signcom c/o Kylie Cochran and Bruce Sommerfelt

Motion of acceptance of staff reports and related documents into the record for - VAR-26-2024.

Motion of approval for application VAR-26-2024 based on the findings in the staff report with the conditions listed in the staff report, subject to staff approval.

VAR-27-2024 Variance

Variance to allow above ground utilities whereas the Beech Interchange L-GE zoning text section II(I) states all new utilities to be installed underground.

Applicant: Kokosing Industrial, Inc.

Motion of acceptance of staff reports and related documents into the record for - VAR-27-2024.

Motion of approval for application VAR-27-2024 based on the findings in the staff report with the conditions listed in the staff report, subject to staff approval.

VAR-30-2024 Variance

Variance to codified ordinance 1171.01 to allow the use of artificial turfgrass within a portion of the backyard at 29 Wiveliscombe where code requires living turf grass.

Applicant: Kegan & Charlotte Beran

Motion of acceptance of staff reports and related documents into the record for - *VAR-30-2024*.

Motion of approval for application VAR-30-2024 based on the findings in the staff report with the conditions listed in the staff report, subject to staff approval.

- VII. Other business
- VIII. Poll members for comment
- IX. Adjournment



New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals DRAFT March 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

The New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals held a regular meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024 at the New Albany Village Hall. Chair LaJeunesse called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked to hear the roll.

II. Roll call

Those answering roll call:

Mr. LaJeunesse present
Mr. Smith absent
Mr. Schell present
Mr. Jacob present
Ms. Samuels present
Council Member Shull present

Having four voting members present, the board had a quorum to transact business.

Staff members present: Planner Cratic-Smith, Planning Manager Mayer, Clerk Mason.

III. Action on minutes November 27, 2023

Chair LaJeunesse asked if there were any updates to the minutes.

Hearing none, Board Member Jacob moved to approve the November 27, 2023 meeting minutes. Board Member Schell seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Mr. Jacob yes, Mr. Schell yes, Ms. Samuels yes, Mr. LaJeunesse yes. Having four yes votes, the motion passed and the November 27, 2023 meeting minutes were adopted as submitted.

IV. Administration of oath

Chair LaJeunesse administered the oath to all present who wished to address the board.

V. Hearing of visitors for items not on tonight's agenda

Chair LaJeunesse asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the board for an item not on the agenda. Hearing none, he introduced the first case and asked to hear from staff.

VI. Cases

Chair LaJeunnesse noted that there were two cases on the agenda. He introduced the first case and asked to hear from staff.

VAR-10-2024 Variance

Variance to codified ordinance 1165.04(a)(2)(E) to allow a new detached garage to encroach 16 feet into a 30-foot rear yard setback at 7809 Lambton Park Road.

Applicant: Todd Parker, F5 Design

Planner Cratic-Smith delivered the staff report.

Board Member Samuel moved to accept the staff reports and related documents into the record for VAR-10-2024. Board Member Jacob seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Ms. Samuel yes, Mr. Jacob yes, Mr. LaJeunesse yes, Mr. Schell yes. Having four yes votes, the motion passed and the staff reports and related documents for VAR-10-2024 were admitted into the record.

Chair LaJeunnesse asked whether there was anyone present who wished to speak on the application.

Applicant Todd Parker, architect of the project on behalf of the property owner, Jay Desmarteau. He thanked Planner Cratic-Smith for her thorough staff report. He explained that they studied all of the options.

Board Member Schell asked staff whether they had heard from any of the neighbors.

Planner Cratic-Smith responded that staff had not heard from neighbors.

Board Member Schell asked what was the need for the new detached garage.

Applicant Jay Desmarteau of 7809 Lambton Park Road, stated that he had recently moved to New Albany from Connecticut. He explained that he has two kids and four cars. He did not want to park in the driveway or on the street.

Chair LaJeunnesse asked staff what the setback would be if this was not a corner lot.

Planning Manager Mayer responded that it was 10-feet.

Chair LaJeunnesse asked staff where the 10-foot line would be on the site plan.

Planner Cratic-Smith indicated the location on the site plan.

Chair LaJeunnesse asked what the depth of the garage would be.

Mr. Parker responded that it was 24 x 24.

Board Member Schell asked how strong the screening would be.

Mr. Parker responded that there are massive arbor vitae along the driveway, and along the property line there are dense deciduous trees.

Board Member Jacob confirmed with the applicant that the proposed structure was a garage only, that there would not be an apartment or other use.

Board Member Samuels asked staff about precedent and whether other variance requests had been granted in the vicinity.

Planning Manager Mayer answered that he believed the other granted variances were in the country club, but not in this specific area of the country club.

Chair LaJeunnesse asked Mr. Desmarteau whether he had met his neighbor to the east, noting that the eastern neighbor would be most impacted by this proposed structure.

Mr. Desmarteau responded that he had not, and further stated that he had not yet moved into the house.

Chair LaJeunnesse welcomed Mr. Desmarteau to New Albany, then asked whether there was a motion on the application.

Board Member Schell moved for approval of VAR-10-2024 based on the findings in the staff report with the conditions listed in the staff report, subject to staff approval. Chair LaJeunesse seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Mr. Schell yes. Mr. Schell explained that he does not normally grant variances like this, but circumstances were unique in this case. Granting this variance was preferable to having cars parked in the driveway or on the street. Mr. LaJeunesse yes, Mr. Jacob yes, Ms. Samuels yes. Having four yes votes, the motion passed and VAR-10-2024 was approved with the conditions listed in the staff report.

The board wished the applicant good luck and welcomed him to New Albany.

Chair LaJeunesse introduced the next case and asked to hear from staff.

VAR-11-2024 Variance

Variance to codified ordinance 1171.01 to allow the site's parking lot islands to use artificial turfgrass where code prohibits artificial landscaping at 6895 Bevelhymer Road.

Applicant: Nick Cavalaris c/o Plymouth Brethren Church

Planner Cratic-Smith delivered the staff report.

Board Member Jacob moved to accept the staff reports and related documents into the record for VAR-11-2024. Board Member Samuels seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Mr. Jacob yes, Ms. Samuels yes, Mr. Schell yes, Mr. LaJeunnesse yes. Having four yes votes, the motion passed and the staff reports and related documents were accepted into the record for VAR-11-2024.

Chair LaJeunesse asked whether there were any guests present who wished to speak on the application.

Clerk Mason responded that there were four speakers and she was unsure whether they wished to speak in any particular order, Mr. Calaveris, Mr. Hashes, Mr. Johnstone, and Mr. [inaudible].

Applicant Nick Cavalaris, 8000 Walton Parkway. Mr. Cavalaris stated that he had been out of town and did not get the staff report. The church constructed and installed the turf grass. When the city conducted the final inspection, the turf grass was discovered and the city informed the applicant that pursuant to city code, use of turf grass was not permitted. He explained the site plan and the landscaping, and noted that the turfgrass would not be visible. The applicant believes the turf more closely mimics actual grass than poured rubber. He continued that the code has five factors for a variance and not one single factor controls. The church is surrounded by grass. This property is unique and other similar variances have been approved.

Mr. Jacob asked staff to explain the how the disconnect between the rule prohibiting turfgrass and the applicant's installation of the turf. Was there a reason that this was not discovered by the city until the final inspection?

Planning Manager Mayer explained that the landscape plan used the word "turf" and staff interpreted that to mean natural turf and he thought that was what the applicant originally intended. Upon final inspection staff discovered that artificial turf had been installed. Staff advised the applicant that there were two options, removal or request a variance from this board.

Samuels asked staff to comment or detail on the other variances granted that permitted the installation of turf grass.

Planning Manager Mayer explained that the Courtyard at New Albany was a 55+ community by Epcon. The Planning Commission granted a variance to permit artificial turf around the fenced in area around the pool only. The other variance granted was at a residential home, but it also involved a pool area. In that case, the pool area was elevated and separated from the rest of the lawn surrounded by concrete which made it difficult to maintain natural vegetation.

Board Member Samuels continued and asked whether in the latter scenario, whether natural vegetation was required.

Planning Manager Mayer stated that it was, and that was the reason the applicant in that case sought a variance.

Board Member Samuels asked whether, in the Epcon case, the artificial turf was visible.

Planning Manager Mayer responded that it was visible, however the pool is centrally located within the Epcon community, so it was not necessarily visible to the public.

Council Member Shull commented that it seemed as though the two prior variances were granted for active locations, for example a playground area. But those areas would then be surrounded by natural grass. He asked Planning Manager Mayer whether he knew of locations where artificial turf was used on parking lot islands.

Planning Manager Mayer responded that he was not aware of any such locations in the city. The code permits grass, mulch, or shrubs or a combination thereof. He further explained that code requires 5% of parking lot space to be islands in order to introduce natural vegetation.

Board Member Schell asked whether there were any slides or playground equipment at the location.

Applicant Jim Reed, Pastor of the Plymouth Bretheren Church responded, not yet. They were working a step at a time. He continued that that they were doing a step up from the requirements and noted that the turf was expensive. They were seeking to ameliorate the challenges that came with mulch such as keeping it clean and keeping it in place. They wanted this area to look better. Furthermore they are willing to post bond and commit to keeping it looking better.

Chair LaJeunnesse asked why they installed artificial turf instead of natural grass, was it because it was difficult to mow?

Pastor Reed responded it was hard to mow because of the six-inch curbs. The grass clippings ended up on the parking lot and created a mess. He acknowledged the concern around astro turf in residential front yards.

Chair LaJeunnesse asked staff whether there was artificial turf on any playgrounds in New Albany.

Planning Manager Mayer responded that the Barrington School was the only area he was aware of and he thought that was approved by the Planning Commission. He continued that it was not unusual for playgrounds to use an alternate surface such as poured rubber, it was not always natural mulch or grass.

Board Member Samuels asked staff whether it was required that the space be designated as a play area.

Planning Manager Mayer responded no, such a designation was not required.

Board Member Schell asked whether the applicants were familiar with their neighbor Mr. Shockey.

Applicant Robert Johnstone, Bob, of 1332 Windtree Court, stated that he knew Mr. and Mrs. Schockey well. He explained that he got along well with the Shockeys, and that this violation of the code was unintentional. He continued that the artificial turf in the play area would reduce the tracking of mud inside the church, he further explained that it was on top of a heated concrete slab designed to reduce slush. They would very much appreciate being able to keep it.

Board Member Schell continued that Mr. Shockey was very concerned with the use of artificial turf at this location, and shared the letter that Mr. Shockey had submitted to the board.

Mr. Johnstone responded that he was not aware of Mr. Shockey's concerns and that he had not seen the letter. He noted that the letter said that they had had a good relationship. Beyond that, Mr. Johnstone would not comment on the letter out of respect for the Shockeys.

Council Member Shull pointed out the location of Mr. Schockey's property, on the western side.

Chair LaJeunnesse asked whether there were other questions or comments.

Board Member Schell asked staff whether the board could modify the variance request to include the play area and not the parking islands.

Planning Manager Mayer responded yes, that was within the board's power.

Board Member Schell continued that he understood the cost and the investment that the applicant had made here, and the additional expense the applicant would bear to tear it out. He explained that the board had to consider and protect from precedents. The precedential effect of granting this request, put the board in a difficult position, particularly after installation. No one on the board likes making that kind of decision. The variances that have already been granted are smaller in scale and isolated. This application is a big area and it is highly visible when people drive in. Because the turf has already been installed the board did not have the chance to approve or disapprove it. This is a tough spot for the board and granting this request could open flood gates for others to put in astro turf in future. Board Member Schell stated that he would be open to permitting the turf in the play area only and he could see the benefit of it with children.

Tim Gooden, 7367 Central College, neighbor. Mr. Gooden thanked the board and spoke in support of the application. He stated that he had moved to New Albany from Australia and that he thinks that this is the best neighborhood. He remarked that the turf looks like natural grass, and that it is attractive and smart looking. He further shared that he has seen children playing in those areas during church functions. He reiterated that he supports the application and that he did not think it could be improved upon from an aesthetic perspective.

Board Member Jacob stated that he concurred with Board Member Schell. He explained that as a resident and board member he is familiar with the long-term planning strategies and priorities of the city council and staff. Maintaining the spirit of traditional green space wherever possible makes the most sense. He understood that playgrounds and pool areas are different. He reiterated that he concurred with Board Member Schell's remarks.

Mr. Johnstone stated that he was not familiar with the board's procedures and that the applicants were unaware of the Shockeys' concerns and inquired about tabling the application until the next meeting.

Planning Manager Mayer explained the procedure for tabling.

Mr. Johnstone asked whether additional time and support would influence the board's decision.

Board Member Samuels remarked that the board had the code to consider. Additional support from neighbors would not eliminate the board's duty to consider and apply the code. The board's job is to uphold the code. Until the code changes, she would agree with Board Member Schell that this variance should be limited to active areas for safety.

Chair LaJeunnesse stated that additional support from neighbors would not influence his decision, so it did not make sense to push this.

Mr. Johnstone thanked the board.

Mr. Cavalaris stated that this was unusual because it is installed and asked whether there was any appetite to give them additional time for the islands, perhaps until June. The applicants could use time to get the money together to get it out of the islands.

Chair LaJeunnesse asked Planning Manager Mayer how that would work and whether there are penalties involved.

Planning Manager Mayer explained the concept of conditional occupancy which involves the payment of a fee on a monthly basis. Conditional occupancy allows operation while the conditions are outstanding. The city will not issue a certificate of full occupancy until the conditions have been met. It is a mechanism for the city to ensure that the variance is being adhered to.

Board Member Jacob asked whether conditional occupancy had an expiration date.

Planning Manager Mayer responded that in general the city tries to keep it to one year, but it is on a month to month basis. He further stated that the board had the authority to specify a time.

Chair LaJeunnesse asked the applicant what time would be acceptable to them.

Mr. Cavalaris and Pastor Reed requested until September.

Chair LaJeunnesse responded that he board wanted to work with the applicants and that this was a partnership.

Board Member Schell moved for approval of application VAR-11-2024 based on the findings in the staff report with the conditions listed in the staff report, subject to staff approval with the following conditions:

- 1. This approval only extends to the play area, not the parking lot islands.
- 2. The parking lot islands are to be restored to natural, living grass no later than September 30, 2024.

Board Member Samuels seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Mr. Schell yes, Ms. Samuels yes, Mr. LaJeunesse yes, Mr. Jacob yes. Having four yes votes, the motion passed and VAR-11-2024 was approved with the conditions as stated above

The board wished the applicant good luck.

VII. Other business

1. Annual Organizational Meeting

Chair LaJeunesse opened the annual organization meeting.

