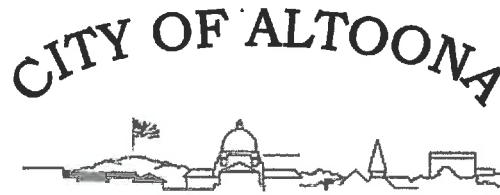


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ALTOONA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Altoona City Planning Commission, created in March 1916, is composed of seven residents appointed by the Mayor with the approval of City Council. The Commission is responsible for developing and updating the Comprehensive Plan, reviewing proposals that affect the development of the City, and providing a public forum that encourages participation in guiding the future of the City.

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 3:00 PM
4th Floor City Hall Common Room

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes – The Commission will consider the approval of minutes from its previous meeting of July 11, 2023 which is included in the packet.
2. Public Comment Period – All public comments will be received at this time.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

1. All Washed Up Auto Spa – 104 E Southey Ave – All Washed Up Auto Spa submitted a unified review for a new 4,040 SF Car Wash. A lot consolidation plan is included to create two new lots. A subdivided lot consisting of 0.245-acres with an existing house will remain intact located at 610 Bryant Avenue. The remaining parcels of land will be conveyed along with the recently vacated alley to create a 1.036-acre parcel for the proposed car wash and vacuum court. Your agenda packet includes the last revised plans, technical review letter, developers' response letter, and narrative/waiver list. A recommended resolution for conditional approval has been included.
2. North Branch Storage – 2312 N Branch Avenue – 2300 North Branch Avenue, LLC submitted a unified review for a new 4,470 SF storage facility complex on a 0.234-acre lot. A lot consolidation plan is included to replot two tax parcels in order to convey 1,186SF into this project's total final acreage. A total of 8 parking spaces will be provided to serve the proposed complex. A total of four waivers is being requested. Your agenda packet includes the latest plans, technical review letter, BCPC review letter, project narrative and waiver list. A recommended resolution for conditional approval has been included.

STAFF LEVEL REVIEWS

3. Staff has received the following staff level subdivision/land development applications since the July 11, 2023 regular meeting.
 - a. Donald McFarlin – 413 Bellview Street – No-Impact Subdivision Plan – Approved
 - b. JT Mattas – 5400 6th Avenue - No-Impact Subdivision Plan – Pending Approval
 - c. Logan Partners – 3331 Beale Ave – No-Impact Subdivision Plan – Approved
 - d. Kenneth & Alexis Stover – 1815-1819 14th Ave – No-Impact Subdivision Plan – Pending Approval

SPOT BLIGHT DECLARATION - None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. GAEDC Report
2. Blair County Planning Commission Report

COMMISSIONER FORUM – Comprehensive Plan Update

QUESTIONS FROM MEDIA AND PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES
ALTOONA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Albright – Chair
Larry Bilotto – Vice Chair
Michael Haire – Secretary
Richard Haines
James Dixon
Devin Saylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jesse Ickes

GUESTS PRESENT

Peter Lombardi – czbLLC – Consultant, Comprehensive Plan
Matt Ingalls – czbLLC – Consultant, Comprehensive Plan
John Sepp – PennTerra – Consulting Engineer, Graystone Grande Palazzo Phase 4
Jeff Long – Developer, Graystone Grande Palazzo Phase 4
Brian Long – Graystone Grande Palazzo Phase 4
Lee Zegar – CES Engineering – Anderson Family Funeral Home
Logan Rockwell – CES Engineering – Anderson Family Funeral Home
Jamie Klink – Regional Planner, Blair County Planning Commission
David McFarland – Director, Blair County Planning Commission
William Kibler – Altoona Mirror

STAFF PRESENT

Mayor Matthew Pacifico
Omar Strohm – City Manager
Rebecca Brown – Director, Department of Codes and Inspections
Diana White – Director, Department of Community Development
Sabrina Appel-McMillen – GIS/Land Use Coordinator
Rob Crossman – Division Chief, Engineering Services, Public Works
Bette Fischer – Clerical Associate III, Department of Community Development
Emily Evey – Community Engagement Specialist

The Altoona City Planning Commission (ACPC) held its regular meeting on July 11, 2023, in the City Hall 4th Floor Common Room, 1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA. Chair David Albright called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