Board Member Schell noted that Board Member Smith is the current vice-chair and asked whether anyone knew whether he wanted to continue as vice-chair and whether the organizational meeting should be postponed until Board Member Smith was present.

Council Member Shull remarked that Board Member Smith could be elected at tonight's meeting, in his absence.

Chair LaJeunnesse stated, speaking for himself that he was happy to continue as chair or to let someone else serve as chair if they so desired.

o Elect Chairperson

Board Member Samuels nominated Mr. LaJeunesse to serve as chair of the New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals. Board Member Jacob seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Ms. Samuels yes, Mr. Jacob yes, Mr. LaJeunnesse yes, Mr. Schell yes. Having four yes votes, Mr. LaJeunesse was elected chair of the New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals.

o Elect Vice-Chairperson

Chair LaJeunnesse nominated Mr. Smith as vice-chair, unless anyone else would be willing to serve.

Mr. Jacob stated that he would be happy to serve.

Mr. LaJeunnesse nominated Mr. Jacob to serve as vice chair of the New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals. Board Member Samuels seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call: Mr. LaJeunnesse yes, Ms. Samuels yes, Mr. Jacob yes, Mr. Schell yes. Having four yes votes, Mr. Jacob was elected vice-chair of the New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals.

o Elect Secretary

Board Member Jacob nominated Board Member Samuels to serve as secretary of the New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals. Chair LaJeunnesse seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Mr. Jacob yes, Mr. LaJeunnesse yes, Ms. Samuels yes, Mr. Schell yes. Having four yes votes, Ms. Samuels was elected secretary of the New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals.

o Establish date, time, and location for 2024 regular meetings

The New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals agreed that they will continue to meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the New Albany Village Hall.

Thereafter, Clerk Mason read the following attendance policy:

Attendance is defined as in-person presence during the hearing and consideration of applications without a conflict of interest before that commission/board at that meeting. Attendance of all current serving members of the commission/board is encouraged, and three (3) consecutive absences by any member or four (4) absences in any 12-month period shall be considered a forfeiture of the membership to the commission/board. The forfeiture would occur regardless of the reason for the absences. The applicable department designee would then notify the clerk of council so that they can inform council that a new appointment needs to be made.

VIII. Poll members for comment

Chair LaJeunnesse polled the members for comment.

IX. Adjournment

Hearing no comment from the members and having no further business, Chair LaJeunnesse moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Schell seconded the motion.

Upon roll call: Mr. LaJeunnesse yes, Mr. Schell yes, Mr. Jacob yes, Ms. Samuels. Having four yes votes, the March 25, 2024 meeting of the New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Submitted by: Deputy Clerk Madriguera, Esq.

Appendix
VAR-10-2024
Staff Report
Record of Action
VAR-11-2024
Staff Report
Letter from Mr. Shockey
Record of Action



Board of Zoning Appeals Staff Report March 25, 2024 Meeting

7809 LAMBTON PARK ROAD DETACHED GARAGE SETBACK VARIANCE

LOCATION: 7809 Lambton Park Road (PID: 222-002074-00)
APPLICANT: Todd M. Parker, F5 Design/Architecture Inc.

REQUEST: Variance to allow a detached garage to encroach the rear setback

ZONING: R-3 (Single Family Residential District)

STRATEGIC PLAN: Residential APPLICATION: VAR-10-2024

Review based on: Application materials received on February 29, 2024.

Staff report prepared by Sierra Cratic-Smith, Planner

I. REQUEST AND BACKGROUND

The applicant requests a variance to allow a detached garage to encroach approximately 16 feet into the 30-foot required rear yard setback that's required by city codified ordinance Chapter 1165.04(a)(2)(e) at 7809 Lambton Park Road.

II. SITE DESCRIPTION & USE

The property is 0.38 acres and contains a single-family home. The lot is located within the New Albany Country Club section 16A and zoned under the R-3 district. All the neighboring properties are zoned residential under the R-3 district.

III. ASSESMENT

The application complies with application submittal requirements in C.O. 1113.03, and is considered complete. In accordance with C.O. 1113.05(b), all property owners within 200 feet of the subject property in question have been notified of the request via mail.

Criteria

The standard for granting of an area variance is set forth in the case of Duncan v. Village of Middlefield, 23 Ohio St.3d 83 (1986). The Board must examine the following factors when deciding whether to grant a landowner an area variance:

All of the factors should be considered and no single factor is dispositive. The key to whether an area variance should be granted to a property owner under the "practical difficulties" standard is whether the area zoning requirement, as applied to the property owner in question, is reasonable and practical.

- 1. Whether the property will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be a beneficial use of the property without the variance.
- 2. Whether the variance is substantial.
- 3. Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or adjoining properties suffer a "substantial detriment."
- 4. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of government services.

- 5. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restriction.
- 6. Whether the problem can be solved by some manner other than the granting of a variance.
- 7. Whether the variance preserves the "spirit and intent" of the zoning requirement and whether "substantial justice" would be done by granting the variance.

Plus, the following criteria as established in the zoning code (Section 1113.06):

- 8. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land or structure involved and which are not applicable to other lands or structures in the same zoning district.
- 9. That a literal interpretation of the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 10. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the action of the applicant.
- 11. That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by the Zoning Ordinance to other lands or structures in the same zoning district.
- 12. That granting the variance will not adversely affect the health and safety of persons residing or working in the vicinity of the proposed development, be materially detrimental to the public welfare, or injurious to private property or public improvements in the vicinity.

IV. EVALUATION

A variance to codified ordinance Chapter 1165.04(a)(2)(e) to allow a detached garage to encroach approximately 16 feet into the 30-foot rear yard setback.

The following should be considered in the board's decision:

- 1. The applicant proposes to allow a detached garage to encroach approximately 16 feet into the rear yard setback. The city codified ordinance Chapter 1165.04(a)(2)(e) requires the setback "shall be located thirty (30) feet from any rear lot line."
- 2. The design of the proposed garage is consistent with the existing conditions of the property. The proposed detached garage is designed to be parallel to the existing garage and asphalt driveway. It is located at a distance wide enough to allow adequate length/distance for a car to turn into the detached garage.
- 3. This variance request does not appear to be substantial because the new lot coverage is recorded at almost 23+/- percent which meets the code's allowable maximum lot coverage of 30 percent. In addition, the proposed detached garage meets all other city code requirements.
- 4. The proposed garage does not appear to alter the essential character of the neighborhood because the proposed materials mirror the existing materials of the home. The proposed exterior walls match the existing exterior with similar brick material and a brick water table. In addition, the height of the proposed garage is one story compared to the two-story existing attached garage and house.
- 5. The variance meets the 'spirit and intent' of the city codified ordinance because the detached garage is screened from the neighboring property by existing trees. Even though the detached garage is closer to the property line than code allows, the existing landscaping provides a buffer between the properties.
- 6. The literal interpretation of the city codified ordinance deprives the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties because it is a corner lot. On a corner lot, the rear yard is not determined by the orientation of the home. In the case of a corner lot, the rear lot line is opposite and furthest removed from the front lot line of the least dimension. Since it is a corner lot, the 30-foot rear yard setback applies to the detached garage and not

the 10-foot side yard setback. If the lot was not on a corner, this variance would not be necessary and the location would be permissible.

- 7. There are similar variances approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
 - a. In September 2017, a variance was approved by an owner on a residential corner lot for a detached garage to encroach almost 15 feet into the 30-foot rear yard setback at 7228 Greensward Drive.
 - b. In February 2019, a variance was approved for a corner lot for a detached garage to encroach 25 feet into the 30-foot rear yard setback at 7747 Sutton Place.
 - c. In June 2023 a detached garage and pergola was approved to encroach the rear yard setback by 16 feet at 4433 Olmstead Road.
- 8. Granting the variance will not adversely affect the delivery of government services. The garage is not located in any public easements.
- 9. Granting the variance will not adversely affect the health and safety of persons residing or working in the vicinity of the proposed development, be materially detrimental to the public welfare, or injurious to private property or public improvements in the vicinity.

IV. SUMMARY

Due to the property being a corner lot and the location of the existing home, there does not appear to be an alternative location on the property to build a detached garage or extend the existing garage. The distance of the detached garage from the neighboring line is 14 feet in order to allow sufficient maneuverability in and out of both garages and utilize the existing driveway. The variance does not appear to be substantial since the character of the neighborhood will not be altered. The proposed detached garage is the exact same materials, and design as the existing garage and home. The large, existing trees provide screening and buffering from the neighboring property where the encroachment is located.

V. ACTION

Should the Board of Zoning Appeals find that the application has sufficient basis for approval, finding the following motion is appropriate.

Move to approve application VAR-10-2024 based on the findings in the staff report (conditions of approval may be added).





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- Swear in new members
- o Elect Chairperson

- o Elect Vice-Chairperson
- Elect Secretary
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Community Development Department

RE: City of New Albany Board and Commission Record of Action

Dear Todd Parker,

Attached is the Record of Action for your recent application that was heard by one of the City of New Albany Boards and Commissions. Please retain this document for your records.

This Record of Action does not constitute a permit or license to construct, demolish, occupy or make alterations to any land area or building. A building and/or zoning permit is required before any work can be performed. For more information on the permitting process, please contact the Community Development Department.

Additionally, if the Record of Action lists conditions of approval these conditions must be met prior to issuance of any zoning or building permits.

Please contact our office at (614) 939-2254 with any questions.

Thank you.



Community Development Department

Decision and Record of Action

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

The New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals took the following action on 03/25/2024.

Variance

Location: 7809 LAMBTON PARK RD **Applicant:** Todd Parker, F5 Design

Application: PLVARI20240010

Request: To allow a new detached garage to encroach 16

feet into a 30-foot rear yard setback.

Motion: To approve

Commission Vote: Motion Approved, 4-0

Result: Variance, PLVARI20240010 was Approved, by a vote of 4-0.

Recorded in the Official Journal this March 26, 2024

Condition(s) of Approval:

Sierra Cratic-Smith

Staff Certification:

Sierra Cratic-Smith

Planner



Board of Zoning Appeals Staff Report March 25, 2024 Meeting

6895 BEVELHYMER ROAD ARTIFICIAL LANDSCAPE VARIANCE

LOCATION: 6895 Bevelhymer Road (PID: 222-004750-00)

APPLICANT: Plymouth Brethren Church c/o Nick Cavalaris, Underhill Law Firm REQUEST: Variance to City Codified Ordinance Chapter 1171.07 to allow for

artificial turfgrass.

ZONING: R-1, Residential Estate District

STRATEGIC PLAN: Residential APPLICATION: VAR-11-2024

Review based on: Application materials received on February 29, 2024.

Staff report prepared by Sierra Cratic-Smith, Planner.

I. REQUEST AND BACKGROUND

The applicant requests a variance to allow the use of artificial turfgrass, about 1,052 +/- square feet, within the parking lot islands and children's play area at 6895 Bevelhymer Road. The city codified ordinance 1171.07 states artificial plants are prohibited and that all landscape materials shall be living plants for the landscaping material requirements for planting such as grass and ground cover, trees, shrubs and hedges.

During a final inspection, the city staff found the parking islands and play area are not natural landscape such as turfgrass or mulch. The property owner states that the artificial turfgrass was installed for improved durability

II. SITE DESCRIPTION & USE

The property is 5.71 acres in size and contains a new church known as Plymouth Brethren Church. The property is south of Central College Road and west of Bevelhymer Road. The surrounding properties are zoned Residential Estate District (R-1) and contain residential uses.

III. ASSESSMENT

The application complies with application submittal requirements in C.O. 1113.03, and is considered complete. In accordance with C.O. 1113.05(b), all property owners within 200 feet of the subject property in question have been notified of the request via mail.

Criteria

The standard for granting of an area variance is set forth in the case of Duncan v. Village of Middlefield, 23 Ohio St.3d 83 (1986). The Board must examine the following factors when deciding whether to grant a landowner an area variance:

All of the factors should be considered and no single factor is dispositive. The key to whether an area variance should be granted to a property owner under the "practical difficulties" standard is

whether the area zoning requirement, as applied to the property owner in question, is reasonable and practical.

- 1. Whether the property will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be a beneficial use of the property without the variance.
- 2. Whether the variance is substantial.
- 3. Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or adjoining properties suffer a "substantial detriment."
- 4. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of government services.
- 5. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restriction.
- 6. Whether the problem can be solved by some manner other than the granting of a variance.
- 7. Whether the variance preserves the "spirit and intent" of the zoning requirement and whether "substantial justice" would be done by granting the variance.

Plus, the following criteria as established in the zoning code (Section 1113.06):

- 8. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land or structure involved and which are not applicable to other lands or structures in the same zoning district.
- 9. That a literal interpretation of the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 10. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the action of the applicant.
- 11. That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by the Zoning Ordinance to other lands or structures in the same zoning district.
- 12. That granting the variance will not adversely affect the health and safety of persons residing or working in the vicinity of the proposed development, be materially detrimental to the public welfare, or injurious to private property or public improvements in the vicinity.

IV. EVALUATION

Variance to allow the use of artificial turfgrass, about 1,052+/- square feet, within a play area and parking lot islands.

The following should be considered in the board's decision:

- 1. The city codified ordinance Chapter 1171.07 states artificial plants are prohibited and that all landscape materials shall be living plants for the landscaping material requirements for planting such as grass and ground cover, trees, shrubs and hedges. The applicant requests a variance to allow for artificial turf on the parking islands. There is large parking lot island that is used for a children's play area.
- 2. The islands and play area make up 1,052 +/- square feet. The parcel is about 248,727.6 +/- square feet in size. This equates to about 4% of the entire property.
- 3. The essential character of the neighborhood may be substantially altered if the variance is approved. The purpose of requiring living plant material is to promote and protect the natural environment according to codified ordinance Chapter 1171.01.
- 4. The artificial turfgrass is located just within the parking islands and play area. The remainder of the property uses natural turfgrass. The applicant states the purpose of the artificial turfgrass on the parking islands and children's play area is because they are too small to mow properly. In addition, the turfgrass could endure the children's use of the play area so it will not wither. The property owner states they are using the artificial turfgrass to keep a consistent, clean appearance over time.

- a. The use of alternative surface material for the children's play area is consistent with other areas of the city. While there are no other known playgrounds utilizing artificial turf grass, many use mulch or pour-in-place rubber.
- b. The majority of parking lot islands at commercial and institutional properties use a combination of natural grass, shrubs, and mulch.
- 5. There are layers of screening that prevent the artificial turfgrass from the public right-of-way. The artificial turf is in the parking islands where it is located 275 feet away from the public right of way. In addition, the artificial turf is used on the children's play area where it is located 300 +/- feet away from the public right-of-way. The applicant states that due to a curve in the entrance drive to the parking area, and the existing landscaping between the church and Bevelhymer Road, none of these artificial grass applications are visible from Bevelhymer Road or any other public right-of-way.
- 6. The church property is surrounded by residential properties so it is required to install landscape screening at the perimeter of the property that achieves 75% opacity screening at full foliage.
- 7. This variance does not appear to preserve the spirit and intent of the zoning requirement. The artificial turf grass parking lot islands have trees installed in them which results in a mixture of natural and artificial landscape material. The trees planted with the artificial turf have the possibility of uprooting the artificial turfgrass as they grow resulting in an unseemly appearance.
- 8. There are special conditions and circumstances exist that are peculiar for the play area. This is because the play area using artificial turfgrass is similar to other projects found in the city. Its ability to endure the use of child's play would keep a consistent appearance of the landscape. In addition, it would protect the children in case of injury similar to the pour-in-play found on city parks in residential neighborhoods.
- 9. This variance does not negatively impact the delivery of government services.
- 10. This problem can be solved by some manner other than the granting of the variance. It appears that natural landscape could be installed.
- 11. The city staff could not find any other variances approved for institutional uses historically. However, a variance has been approved at the Courtyards at New Albany subdivision allowing for artificial turf grass around the community pool. In addition, the Planning Commission recently approved a variance for artificial turfgrass to be permitted around a pool area on a residential property.
- 12. This variance will not adversely affect the health and safety of persons residing or working in the vicinity of the proposed project.

IV. SUMMARY

The city created the Design Guidelines and Requirements to ensure the community enjoys the highest possible quality of architectural and site design. Section 1 of the Design Guidelines and Requirements contains the overall guiding principles for design in New Albany. One of these overall principles is that development in New Albany will be designed to include landscaping to enhance the quality and character of the built environment. The distinctive character of New Albany is due to a combination of the architectural and physical environment which includes natural landscape features.

The property is screened with 75% opacity landscaping from neighboring properties, and there is a curve in the entrance drive to the parking area with existing landscaping so off-site visibility of the artificial turfgrass appears to be limited. However, the use of artificial turfgrass in the parking lot islands does appear to meet the spirit and intent of the zoning requirement.

Some special conditions and circumstances exist that are peculiar to the children's play area. The use of artificial turfgrass appears to be consistent with previously approved variances and the use of alternative surface material is typical throughout the community.

V. ACTION

Should the Board of Zoning Appeals find that the application has sufficient basis for disapproval, finding the following motion is appropriate.

Move to approve application VAR-11-2024 based on the findings in the staff report (conditions of approval may be added)

Approximate Site Location:



Source: NearMap

Thomas A. Shockey 7199 Central College Road New Albany, Ohio 43054

March 20, 2024

Sierra Cratic-Smith, Planner 99 W. Main Street New Albany, Ohio 43054

Dear Ms. Cratic-Smith,

Thank you for your notification regarding the variance request of the Plymouth Brethren Church, asking to replace natural turf with artificial turf. I am unable to attend the public hearing on March 25, 2024. However, I would like to share my thoughts.

I am a graduate, and employee, of the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science at The Ohio State University. A major area of study is Turfgrass Science. I have a comprehensive background in this area, as well as employment as a specialist at the Fairfax Country Club in Virginia, near Washington, D.C.

I do not feel that artificial turf is a satisfactory substitute for real grass, in any situation.

Please know that the Church Leaders involved with the establishment of this church have been extremely responsive to our concerns as a neighbor. I do not wish to jeopardize our friendly relationship, but I do have strong feelings in this regard. I would hate to see this request honored, or any future similar requests positively addressed.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tom Shockey, M.S.
Horticulturalist

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Community Development Department

RE: City of New Albany Board and Commission Record of Action

Dear Nick Cavalaris c/o Plymouth Brethren Church

Attached is the Record of Action for your recent application that was heard by one of the City of New Albany Boards and Commissions. Please retain this document for your records.

This Record of Action does not constitute a permit or license to construct, demolish, occupy or make alterations to any land area or building. A building and/or zoning permit is required before any work can be performed. For more information on the permitting process, please contact the Community Development Department.

Additionally, if the Record of Action lists conditions of approval these conditions must be met prior to issuance of any zoning or building permits.

Please contact our office at (614) 939-2254 with any questions.

Thank you.



Community Development Department

Decision and Record of Action

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

The New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals took the following action on 03/25/2024.

Variance

Location: 6895 Bevelhymer Rd.

Applicant: Nick Cavalaris c/o Plymouth Brethren Church

Application: PLVARI20240011

Request: To allow the site's parking lot islands and play area to use artificial

turfgrass where code prohibits artificial landscaping.

Motion: To approve

Commission Vote: Motion Approved with Conditions, 4-0

Result: Variance, PLVARI20240011 was Approved with Conditions, by a vote of 4-0.

Recorded in the Official Journal this March 26, 2024

Condition(s) of Approval:

Sierra Cratic-Smith

1. This approval only extends to the play area, not the parking lot islands.

2. The parking lot islands are to be restored to natural, living grass no later than September 30, 2024.

Staff Certification:

Planner



Board of Zoning Appeals Staff Report May 29, 2024 Meeting

CROWN LIFT TRUCKS SIGN VARIANCE

LOCATION: 3450 Horizon Court (PID: 095-111756-00.010)

APPLICANT: Signcom, Inc. c/o Kyle Cochran and Bruce Sommerfelt

REQUEST: (A) Variance to C.O. 1169.16(d) to allow the size of a wall sign to be

139 square feet where code permits a maximum of 75 square feet. (B) Variance to C.O. 1169.16(d) to allow lettering height to be 42"

where code permitted a maximum of 36".

(C) Variance to C.O. 1169.16(d) to allow two signs per business frontage

whereas code permits one wall sign per building frontage.
(D) Variance to the Beech Road North District Framework and Landscape Design Standards to allow a non-conforming wayfinding

sign.

ZONING: Limited General Employment (L-GE): Jug Street North Zoning Text

STRATEGIC PLAN: Employment Center APPLICATION: VAR-26-2024

Review based on: Application materials received April 26, 2024

Staff report prepared by Sierra Saumenig, Planner

I. REQUEST AND BACKGROUND

The applicant requests the following variances related to a new sign package for the Crown Life Trucks building located in the Licking County portion of the New Albany Business Park and accessed off of Horizon Court.

- (A) Variance to C.O. 1169.16(d) to allow the size of a wall sign to be 142 square feet where code permits a maximum of 75 square feet
- (B) Variance to C.O. 1169.16(d) to allow lettering height to be 42" where code permitted a maximum of 36".
- (C) Variance to C.O. 1169.16(d) to allow two signs per business frontage whereas code permits one wall sign per building frontage.
- (D) Variance to the Beech Road North District Framework and Landscape Design Standards to allow a non-conforming wayfinding sign.

II. SITE DESCRIPTION & USE

The building is located in the Licking County portion of the New Albany Business Park and accessed off of Horizon Court. Two tenants are currently in the space which includes Crown Lift Trucks and Lansing Building Products. The property is zoned L-GE, General Employment and is 61.83+/- acres. There are several other businesses located around the site and the undeveloped parcels to the south of the site have planned commercial buildings to be developed.

III. EVALUATION

The application complies with application submittal requirements in C.O. 1113.03, and is considered complete. The property owners within 200 feet of the property in question have been notified.

Criteria

The standard for granting of an area variance is set forth in the case of Duncan v. Village of Middlefield, 23 Ohio St.3d 83 (1986). The Board must examine the following factors when deciding whether to grant a landowner an area variance:

All of the factors should be considered and no single factor is dispositive. The key to whether an area variance should be granted to a property owner under the "practical difficulties" standard is whether the area zoning requirement, as applied to the property owner in question, is reasonable and practical.

- 1. Whether the property will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be a beneficial use of the property without the variance.
- 2. Whether the variance is substantial.
- 3. Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or adjoining properties suffer a "substantial detriment."
- 4. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of government services.
- 5. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restriction.
- 6. Whether the problem can be solved by some manner other than the granting of a variance.
- 7. Whether the variance preserves the "spirit and intent" of the zoning requirement and whether "substantial justice" would be done by granting the variance.

Plus, the following criteria as established in the zoning code (Section 1113.06):

- 8. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land or structure involved and which are not applicable to other lands or structures in the same zoning district.
- 9. That a literal interpretation of the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 10. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the action of the applicant.
- 11. That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by the Zoning Ordinance to other lands or structures in the same zoning district.
- 12. That granting the variance will not adversely affect the health and safety of persons residing or working in the vicinity of the proposed development, be materially detrimental to the public welfare, or injurious to private property or public improvements in the vicinity.

III. ASSESSMENT

Considerations and Basis for Decision

A variance request to C.O. 1169.16(d) to allow the size of a wall sign to be 142 square feet where code permits a maximum of 75 square feet.

The following should be considered in the decision of the board:

- 1. A variance request to C.O. 1169.16(d) to allow the size of a wall sign to be 142 square feet where code permits a maximum of 75 square feet.
- 2. C.O. 1169.16(d) states that one wall sign, up to 75 sq.ft. in size is permitted to be installed per

building frontage. The building has one frontage: Horizon Court, therefore one wall sign is allowed. The applicant proposes to install two wall signs. One of the signs will be mounted on the south elevation facing Horizon Court while the other sign is on the east elevation. However, one of the signs exceeds the permitted 75 square feet.

- a. Sign 1: features the company name and logo. This first sign is 142 +/- square feet. This exceeds the maximum area requirement according to the city sign code and is what the Board of Zoning Appeals is evaluating.
- b. The second sign will be 24 +/- square feet. Sign 2: says "parts & services." This sign meets all of the city sign code requirements.
- 3. The variance request does not appear to be substantial due to the large size of the building. The Horizon Court building elevation is approximately 725 feet long with Crown Life Truck's tenant space occupies 512 feet of the total frontage. Due to this large size, the proposed wall sign appears to be appropriately scaled in relation to the size of the building. If the applicant were to install a wall sign that met code requirements, it may appear under scaled and out of place on the larger building.
- 4. It appears that there are special conditions and circumstances that justify the variance request. The city sign code provides a maximum sign size but does not consider the size of structures that are typically constructed in the Licking County portion of the New Albany Business Park. The building is roughly 175,000 square feet. The permitted sign sizes are based on use categories and there is one size allowance for all commercial/warehousing buildings within the entire Business Park. This building is a larger warehouse building and larger than a typical commercial building which the sign code likely contemplated when it was written.
- 5. The Board of Zoning Appeals has approved similar variance requests to allow for larger signs on larger buildings. The BZA approved sign area variances for Amazon distribution center on April 26, 2021 (VAR-35-2021), the Pizutti Multi-tenant Building on October 28, 2019 (VAR-88-19) and for KDC on July 23, 2012 (VAR-4-2012).
- 6. Granting the variance appears to meet the spirit and intent of the zoning requirement because it ensures that the sign is appropriately scaled and designed for the building that they are located on. The city sign code requires signs to "integrate with the building/site on which they are located and adjacent development in scale, design, and intensity. For example, large signs are best suited for buildings with larger massing." The proposed sign meets this intent as it is well designed and appropriately scaled in relation to the large warehouse building thereby making the size appropriate in this case.
- 7. It does not appear that the essential character of the immediate area will be altered if the variance is granted. The site is located in the New Albany Business Park and is at the end of Horizon Court making the site not visible from Jug Street.
- 8. Granting the variance will not adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of persons living in the immediate vicinity.
- 9. Granting the variance will not adversely affect the delivery of government services.

(B) Variance to C.O. 1169.16(d) to allow one wall sign to have a lettering height of 42 inches where code allows a maximum of 36 inches.

The following should be considered in the decision of the board:

- 1. C.O. 1169.16(d) states that the maximum lettering height for wall signs at this location is 36 inches. The applicant proposes to install one wall sign with a lettering height of 42 inches, therefore a variance is required.
- 2. The spirit and intent of the zoning requirement is to ensure that letters are appropriately scaled in relation to the building. Due to the large size of this warehouse building, larger signs with larger lettering are appropriate as they are designed to scale appropriately in relation to the large building they are located on. In addition, a similar variance under VAR-35-2021 was approved in April 2021 by the board for Amazon's signs just south of Ganton Parkway.
- 3. The variance requests do not appear to be substantial due to the large size of the building. The Horizon Court building elevation is approximately 725 feet long with Crown Life Truck's tenant space occupies 512 feet of the total frontage. The maximum building height is 44 feet at the top of the parapet wall. Due to this large size, the proposed wall sign appears to be

- appropriately scaled in relation to the size of the building. If the applicant were to install a wall sign that met code requirements, it may appear under scaled and out of place on the larger building.
- 4. It appears that there are special conditions and circumstances that justify the variance request. The city sign code provides a maximum lettering height size but does not consider the size of structures that are typically constructed in the New Albany Business Park. This building is a larger warehouse building and larger than a typical commercial building which the sign code likely contemplated when it was written.
- 5. It does not appear that the essential character of the immediate area will be altered if the variance is granted. The site is located in the New Albany Business Park and is completely surrounded by commercially zoned properties or undeveloped land with planned commercial buildings. Additionally, the building is located at the end of Horizon Court, minimizing their visual impact.
- 6. Granting the variance will not adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of persons living in the immediate vicinity.
- 7. Granting the variance will not adversely affect the delivery of government services.

(C) A variance request to C.O. 1169.16(d) to allow two signs per business frontage whereas code permits one wall sign per building frontage.

The following should be considered in the decision of the board:

- 1. C.O. 1169.16(d) states that one wall sign is allowed per building frontage. The building has one frontage: Horizon Court, therefore one wall sign is allowed. The applicant proposes to install two wall signs. As mentioned, one of the signs will be mounted on the south elevation facing Horizon Court while the other is on the east elevation.
 - a. The second sign on the east elevation will be 24 +/- square feet. Sign 2: says "parts & services." This sign meets all of the city sign code requirements.
- 2. The variance request does not appear to be substantial and meet the spirit and intent of the zoning text requirement. The city sign code permits one wall sign per building frontage, with an area of up to 75 sq. ft. based on the building linear frontage. While the applicant proposes to allow more wall signs than permitted by right, the "parts and services" sign is 24 +/- square feet which is substantially lower than the permitted 75 square feet. In addition, a similar variance under VAR-16-2022 was approved in February 2022 by the board for Axium Packaging signs south of Jug Street.
- 3. It appears that there are special conditions and circumstances that justify the variance request. The city sign code provides a maximum number allowable size of single wall signs but does not consider multiple, smaller sized wall signs. The sign regulations do not take into account the size of building when determining the allowable number of signs. This is a larger warehouse building where additional wall signs are most appropriate and the proposed signs will provide additional wayfinding.
- 4. The spirit and intent of the zoning requirement still appears to be met by granting the variance which is to ensure that buildings are not "over signed." Due to smaller size of one of the proposed signs, the additional wall sign is appropriate and the building does not appear to be "over signed." Even if the second tenant were to propose a wall sign, the Horizon Court elevation is 725 +/- feet in length and it does not appear the building would look "oversigned" with an additional tenant wall sign. The additional sign meets the context and compatibility requirements of the city sign code which states that signs must not create an appearance of competition between adjacent signs.
- 5. It does not appear that the essential character of the immediate area will be altered if the variance is granted. This variance request does not eliminate the architectural, screening, and landscaping requirements for this property.
- 6. Granting the variance will not adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of persons living in the immediate vicinity.
- 7. Granting the variance will not adversely affect the delivery of government services.