PRESENTATION – Peter Lombardi and Matthew Ingalls presented an update on the development of the new comprehensive plan, “All Together Altoona” – A Comprehensive Plan for the Future.” Mr. Lombardi explained where they are wrapping up the discovery phase, which involved data gathering, and are moving into the community engagement phase. This phase will help the City to identify its core values and priorities which will shape current and future decisions. He noted that they also presented their initial findings to City Council the previous evening and were going to host three open houses scheduled while they were in town. The steering committee had met as well, and the members have been tasked hosting small group “Kitchen Table Conversations” to discuss where Altoona is now and where they would like to see Altoona in the next 5 to 10 years. There is an online community survey at www.alltogetheraltoona.org, which is linked to the City’s website at www.altoonapa.gov. The

online survey will be available until August 4th. The Kitchen Table Conversations should be completed by August 14th and a summary of the results sent to the consultants by August 23rd. Larry Bilotto asked how many have attended the two open houses so far. Peter said that there were 18 at the first open house (Juniata Civic Center), and 20 at the Altoona Area High School. A final open house would be held at the Trolleyworks that evening, with a target of getting 60 to 80 at all three meetings. The open houses are designed to get a sense of the vision for Altoona. The core values discussion will be distilled the smaller group meetings. He also noted that czb was carrying out a housing conditions survey for the entire City utilizing four trained data collectors. All houses within the City would be rated on a scale of one to five based on exterior conditions. These results will be transcribed and given to the staff to forward to the steering committee. The next steering committee meeting will be on September 11.

David Albright encouraged the Planning Commission members to attend the Open House at the Trolleyworks or to take the survey.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Bilotto to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2023, meeting. Mr. Saylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment – None

3. SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS –

- a. **Graystone Grande Palazzo Phase 4** – John Sepp from PennTerra presented a unified plan for review for a five-story mixed-use building just under 9,000 square feet. A lot consolidation plan is included to merge four separate lots into a single 0.628-acre parcel for the proposed building and 39 parking spaces of which include four ADA spaces. The first floor will be commercial and 32 residential apartments are proposed on the floors above. A drive-through will be situated on the north side of the building. An additional parking lot of 37 spaces situated across the alleyway behind the building is proposed to serve the building. A total of eight waivers were being requested.

Chapter 620-12 Stormwater management technical standards

620-12.C(2f) Pipe within a municipal right-of-way shall be reinforced concrete pipe with a minimum diameter of 15 inches.

We request the City Stormwater Office approve the use of HDEP, in accordance with this section.

Chapter 640 Subdivision of Land and Land Developments

640-63. Parking and vehicular access.

A(2). Access driveways serving parking facilities of more than 25 spaces shall not be located closer than 100 feet to an intersection. The proposed access to the 39-space parking lot is 31 feet from the intersection of 7th Ave and 26th St.

A waiver is requested to site the entrance 31 feet from the intersection. Please note that this access is an existing access on the 26th Street which sees relatively low traffic. The peak hour trips for the commercial component of the project is only 60, well, under the total required for a traffic impact study. Given the geometry of the site, the location of the exiting driveway is the only practical location for the project. The low volume of the driveway and street it accesses and the fact that the intersecting street is a one-way street provides justification for this waiver request.

C(3a). All stalls, except for parallel parking stalls, shall be 19 feet long. It appears a waiver should be requested to this requirement.

A waiver is requested to use 18-foot-long stalls. This dimension is adequate for today's vehicles and is a standard in most locations.

B(3). Parking facilities shall be set back from street right-of-way lines, and building foundations a minimum of five feet.

The parking lot adjacent to the building is less than five feet in locations. The building geometry is staggered to enhance the architecture resulting in different distances from the parking lot. Please note that landscaping will be provided along the front of the building.

The geometry of the parking lot between the alley and 6th Avenue is not wide enough to provide the five-foot width. Although a five-foot width is not provided, a minimum of two feet is provided and will be landscaped per the City requirement. The buffer along 25th Street is five foot wide and will be located within in the right of way but maintained by the developer. Please note the adjacent Lauver lot is paved to the property line without a landscaped buffer.

640-65.E(3a-f) Islands shall be 6' wide, curbed, with 1 tree and 6 shrubs per 18' of island.

A tree is not included in the landscape island near the drive through on the north side of the building. This location is the only practical area for the electric transformer required to provide power the project. Although a tree will not fit in this island, shrubs are proposed to be planted.

Landscape Islands in the parking lot adjacent to the alley do not include trees due to the islands being located under an existing power line.

There are no landscape islands at the ends of the parking bays along 6th Avenue. These parking bays are located adjacent to a landscape strip and existing street trees. These landscape features will provide the landscape intent of the ordinance.

640-64.B(2) All proposals shall include pedestrian access via a built walkway from the sidewalk to the interior pedestrian circulation system.

A sidewalk to the alley appears to have been added and separate sidewalks are provided to each front entrance to the building. These sidewalks lead to striped areas that will provide direct access between parked cars. Given the building layout and minimal number of entrances, the design will function well but no access appears to be provided to the business at the front.

640-65.E(6b) Light units shall be positioned and shielded to direct light downward onto the property. For purposes of this standard, "downward" shall mean 60 degrees from the vertical plane.

The proposed lights are the same as those installed in the previous Grand Palazzo phases and also installed in the existing parking lot along 7th Avenue. These lights have clouded lamp heads that do not add any significant light above the fixture and fit well into the City Streetscape.