(D) Variance to the Beech Road North District Framework and Landscape Design Standards to allow a non-conforming wayfinding sign.

The following should be considered in the decision of the board:

- 1. A variance request to the Beech Road North District Framework and Landscape Design Standards to allow a non-conforming wayfinding sign.
- 2. The guidelines outlined in the Beech Road North District Framework and Landscape Design Standards prescribe specific materials and design elements for signage to ensure there is consistency throughout the entire business park. These include a steel tube structure with a powder-coated white finish, an aluminum sign panel measuring 36 inches by 36 inches, and a charcoal color scheme. Furthermore, the guidelines detail the required font type and size for the signage.
 - a. Proposed Sign: The applicant is proposing a 5.80 square foot wayfinding sign that is aluminum with vinyl lettering in an unspecified font type. The sign colors include gray, black, and brushed aluminum.
- 3. The variance request may be substantial as it will alter the visual landscape of the surrounding area. The intent of the Beech Road North District Framework and Landscape Design Standards was designed to preserve the city's rural character and to achieve uniformity throughout the New Albany Business Park. If the applicant were to install a wayfinding sign that met design requirements, it would be consistent with other business's in the surrounding area. Additionally, the applicant could still use the same content on the proposed signage and could even increase the size as the permitted size for wayfinding signage is 16.72 square feet.
- 4. It appears that there are no special conditions and circumstances that justify the variance request. Other properties that fall within the Beech Road North area also have to meet the design standards to ensure consistency which signals to visitors that they are within the New Albany Business Park.
- 5. Granting the variance may impact the essential character of the area. The city board and commissions have not approved any ground signs to deviate from the general standards established in the design guidelines. This would be the first and only ground sign to not match the general aesthetic of the area. Granting the variance may be precedent setting since there do not appear to be any special conditions or unique features of the lot.
- 6. Granting the variance does not appear to meet the spirit and intent of the zoning requirement because the applicant could achieve the required wayfinding signage without altering the intended content of the sign. It does appear that the essential character of the immediate area will be altered if the variance is granted. The site is located in the New Albany Business Park and the Beech Road North District Framework and Landscape Design Standards were designed to achieve a rural character within the business park with specified sign standards.
- 7. Granting the variance will not adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of persons living in the immediate vicinity.
- 8. Granting the variance will not adversely affect the delivery of government services.

IV. SUMMARY

The variance requests to allow two wall signs per business frontage where code allows one, to allow one wall sign to have a larger area than code permits, and to allow a taller lettering height than permitted by the city code are not substantial. This site is located within the Licking County Business Park and is completely surrounded by commercially zoned properties that are also developed with large scaled buildings. Due to the larger size of this warehouse building and its location adjacent to similar structures, a larger sign appears to be appropriate in addition to two signs on the business frontage. The variance to allow an inconsistent wayfinding sign is substantial as it will alter the surrounding area and cause inconsistency among the street frontage.

V. ACTION

Should the Board of Zoning Appeals find that the application has sufficient basis for approval, the following motions would be appropriate. Conditions of approval may be added.

Move to approve application VAR-26-2024.

Approximate Site Location:



Source: NearMap

Permit #	
Board	
Mtg. Date	



Community Development Planning Application

	Site Address 3450 Horizon Court, New Albany, OH 43031					
	Parcel Numbers 9511175600010					
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May 14, 2024

City of New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals 99 W Main Street New Albany, OH 43054

RE: Crown Equipment Corporation - 3450 Horizon Court - Variance Application for exterior signage

Statement in Support of Proposed Variances

Signcom.Inc., on behalf of Crown Equipment Corporation d/b/a Crown Lift Trucks ("Crown"), requests variances for exterior building and directional signage for the above-referenced project. This request is submitted based on zoning plan review comments dated 3/28/2024 for Permit #PRSI20240125. We are requesting this application be reviewed at the May 20, 2024 Planning Commission meeting. The current zoning district is General Employment (GE).

Legal Description:

Parcel #095-111756-00.010 - Situated in the City of New Albany, County of Licking, State of Ohio, also being a part of Farm Lot 19 and Farm Lot 30, Quarter Township 2, Township 3, Range 155, United States Military Lands, also being part of a 190.699 acre tract of land conveyed to New Albany Data Center, LLC, as described in Instrument Number 2022051800112402.

Variance 1:

C.O. 1169.16(d) "Commercial/Warehouse permitted 1 square feet per linear square feet of building frontage, not to exceed 75 square feet."

The variance is requested to allow the installation of exterior illuminated building signage. The proposed building sign will be approximately 141.83 square feet.

The variance is requested based on the overall size of the building frontage and the specifics of the area where the building is located. Crown's premises is 21,202 square feet, and approximately 512 feet long and 44 feet high. A building sign "not to exceed 75 square feet" is not proportional for the building and will be difficult to read from Horizon Court. The proposed sign size aligns with Crownbranded signs on other Crown branch locations across the United States. The variance will not alter the character of the area, as neighboring properties are all commercially zoned and being developed as commercial properties. In keeping with the spirit of the zoning regulations, the sign will maintain the low intensity of signage in the area.

Variance 2:

C.O. 1169.19(d), Commercial/Warehousing allows a maximum lettering height of 36".

The variance is requested to allow letters of an overall height of 47" for "CROWN" portion of main identification sign. Per Variance 1, applicant is requesting a sign that exceeds the allowable size to provide proportional identification for the building frontage of approximately 512 feet long and 44 feet high. When scaling the sign with branding standards, the lettering exceeds the allowable

height. The code restrictions on these large-scale super warehouses are notably more restrictive than perhaps originally anticipated. The need for larger, to-scale identification signage is warranted due to the expansive fronting elevations and massive leased square footage. The variance will not alter the character of the area.

Variance 3:

C.O. 1169.16(d) permits only one sign per business frontage.

The applicant requests a variance to allow two signs to include identification of the business and branding and a second to identify the "Parts and Service" area. The proposed "Crown Lift Trucks" sign on the South elevation is a total of 141.83 sqft, (addressed above in Variance #1 request), while the additional second sign for "Parts and Service" on the East elevation is 24.13 square feet. The "Parts and Service" sign is necessary to permit efficient movement of traffic on the road and premises.

Variance 4:

Variance to the Beech Road South development text to allow a non-conforming dual post sign.

The applicant requests a variance to allow a non-conforming wayfinding sign integrating company branding into directional signage for the Beech Road South development. This is a practical decision aimed at maximizing brand exposure and aiding navigation efficiency. By prominently featuring the company logo and colors, we ensure clear identification and association with the development, facilitating easier wayfinding for visitors and enhancing the overall coherence of the signage system. This approach not only reinforces the company's presence within the community but also streamlines the user experience, ultimately contributing to a more seamless and cohesive environment for all stakeholders involved.

Justification:

Pursuant to Duncan v. Village of Middlefield, 23 Ohio St. 3d 83 (1986), the following factors are considered by the New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals in its evaluation of variance requests:

1. Whether the property will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be a beneficial use of the property without the variance.

The proposed signage will help ensure a beneficial use of the property. The signage reflects Crown's standard branding and is recognized by customers throughout the United States. Crown's business will appropriately benefit from the visibility of the premises.

2. Whether the variance is substantial.

The requested variances are not substantial. Given the size of the premises, the larger sign on the building is necessary for visibility and appropriate scale. The proposed directional sign is less than one square foot larger than the size normally permitted, and such increase in size helps ensure that vehicles entering the site can quickly determine direction of travel. The variances will ensure the signs are proportional to the building and site and will enable safer navigation by vehicles entering the site.

3. Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or adjoining properties suffer a "substantial detriment".

The essential character of the neighborhood will not be substantially altered and no adjoining properties will suffer detriment. The Crown premises is in a commercially zoned development, and the proposed signage is in character with this type of property. The signage will help traffic move efficiently through the area, which will benefit neighboring properties.

4. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of government services.

The requested variances will not adversely affect the delivery of government services. In fact, more efficient traffic flow could help in the timely delivery of services.

5. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restriction.

Crown was not aware of the sign restrictions when it entered into its lease of the property.

6. Whether the problem can be solved by some manner other than the granting of a variance.

The problem cannot be solved in some other manner. The larger signage is required to ensure visibility of the property and proper aesthetics.

7. Whether the variance preserves the "spirit and intent" of the zoning requirement and whether "substantial justice" would be done by granting the variance.

Spirit and intent of the requirements will be preserved, as the larger signage is in proportion to the premises and site and will provide clear visibility of this commercial property.

In addition to the "Duncan" factors, the New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals also considers additional factors when granting a variance, as follows:

A. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land or structure involved and which are not applicable to other lands or structures in the same zoning district.

There are special conditions and circumstances peculiar to the property, including the large size of the building and site, and the presence of the building at the end of Horizon Court. The applicable zoning requirements do not distinguish between structures of different sizes. Without the variances, the signage would be disproportionate to the size of the property and would appear out of place. In addition, because the building sits on the end of Horizon Court, vehicles traveling on the street would not be able to easily identify the Crown facility from the street.

B. That a literal interpretation of the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance.

A literal interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance would deprive Crown of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties. Without the variances, Crown's premises would be difficult to identify, and traffic congestion may occur due to difficulties in identifying the premises and in determining appropriate direction of travel when entering the premises.

C. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the action of the applicant.

No actions of the applicant caused the special conditions and circumstances to exist.

D. That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by the Zoning Ordinance to other lands or structures in the same zoning district.

Granting of the variances will not confer any special privileges upon Crown. In fact, granting of the variances is necessary to help ensure Crown has the same privileges applicable to other commercial properties in the zoning district, as well as to ensure that the scale and intensity of signage on the subject property is in keeping with the spirit of the zoning regulations.

E. That granting the variance will not adversely affect the health and safety of persons residing or working in the vicinity of the proposed development, be materially detrimental to the public welfare, or injurious to private property or public improvements in the vicinity.

The proposed variances will not adversely affect health, safety, or public welfare, or be detrimental to properties in the vicinity. The variances will help ensure that the aesthetic character of the area is maintained and will help achieve efficient and safe traffic flow.



Licking County Property Map

Parcel: 095-111756-00.011

Owner: New Albany Data Center LLC 120 North LaSalle Street Suite 2900

Chicago, IL 60602

Parcel: 095-111756-00.009

Owner: New Albany Data Center LLC 120 North LaSalle Street Suite 2900

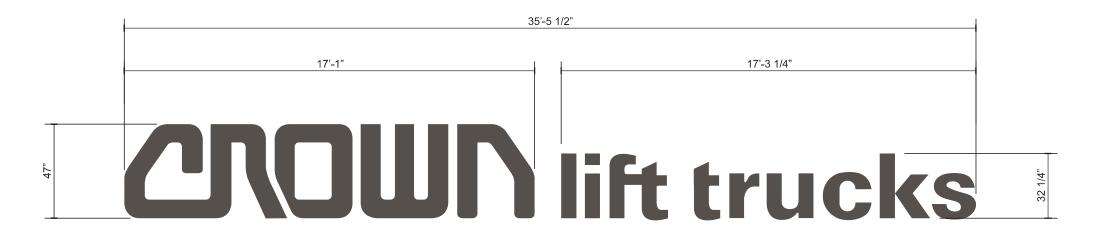
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Parcel: 095-111618-04.000 Owner: Amazon Data Services

410 Terry Avenue North Seattle, WA 98109 Parcel: 095-111570-01.000 Owner: MBJ Holdings LLC 8000 Walton Parkway Suite 120

New Albany, OH 43054

Parcel: 095-111756-00.013 Owner: PJP Holdings LLC 9005 Smith's Mill Road N. New Albany, OH 43054



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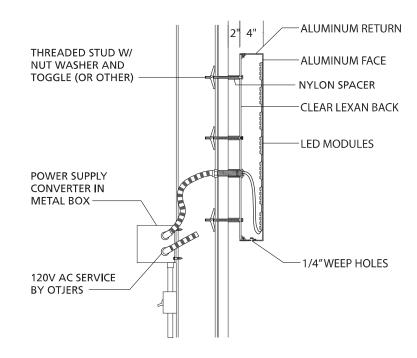
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LETTERS ARE MOUNTED TO FASCIA USING CORROSION-RESISTANT 1/4" DIAMETER THREADED STUDS WITH NUT/WASHER AND BUTTERFLY TOGGLE OR OTHER BASED ON WALL CONSTRUCTION AND CONDITIONS - EACH FASTENER TO HAVE 2" LONG NYLON SPACER SLEEVE - MINIMUM (3) FASTENERS PER LETTER

COLOR

PMS 8404 C



NOT TO SCALE - SECTION THRU DETAIL

CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SIGN ELEMENTS TO COMPLY WITH NEC ARTICLE 600 - VERIFY ALL MEASUREMENTS PRIOR TO PRODUCTION

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SCALE 3/4" = 1' - 24.13 SQ FT

SIGN B - Individual Non-Illuminated Channel Letters

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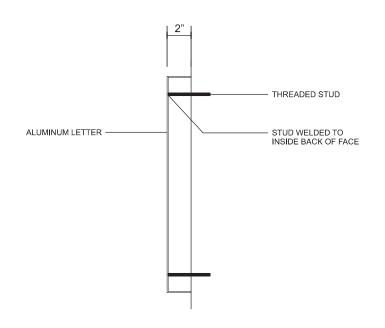
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LETTERS ARE MOUNTED FLUSH TO EXTERIOR WALL - STUDS ARE SET INTO SILICONE ADHESIVE FILLED BORES IN WALL

COLOR

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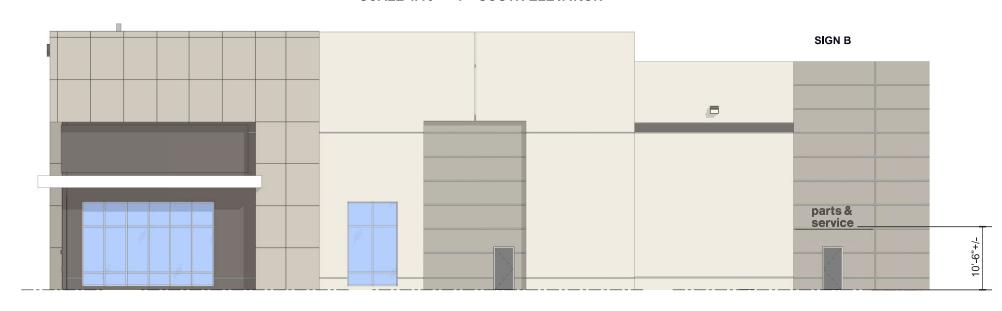
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SIGN A



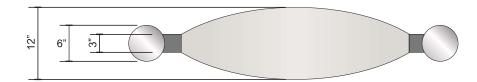
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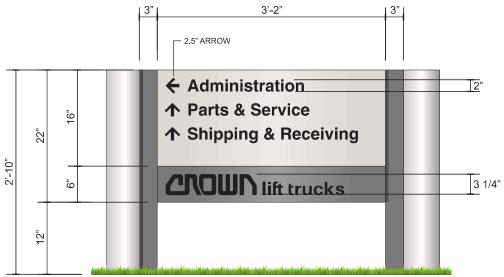
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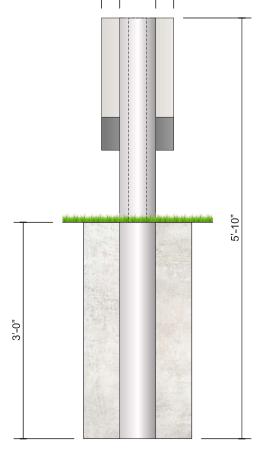
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PLAN VIEW



SCALE 3/4" = 1' - 5.80 SQ FT



12"

6"

OPTION 1

SIGN G - Non-Illuminated Directional Ground Sign

(1) REQUIRED

12" DEEP CABINET WITH RADIUS-FORMED FACES IS FABRICATED FROM ALUMINUM WITH (2) VERTICAL REVEALS FABRICATED FROM 3" X 3" X 3" X .250" WALL ALUMINUM 'C' CHANNEL WITH CAPPED TOPS EACH END SPANNING TOP OF CABINET TO GRADE WITH CAPPED TOPS - ALL PRIMED AND PAINTED

COPY, ARROWS, AND LOGO ARE HIGH PERFORMANCE VINYL APPLIED TO FACE

SUPPORT CONSISTS OF (2) 6' DIAMETER X .250" WALL ALUMINUM TUBES WITH CAPPED TOPS - TUBES ARE SET INTO (2) 18" DIAMETER X 3' DEEP CONCRETE FOOTERS

COLORS

FACE - PMS COOL GRAY 2C, PMS 424C GRAY
COPY/ARROW/LOGO - 3M 7725-12 BLACK
REVEALS - PMS 424C GRAY
SUPPORTS - MATTHEWS MP 41342SP BRUSHED ALUMINUM

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NOT TO SCALE - PROPOSED SIGN A ON SOUTH ELEVATION AND SIGN G OPTION 1 DIRECTIONAL

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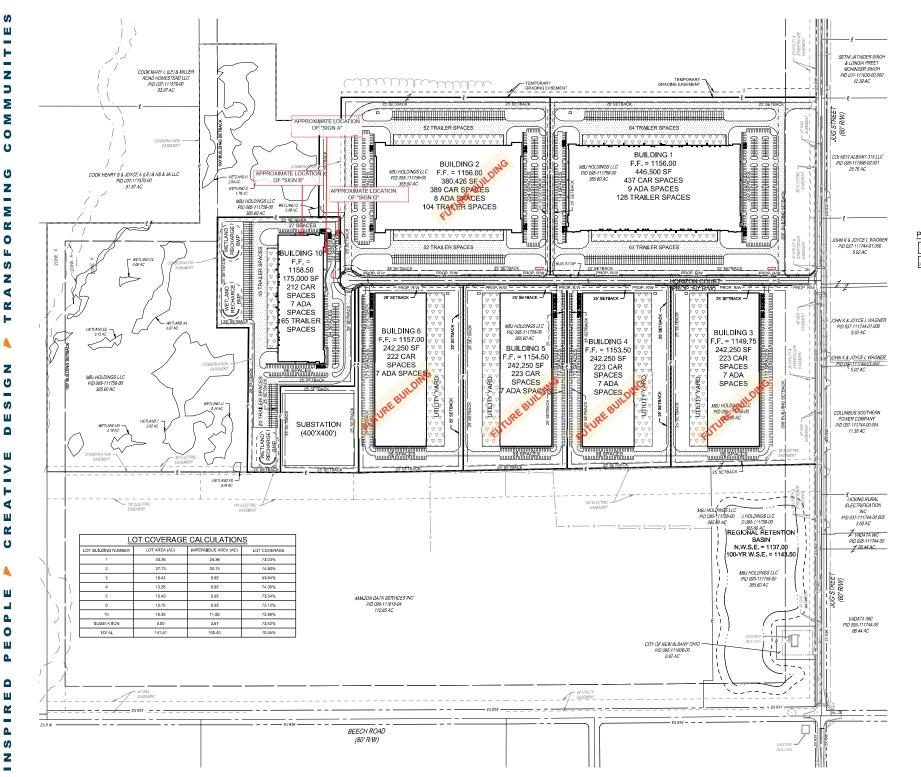
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NOT TO SCALE - PROPOSED PLACEMENT OF SIGN A ON SOUTH ELEVATION

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EXISTING LEGEND

SANITARY MANHOLE
 CATCH BASIN

☐ CATCH BASIN -O- UTILITY POLE

← GUY WIRE

∮ LIGHT POLE

× ── FENCE LINE

TREE LINE

GAS LINE

UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC
UNDERGROUND CABLE
UNDERGROUND CABLE
OVERHEAD ELECTRIC
OVERHEAD LITHITY

STORM SEWER
SANITARY SEWER

PROPOSED LEGEND

ASPHALT PAVEMENT

HEAVY DUTY CONCRETE PAVEMENT



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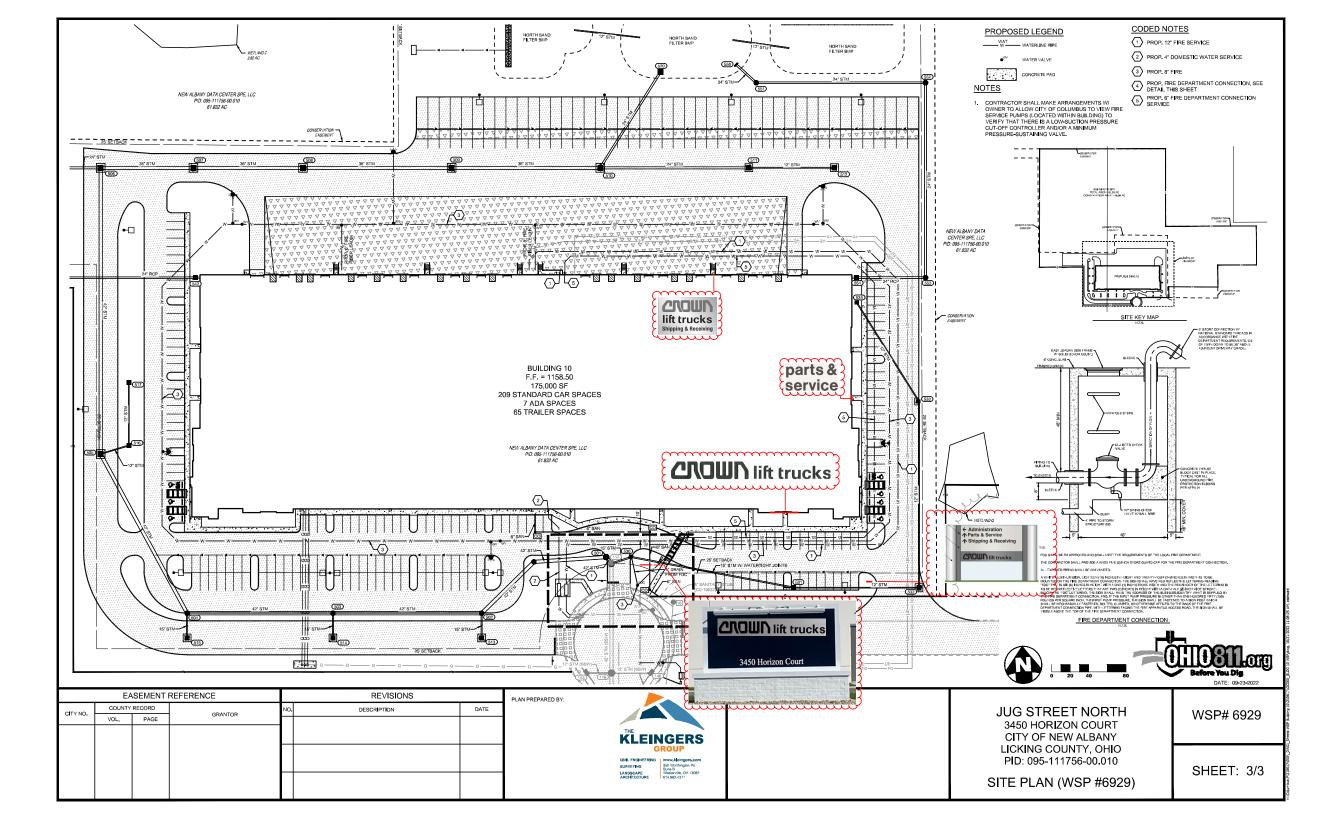
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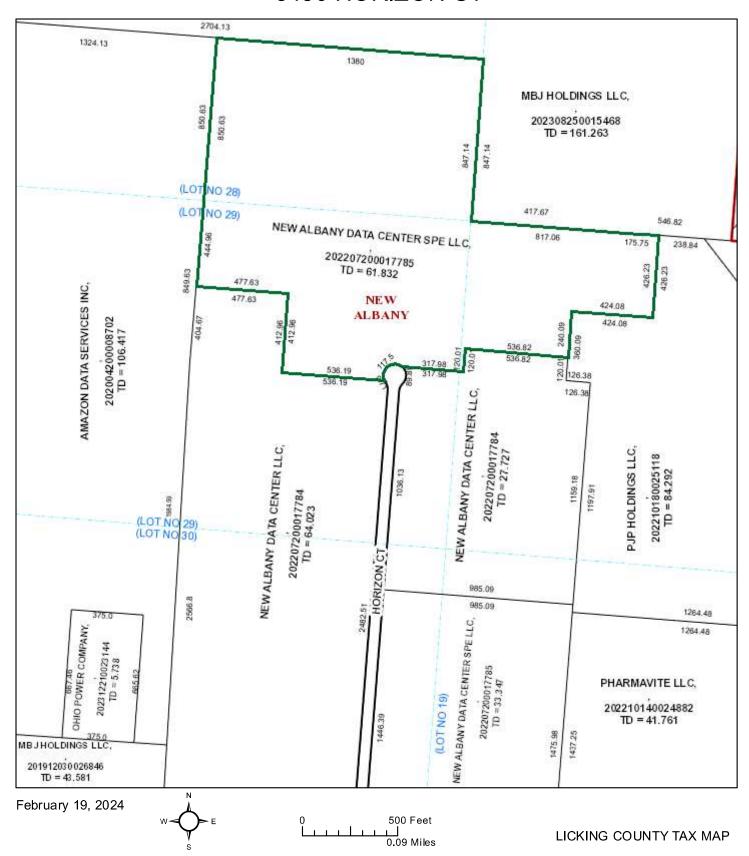
OVERALL LOCATION PLAN

RHEET NO.

C300



3450 HORIZON CT



Property Report

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Board of Zoning Appeals Staff Report May 29, 2024 Meeting

AMGEN UTILITY VARIANCE

LOCATION: 4150 Ganton Parkway Beech Road (PID: 094-106644-00.000)

APPLICANT: Kokosing Industrial, Inc.

REQUEST: Variance to allow above ground utilities whereas the Beech Interchange

L-GE zoning text section II(I) states all new utilities are required to be

installed underground.

ZONING: Limited General Employment (L-GE)

STRATEGIC PLAN: Employment Center APPLICATION: VAR-27-2024

Review based on: Application materials received on April 26, 2024 and May 9, 2024

Staff report prepared by Sierra Saumenig, Planner.

I. REQUEST AND BACKGROUND

The applicant requests a variance to the Beech Interchange L-GE zoning text section II(I) to allow above ground utility poles when the zoning text requires all utilities to be installed underground.

II. SITE DESCRIPTION & USE

The site is located in Licking County, south of State Route 161 and west of Beech Road and north of Ganton Parkway. The property is zoned L-GE, Limited General Residential. The overall site is 131.45 acres in size and surrounded by commercially zoned and used properties. The property is owned by Amgen and is developed with a biomedical facility.

III. EVALUATION

The application complies with application submittal requirements in C.O. 1113.03, and is considered complete. The property owners within 200 feet of the property in question have been notified.

Criteria

The standard for granting of an area variance is set forth in the case of Duncan v. Village of Middlefield, 23 Ohio St.3d 83 (1986). The Board must examine the following factors when deciding whether to grant a landowner an area variance:

All of the factors should be considered and no single factor is dispositive. The key to whether an area variance should be granted to a property owner under the "practical difficulties" standard is whether the area zoning requirement, as applied to the property owner in question, is reasonable and practical.

- 1. Whether the property will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be a beneficial use of the property without the variance.
- 2. Whether the variance is substantial.

- 3. Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or adjoining properties suffer a "substantial detriment."
- 4. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of government services.
- 5. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restriction.
- 6. Whether the problem can be solved by some manner other than the granting of a variance.
- 7. Whether the variance preserves the "spirit and intent" of the zoning requirement and whether "substantial justice" would be done by granting the variance.

Plus, the following criteria as established in the zoning code (Section 1113.06):

- 8. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land or structure involved and which are not applicable to other lands or structures in the same zoning district.
- 9. That a literal interpretation of the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 10. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the action of the applicant.
- 11. That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by the Zoning Ordinance to other lands or structures in the same zoning district.
- 12. That granting the variance will not adversely affect the health and safety of persons residing or working in the vicinity of the proposed development, be materially detrimental to the public welfare, or injurious to private property or public improvements in the vicinity.

III. ASSESSMENT

Considerations and Basis for Decision

(A) Variance to the Beech Interchange L-GE zoning text section II(I) to allow above ground utilities.

The following should be considered in the decision of the board:

- 1. Beech Interchange L-GE zoning text section (II)(I) states that all utilities shall be installed underground. The code applies to utilities on private property. The applicant proposes to install an electrical utility line overhead to connect to the existing AEP distribution lines along Worthington Road that are in the public right-of-way. The applicant installed solar panels on their site and wishes to connect the panels to the larger AEP power grid.
- 2. It appears that there are special conditions and circumstances that justify the variance request that do not result from the direct action of the property owner. All solar-generated power from this facility is immediately supplied to the AEP grid. During AEP's assessment of the initial plan for an underground duct, it was determined to be unfeasible because of the current system architecture. Therefore, AEP noted the site would need an alternative way to set up service.
- 3. The variance is not substantial as there are already existing AEP distribution lines along Worthington Road and the proposed private overhead electric lines will connect to the existing public lines. The proposed lines will be 40 feet in height above the ground, similar to the existing lines along Worthington Road. Additionally, the site has environmental features including a stream that cuts through the property and protected wetlands. The location of the proposed electric utility lines will provide minimal environmental disturbance as opposed to digging and trenching an underground duct.
- 4. It does not appear the applicant can solve the problem by some other manner other than the granting of the variance due to AEP's review and request for an alternative solution. As

- mentioned above, burial of the lines requires digging and trenching an underground duct through environmentally sensitive areas which is not desirable.
- 5. The spirit and intent of the zoning requirement still appears to be met by granting the variance as the original design was to feed directly to the Amgen facility via an underground duct. AEP denied the connection of the solar based on the existing system architecture. Therefore, in order to meet AEP's requirements and provide energy to the solar array the utilities must be above ground. The proposed connection includes 5 poles, with two of the poles positioned outside the facility fence line. Additionally, the overhead line will cover 620 linear feet.
- 6. It does not appear that the essential character of the immediate area will be altered if the variance is granted. As mentioned, the site is located in the New Albany Business Park and is completely surrounded by commercially zoned and used properties. Additionally, the overhead electrical utility lines will only be visible at the Worthington Road entrance to Amgen.
- 7. Granting the variance will not adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of persons living in the immediate vicinity.
- 8. Granting the variance will not adversely affect the delivery of government services.

IV. SUMMARY

The proposed variance appears to be appropriate in this case. Granting the variance is necessary in order to connect the solar array and feed it back into the AEP grid. Additionally, the overhead electric lines will provide minimal disturbance to the existing wetland and stream on the site and provide clean and sustainable power. The lines will only be visible at the Amgen entrance and will connect to existing overhead lines along Worthington Road. Additionally, the Engage New Albany strategic plan recommends fostering and encouraging the adoption of alternative energy sources within the city and granting this variance accomplishes this goal since it relates to solar energy.

V. ACTION

Should the Board of Zoning Appeals find that the application has sufficient basis for approval, the following motion would be appropriate.

Move to approve application VAR-27-2024 (conditions of approval may be added).





Source: NearMap

Permit #	
Board	
Mtg. Date	



Community Development Planning Application

	Site Address 4150 Ganton Park	way, New Alb	any, Oh	1 43054	
91	Parcel Numbers 094-106494-00.002				
	Acres				
	Acres	# of lots cre	ated		
	Choose Application Type		Circle	all Details that Ap	ply
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	Address: 4150 Ganton Parkw City, State, Zip: New Albany, Oh	av			
	Phone number: 797-955-6731			Fax	
	Email: sandra04@amgen.co	om		rax.	
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Zoning			
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Text Modification		600.00	
Easement Encroachment		800.00	



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May 9, 2024

New Albany Board of Zoning Appeals Council Chamber of Village Hall 99 W. Main St New Albany, OH 43054

Subject: PRBCN2023249 Amgen INC project

Request for Variance on use of overhead utility for Solar Generation

According to PRBCN2023249 city of New Albany response letter dated 4/19/24, per Beech Interchange L-GE zoning text section II(I), all new utilities are required to be installed underground.

The solar array was originally designed to feed directly to the Amgen facility via an underground duct bank. However, at the conclusion of utility (AEP) review, it was determined that this direct feeding to the plant would not be possible due to existing system architecture. AEP noted an alternative would be to set up a new service dedicated only to the PV system.

As a dedicated service, all power generated from the solar at this facility is directly fed back into the AEP grid. The best way to accomplish this is by connecting to the existing overhead power distribution lines in place along Worthington Rd. The Amgen property is bisected by an uninterrupted wetland and stream buffer. Due to the location of the solar array within the site, the location of existing utilities, and considering the environmental factors, it was deemed necessary to run this electrical utility line overhead. These power lines would be installed and ran in the same location as temporary power was originally installed by AEP for facility construction. AEP also has requirements for installation of 3 phase isolation and disconnecting means. Based on these requirements, along with property setbacks and fencing, it was designed such that the equipment requirements could be pole mounted and suffice for the use and operation by the utility. All of AEP's requirements have been met and we have received their approval for the intended design.

The following Ducan Factors have been considered and weighed as part of the request for variance:

- A. Whether uses permitted in the district may be reasonable established on the property and whether they are economically viable on the property in questions without the variance.
 - a. If power was to be routed underground from the solar array to the Worthington Rd distribution lines, this would require the access road to be shut down during the installation period and thereby disrupt the current facility's operation. Any disruption at the Worthington Rd entrance could significantly affect Amgen's ability to manufacture and distribute medications, potentially resulting in a \$92 million revenue loss over a two-week period. Approximately 750 trucks rely on this entrance weekly for the delivery and distribution of supplies, raw materials, and finished products. Such interruptions would not only affect Amgen's business operations and revenue but also the health and well-being of millions of patients

















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dependent on Amgen's products. Delays or disruptions in medication distribution could seriously jeopardize patient care and outcomes. Amgen remains dedicated to its mission of serving patients and upholding its standards of excellence and reliability.

- B. Whether the variance is the minimum variance which will afford relief to the property owner.
 - a. The proposed design incorporates the use of overhead lines only where necessary to navigate the wetland and stream buffer and Amgen's loading dock entrance at Worthington Rd to connect to existing overhead distribution lines on Worthington Rd. Once overhead lines are across the stream, the distribution lines are then installed underground to the solar array via concrete duct bank.
- C. Whether the essential character of the neighborhood will be substantially altered or adjoining properties will suffer interference with their proper future development and rights as a result of the variance.
 - a. The overhead lines will only be visible at the Worthington Rd entrance to Amgen where it connects to the existing AEP distribution lines. The design of this system was previously submitted to The New Albany Company and has received their endorsement for the design approach.
- D. Whether the property in question has unique or exceptional circumstances or conditions that do not generally apply to other properties in the vicinity and within the same district.
 - a. Amgen is a pharmaceutical company, and the New Albany facility is the central point of distribution for life-saving medications. The parcel of land is located with surrounding uninterrupted wetlands and a stream buffer. Based on these environmental restrictions, overhead electric lines provide minimal disturbance at this location.
- E. Whether the hardship condition was created by actions of the applicant.
 - a. AEP denied the connection of the solar to the facility based on system architecture and proposed the system be directly fed to the power grid via new service.
- F. Whether the spirit and intent of this Zoning Resolution will be observed and substantial justice done by granting the variance.
 - a. It is understood that environmental sustainability is one of the community pillars for New Albany. Installing this solar array and directly feeding to the AEP grid will provide the community with clean and sustainable power. Granting this variance will also allow Amgen to achieve LEED Gold Certification for this New Albany facility.
- G. Whether the use requested is similar in character to the permitted uses in the subject district.
 - a. AEP currently has distribution lines running along Worthington Rd just north of the facility as well as main distribution lines running between several substations within the same district. Connecting this solar array to the main grid will function similar to that of an electrical substation.

















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- H. Whether the subject property is adequate to meet the needs and requirements of the proposed use.
 - a. The new service lines will be installed in the same location as previous temporary power was installed during the construction of the facility.

We are requesting a variance on the overhead electric utility lines based on the information attached.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

BJ Wolfgang

Commercial Project Manager

Kokosing Solar

















Community Development Department

Unified Plan Review Response Letter PRBCN20230249

April 19, 2024

Thank you for submitting plans for the Amgen INC project. We greatly appreciate your efforts to provide accurate and detailed construction drawings. The plan review staff has reviewed the proposed plans and related documents based on the OBC 2017, City of New Albany Codified Ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code.

Permit Status:

Issued

Plan Review Status:

Denied

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address:

4150 Ganton Parkway

Parcel ID: 094-106494-00.002

Business Name: Amgen INC

County:

Licking County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Installation of ground mounted solar pv array and exterior pv electrical gear

Sub-permits

Status

PRBCN20230249-BCN1

Issued

PRBCN20230249-EL1

Issued

CODE INFORMATION

Building Square Footage:

Noncombustible unprotected materials (2B)

Building Code Edition:

OBC 2017

Construction Type: Use Group:

U Utility, miscellaneous

Occupant Load:

Sprinkler System Required:

Hazard Classification:

System Demand at the base of riser:

CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant:

Kokosing Industrial Inc. 6235 Westerville Road Westerville, OH 43081

Contractor:

Kokosing Industrial Inc. 6235 Westerville Road Westerville, OH 43081

Please review the attached plan review comments and feel free to call with any questions or comments. Specific questions that pertain to an individual plan review comment sheet should be address to the plan examiner listed. Please revise the construction documents as required to achieve code compliance and resubmit the following information to our office located at 99 W. Main Street, New Albany, Ohio 43054 within 30 days of notification.

Plan Tracking Sheet

Copy of the plan review comments with applicant's option noted

Written plan review response

Four (4) sets of revised plans / documents (please cloud all revised drawings)

Appendix A Zoning Plan Review Comments

Date:	04/19/24	Plan Reviewer:	Chris Christian
Permit Number:	PRBCN20230249	Status:	Denied - Corrections Required

Items of Non-compliance	Applicant's Option (see below)
Per Beech Interchange L-GE zoning text section II(I), all new utilities are required to be installed underground. The plans show new overhead electric poles to be installed from the existing poles along Worthington Road. This is not permitted per the zoning text requirement. Please revise the plans and resubmit them.	
Applicant's Options 1. The applicant will revise the drawings and resubmit to the department with a copy of this page. 2. The items of non-compliance will not be brought into compliance and the applicant will request.	an appeal.

Plan Review	Plan Review Comments		
Open	Condition transferred from BCN-2021-0756 per Chris Christian. 1. Grading and seeding around north generator area 2. Check permit CEM-2021-0660 condition for grading and seeding around the trailer area.		

Appendix B **Building Plan Review Comments**

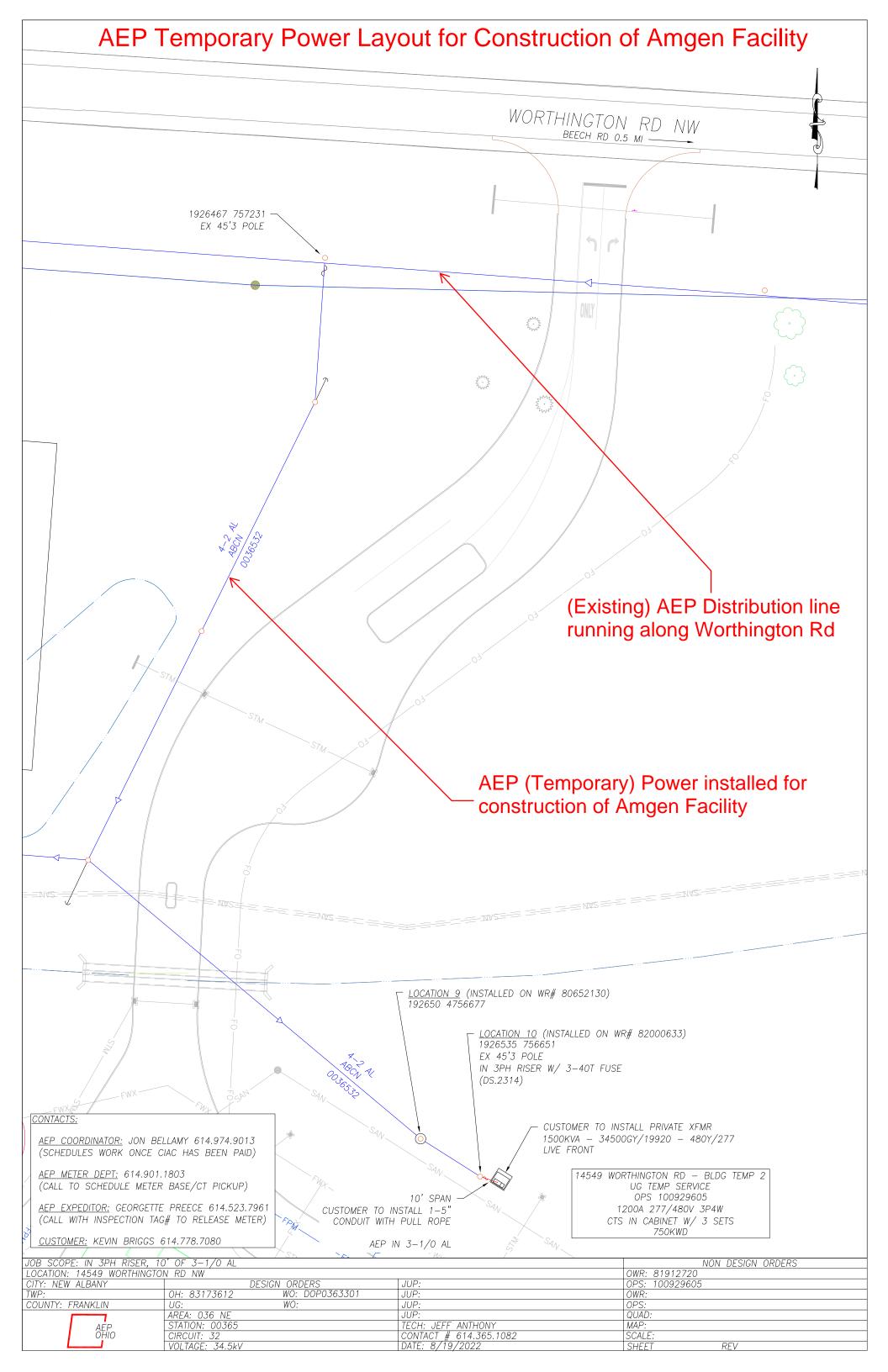
Date:	04/19/24	Plan Reviewer:	Michael A Boryca
Permit Number:	PRBCN20230249	Status:	Denied

Items of Non-complia	ince	Applicant's Option (see below)
Plan Review Status - Systems & Gear	Amgen Inc. – Ground Solar PV Array & Associated Electrical	
The revision submittal dated March 21, 2024, all been reviewed for control of the	nitted for review include: sheet received 03/22/2024, Kokosing Scope of Work change letter along with revised construction drawings dated 03/14/2024, have ompliance with the provisions of the 2017 Ohio Building Code ition with August 2018 Updates). The review was based upon the	
Primary Use Groups:	U, Ground-Mounted Solar PV Array.	
Mixed Use Groups: Accessory Uses:	N/A N/A	
Area:	130,000 SF (Total Solar Array Area)	
Occupant Loads:	N/A	
Construction Type:	II B, Noncombustible Structure	
submittal package: • Solar PV installation McCalmont, Ohio • Solar Array structu	rawings are sealed by the design disciplines referenced in this on electrical construction drawings are sealed by, Aaron registered engineer #E-83576. Iral foundations & support racking drawings with structural ealed by, Thomas R. Worline, Ohio registered engineer #E-68198.	
ITEMS OF NONCOMF (No Approval Issued		
Items of Noncomplia	nce #1 – Building Review Comments:	
Scope of Work Change	cannot issue any type of approval at this time, for the current as described in the Kokosing letter dated March 21, 2024, until the their comments have been satisfied.	
Applicant's Options		

- The applicant will revise the drawings and resubmit to the department with a copy of this page.
 The applicant will revise the drawings and submit at a later date when drawings are available with a copy of this page.
- 3. The items of non-compliance will not be brought into compliance and the applicant will request an appeal.

Plan Review Comments

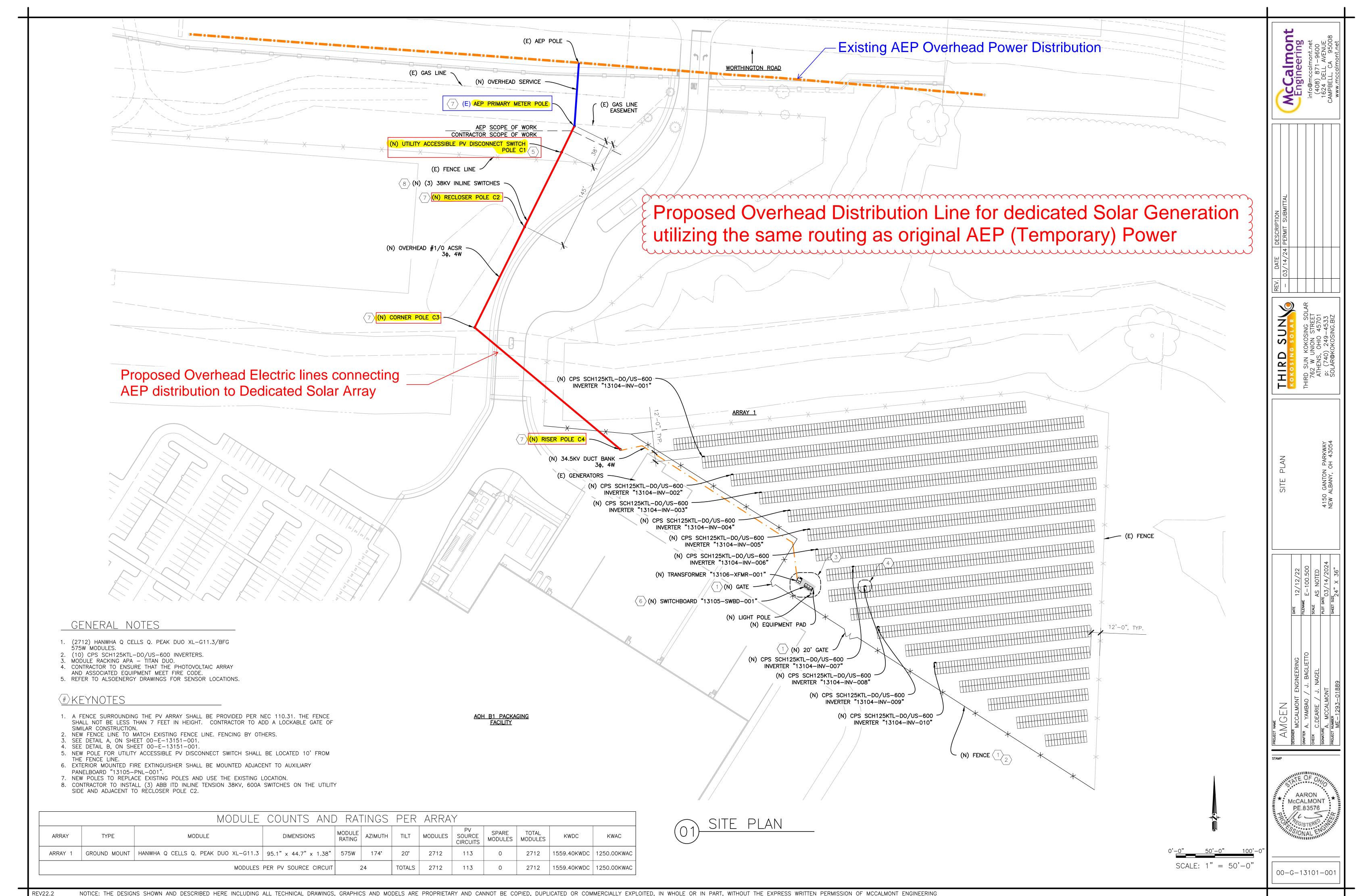
AEP Temporary Power Lines Installed during construction of the Amgen Facility





Proposed Overhead Distribution Line to connect Dedicated Solar Array to AEP Grid

Installed in same location as previous temporary power











CITY OF NEW ALBANY, FRANKLIN & LICKING COUNTY, OHIO **EXHIBIT 11**

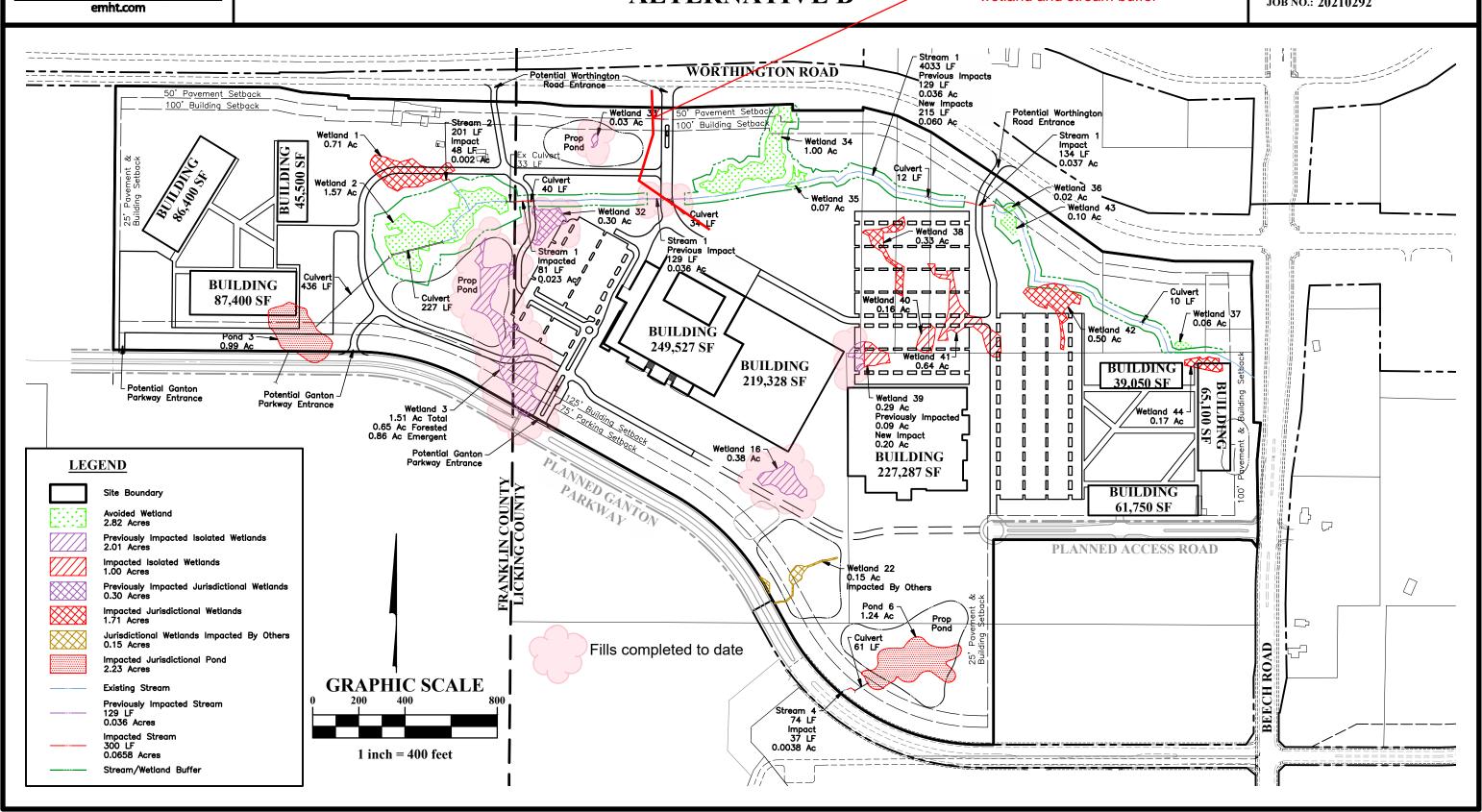
PROJECT CHARGER ALTERNATIVE B

Location of Overhead utility spanning between uninterrupted wetland and stream buffer

DATE: January 27, 2022

SCALE: 1'' = 400'

JOB NO.: 20210292

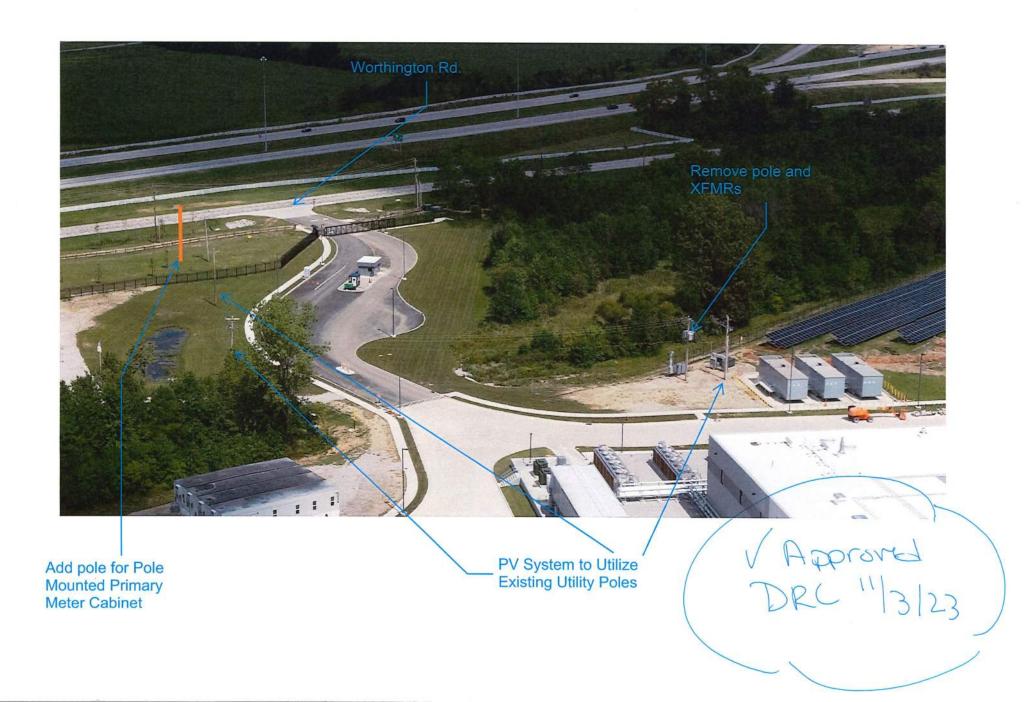




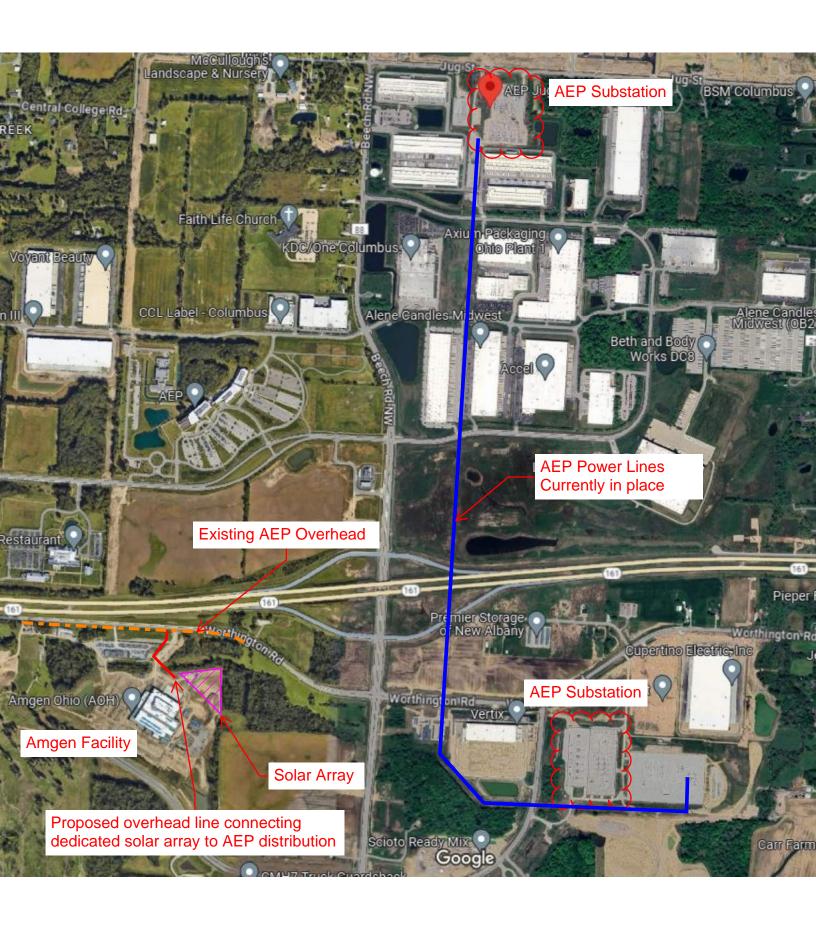


Approval from New Albany Company Design Review Committee on 11/3/2023

Proposed Primary Meter and MOAB Location at Worthington Rd.



AEP Distribution Lines currently running overhead in similar zoning districts





Board of Zoning Appeals Staff Report May 29, 2024 Meeting

29 WIVELISCOMBE ARTIFICIAL LANDSCAPE VARIANCE

LOCATION: 29 Wiveliscombe (PID: 222-001910)

APPLICANT: Charlotte & Kegan Beran

REQUEST: Variance to City Codified Ordinance Chapter 1171.07 to allow for

artificial turfgrass.

ZONING: R-2 Single Family Residential District

STRATEGIC PLAN: Residential APPLICATION: VAR-30-2024

Review based on: Application materials received on April 26, 2024.

Staff report prepared by Sierra Cratic-Smith, Planner.

I. REQUEST AND BACKGROUND

The applicant requests a variance to allow the use of artificial turfgrass, about 1,612 +/- square feet, within a portion of the backyard for a children's play area where city code requires living turf grass. The city codified ordinance 1171.07 states artificial plants are prohibited and that all landscape materials shall be living plants for the landscaping material requirements for planting such as grass and ground cover, trees, shrubs and hedges.

During an inspection, the city staff found a portion of the rear yard was not natural landscape such as turfgrass or mulch. The property owner states that the artificial turfgrass was installed for improved cleanliness.

II. SITE DESCRIPTION & USE

The property is 0.64 acres in size and contains a residential home. The property is within the New Albany Country Club Section 6. The home is east of Harlem Road and south of East Dublin Granville Road. The surrounding properties are zoned Residential Estate District (R-2) and contain residential homes.

III. ASSESSMENT

The application complies with application submittal requirements in C.O. 1113.03, and is considered complete. In accordance with C.O. 1113.05(b), all property owners within 200 feet of the subject property in question have been notified of the request via mail.

Criteria

The standard for granting of an area variance is set forth in the case of Duncan v. Village of Middlefield, 23 Ohio St.3d 83 (1986). The Board must examine the following factors when deciding whether to grant a landowner an area variance:

All of the factors should be considered and no single factor is dispositive. The key to whether an area variance should be granted to a property owner under the "practical difficulties" standard is whether the area zoning requirement, as applied to the property owner in question, is reasonable and practical.

- 1. Whether the property will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be a beneficial use of the property without the variance.
- 2. Whether the variance is substantial.
- 3. Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or adjoining properties suffer a "substantial detriment."
- 4. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of government services.
- 5. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restriction.
- 6. Whether the problem can be solved by some manner other than the granting of a variance.
- 7. Whether the variance preserves the "spirit and intent" of the zoning requirement and whether "substantial justice" would be done by granting the variance.

Plus, the following criteria as established in the zoning code (Section 1113.06):

- 8. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land or structure involved and which are not applicable to other lands or structures in the same zoning district.
- 9. That a literal interpretation of the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 10. That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the action of the applicant.
- 11. That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by the Zoning Ordinance to other lands or structures in the same zoning district.
- 12. That granting the variance will not adversely affect the health and safety of persons residing or working in the vicinity of the proposed development, be materially detrimental to the public welfare, or injurious to private property or public improvements in the vicinity.

IV. EVALUATION

Variance to allow artificial turf grass within a portion of the backyard where city code requires living turf grass.

The following should be considered in the board's decision:

- 1. The city codified ordinance Chapter 1171.07 states artificial plants are prohibited and that all landscape materials shall be living plants for the landscaping material requirements for planting such as grass and ground cover, trees, shrubs and hedges. The applicant requests a variance to allow for artificial turf within a portion of the backyard for a children's play area with a trampoline and slide playset.
- 2. The variance does not appear to be substantial. The play area makes up 1,612 +/- square feet. The parcel is about 27,878 +/- square feet in size. This equates to about 5% of the entire property.
- 3. The artificial turfgrass is only located immediately around the play area within the rear yard. The remainder of the property uses natural turfgrass. The applicant states the purpose of the artificial turfgrass on the children's play area is to maintain appearance. In addition, the turfgrass could endure the children's use of the play area so it will not wither.
- 4. The variance appears to preserves the "spirit and intent" of the zoning requirement and "substantial justice" would be done by granting the variance. The use of alternative surface material for the children's play area is consistent with other areas of the city. There are a few playgrounds within the city that use artificial turfgrass, mulch or pour-in-place rubber.

- The artificial turf is used just where the playground is located is not being used to replace other areas of the yard.
- 5. It does not appear that the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or adjoining properties suffer a "substantial detriment." The artificial turfgrass is screened from the public right-of-way. There is a row of green arborvitae along and shrubs in the side yard preventing visibility of the public right-of-way.
- 6. There are special conditions and circumstances exist that are peculiar since this used just for the play area. This is because the play area using artificial turfgrass is similar to other projects found in the city. Its ability to endure the use of child's play would keep a consistent appearance of the landscape.
- 7. Historically, the city board and commissions have approved similar variances to this project.
 - a. In April 2020, the Planning Commission approved a variance at the Courtyards at New Albany subdivision allowing for artificial turf grass around the community pool.
 - b. In January 2024, the Planning Commission approved a variance for artificial turfgrass around a residential pool.
 - c. In March 2024, the Board of Zoning Appeals approved a variance for artificial turfgrass around a children's play area at a church.
- 8. This variance will not adversely affect the health and safety of persons residing or working in the vicinity of the proposed project.
- 9. This problem can be solved by some manner other than the granting of the variance. It appears that a natural landscape could be installed.
- 10. This variance does not negatively impact the delivery of government services.

IV. SUMMARY

According to the property owners, the children's play area is designed with the intent of safety and cleanly appearance. The use of artificial turfgrass appears to be consistent with previously approved variances since it is being utilized as an alternative surface material for an active play area which is typical throughout the community. The artificial turfgrass in this case does not appear to be substantial due to its limited size and located within in the backyard. Therefore, it appears this variance does not alter the quality or the character of the community.

V. ACTION

Should the Board of Zoning Appeals find that the application has sufficient basis for disapproval, finding the following motion is appropriate.

Move to approve application VAR-30-2024 based on the findings in the staff report (conditions of approval may be added).

Approximate Site Location:



Source: NearMap

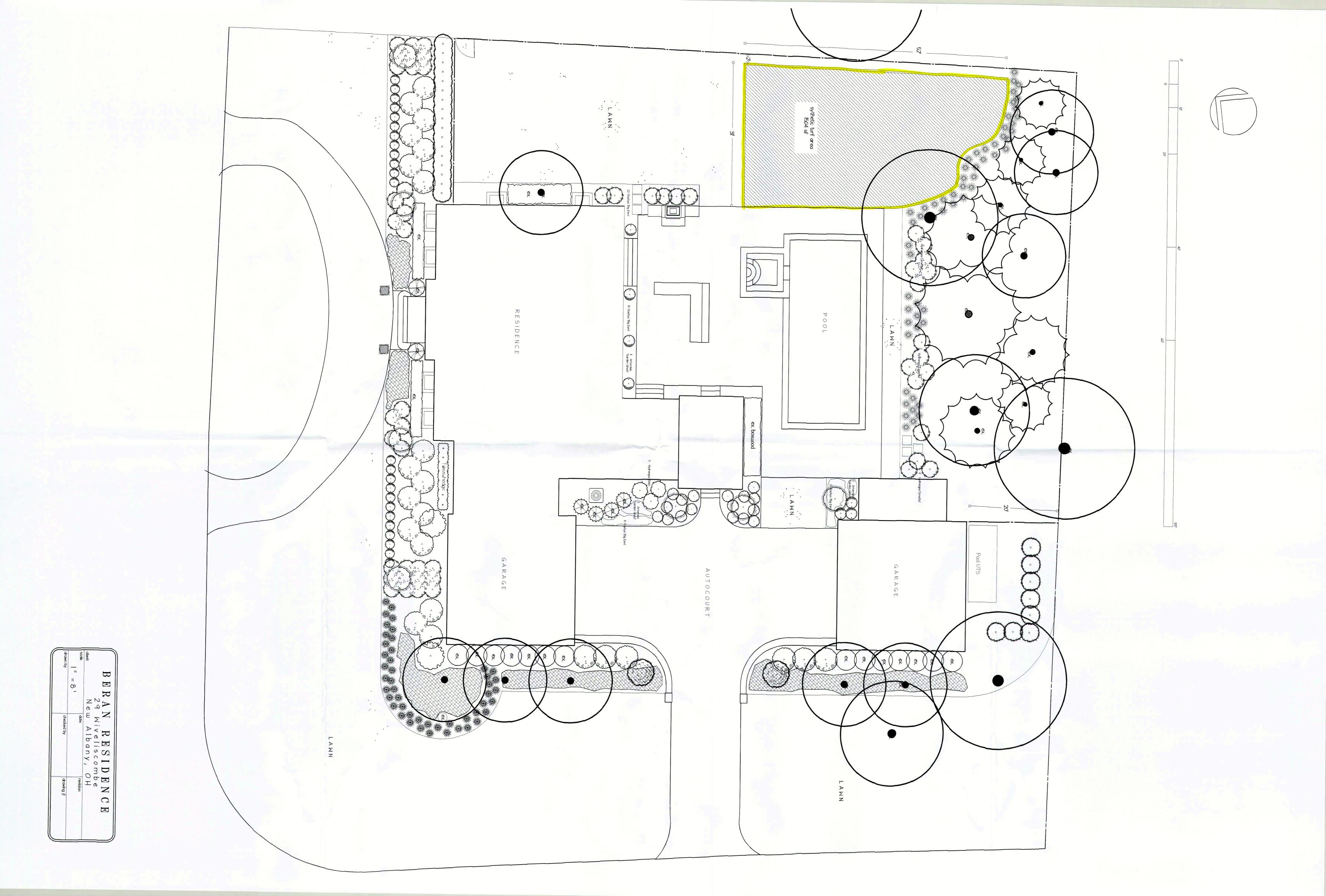
Permit #	
Board	
Mtg. Date	



Community Development Planning Application

	Site Address 29 Wiveliscombe New Albany, OH 43054							
	Parcel Numbers 222-001910-00							
	Acres . 64 # of lots created							
Project Information	Choose Application Type Choose Application Ty	rampoline a	Final Final Split zoning)	Comprehensive Amendment Adjustment Street Text Modification Cisting faux furf. The space mess and constantly get yet was there previously and der training like. This is				
Contacts	Property Owner's Name: Kegan & Charlotte Beran Address: 29 Wiveliscombe City, State, Zip: New Albany OH 43054 Phone number: 414.558.7443 Fax: Email: Charlotte Deran @ icloud.com Applicant's Name: SAME AS OWNERS Address: City, State, Zip: Phone number: Fax: Email:							
Signature	Site visits to the property by City of New Albany representatives are essential to process this application. The Owner/Applicant, as signed below, hereby authorizes Village of New Albany representatives, employees and appointed and elected officials to visit, photograph and post a notice on the property described in this application. I certify that the information here within and attached to this application is true, correct and complete. Signature of Owner Signature of Applicant Date: 4/24/24 Date: 4/24/24							





29 Wiveliscombe Artificial Turfgrass Variance Narrative

This variance request is for an existing faux turf. The space is right next to our pool. Mulch would be a mess and constantly get into the pool. The grass under the trampoline and playset was there previously and was a muddy mess. There were only weeds that grew under the trampoline. This is a much cleaner solution.

Charlotte Beran





AUDITOR OFFICE SEARCH ONLINE TOOLS REFERENCE **CONTACT MICHAEL** Summary Record Navigator Parcel ID: 222-001910-00 Map Routing: 222-N052GGB -003-00 **Land Profile BERAN CHARLOTTE J** 29 WIVELISCOMBE 1 of 1 Residential Return to Search Results OWNER Commercial Actions Owner BERAN CHARLOTTE J Improvements Neighborhood Sales BERAN KEGAN R **Permits** Owner Mailing / 29 WIVELISCOMBE Proximity Search NEW ALBANY OH 43054 Contact Address Mapping Printable Version **Submit Mailing Address Correction Request** Custom Report Builder Sketch Site (Property) Address 29 WIVELISCOMBE Photo Reports Submit Site Address Correction Request StreetSmart **Proximity Report** Legal Description **NEW ALBANY** Map Report Aerial Photos **COUNTRY CLUB** Parcel Summary Transfers SECTION 6B LOT 29 Parcel Detail Calculated Acres .64 **BOR Status** Go 0 Legal Acres **CAUV Status** Tax Bill Mailing View or Change on the Treasurer's Website Tax & Payments If you have recently satisfied or refinanced your mortgage, please visit the above link to review your tax mailing address to ensure you receive Tax Distribution your tax bill and other important mailings. **Tax Calculators** Parcel Permalink https://audr-apps.franklincountyohio.gov/redir/Link/Parcel/222-Value History 001910-00 Rental Contact eAlerts Sign Up for or Manage Property eAlerts **Incentive Details** The Auditor's office provides a Property eAlerts tool through which a property owner can sign up to receive an automated email alert **Quick Links** whenever a change in owner or value is made to their property record. Click on the above button to sign up for or manage your Property eAlerts. Tools View Google Map Print Parcel Summary MOST RECENT TRANSFER Transfer Date JUL-07-2020 Transfer Price \$1,049,000 Instrument Type FD Parcel Count 1 2023 TAX STATUS **Property Class** R - Residential 510 - ONE-FAMILY DWLG ON PLATTED LOT Land Use Tax District 222 - PLAIN TWP-NEW ALBANY CORP School District 2508 - NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LSD [SD Income Tax] City/Village NEW ALBANY CORP **PLAIN TWP** Township Appraisal Neighborhood 05102000 Tax Lien No **CAUV** Property No Owner Occ. Credit 2023: Yes 2024: Yes Homestead Credit 2023: No 2024: No Rental Registration Rental Exception Board of Revision Nο Zip Code 43054 Pending Exemption No **COMPARE YOUR HOME VALUE** Value Comparison Compare Your Home Value Compare your property value to other properties in your neighborhood. View statistics comparing values in Franklin County taxing districts, school districts, municipalities, and to other regions.

Historic District

2023 AUDITOR'S APPRAISED VALUE

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		Land	Im	provements	Total
Base		220,000		1,125,300	1,345,300
TIF					
Exempt					
Total		220,000		1,125,300	1,345,300
CAUV		0			
2023 TAXABLE	VALUE				
		Land	lı	mprovements	Total
Base		77,000		393,860	470,860
TIF					
Exempt					
Total		77,000		393,860	470,860
2023 TAXES					
	Net Ann	ual Tax	T	CDQ	
	27,	27,027.64		13,829.48	
DWELLING DATA					
Yr Built	Tot Fin Area	Rooms	Bedrooms	Full Baths	Half Baths
2001	5,192	10	4	5	1
SITE DATA					

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