640-65.E(6c) In no event shall any lighting be installed which directly shines onto abutting streets or properties or which allows light to directly shine into the sky.

The proposed lights will have very minimal trespass and the trespass will be onto City sidewalks and existing commercial parking lots.

A motion to approve the plan as presented with the eight requested waivers was made by Larry Bilotto. The motion was seconded by James Dixon. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Anderson Family Funeral Home** – Lee Zeger from CES Engineering presented a unified review for a new 4000 Square Foot funeral home on a 1,257-acre lot subdivided from Rose Hill Cemetery Association. The proposed project includes: a new building, a new paved parking lot, and underground PCSM facility, erosion and sedimentation control BMP's and landscaping. The facility will require a public sewer connection to the Altoona Water Authority sewer system network and has been approved. The facility will also require a public water connection to the Altoona Water Authority water system network and has been approved. A total of 29 parking spaces of which two are ADA will be provided to serve the proposed building. A total of five waivers were being requested.

640-62 Building placement B

Buildings should be sited toward the front of the lot, as close to the setback line as practical. Parking shall not be placed in front the building. Where a parking lot must be placed against a street or avenue in a designated historic district, landscaping, (shrubs planted tightly against each other and trees planted no more than 30 feet apart) and/or a short wall must be used to preserve the streetscape as much as possible.

Our reason for requesting this waiver is the proposed funeral home has parking in front of the building, where the rear and service drive will be used by funeral

staff and for operation of the hearse. Also placing the proposed funeral home towards the rear of the property allows for the building pad to be in cut on virgin subsoil. Additionally, the front parking lot will be screened with perimeter landscaping.

640-63 Parking and Vehicular Access - Bicycle Parking

Our reason for requesting this waiver is the proposed funeral home is not expected to receive bicycles and parking spaces/racks for bicycles are not necessary. In fact, the location of the funeral home is in an area where biking is uncommon and would require travelling or crossing Route 220, which could be quite dangerous.

640-64 Pedestrian Facilities

Sidewalks shall be provided along the entire length of the property. On a corner lot, the sidewalk shall be extended along the second street as well.

Our reason for requesting this waiver is the existing neighboring properties do not have sidewalks or concrete curbs and therefore a newly constructed sidewalk would have no accessible path to tie into.

640-65 Landscaping – Street Trees

All land development proposals shall include street trees to be planted between the sidewalk and the curb.

Our reason for requesting this waiver is the existing neighboring properties do not have sidewalks, concrete curbs, or street trees and therefore street trees are not necessary. In fact planting trees close to the curb line would be within the PennDOT TOW and could interfere with existing site distance. Instead, a row of trees and shrubs is proposed in front to act as a perimeter parking screen. Additionally, foundational and interior landscaping is included in this project.

640-63 Parking and Vehicular Access – Curbing

Curbing shall be placed at the edges of all surfaced area, including islands. Curbing shall be vertical around the perimeters of the parking facility but may be sloped around landscaped islands.

Our reason for requesting this waiver for the rear service drive is this area will be used most by funeral home staff, not for public travel or parking. Operation of the hearse and stretcher would be difficult with continuous curbing in this area. Curbing is provided around the proposed parking lot and island, that will receive the most traffic. Additionally, the service drive backs up to the retaining wall, so curbing is not necessary for grading reasons.

The following waiver requested was DENIED by the ACPC

640-63(G) Bicycle Parking. For every 10 spaces provided by the applicant for motor vehicles, one bicycle parking space shall be provided, with a minimum of two bicycle spaces for all proposals.

A motion for a conditional approval to include two bicycle parking spaces was made by Larry Bilotto. Devin Saylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. SPOT BLIGHT DECLARATION

609 5TH Avenue (Garage Only)
Owner: Michael Croft
609 5th Street
Altoona, PA 16602

Property is a vacant, residential structure in substandard condition not suitable for rehabilitation. Garage is structurally unstable and unsafe. Support walls are leaning and have become unstable. Garage needs to be demolished. There has been no attempt from the owner to comply with the violation notice. There are no outstanding taxes. The City will demolish the structure and place a lien on the property for the cost of demolition. Appropriate reuse for this property is residential in nature.

A motion was made by Michael Haire to declare the property blighted. Richard Haines seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

709 N. 9th Avenue
Owners: Michael and Brenda Shelow (deceased)
Staci and Amanda Shelow (Owner's daughters)
1124 20 Avenue Rear
Altoona, PA 16601

Property is vacant, residential structure in substandard condition not suitable for rehabilitation. Property's front door frame is rotting, holes in siding, damaged flashing, cornice rotting, chimney falling down, back porch has collapsed, foundation corners separating and mortar is falling out of joints. Wood rotting and missing, back porch roof has collapsed. Window boxing rotten, along with the basement windows rotting. Interior is uninhabitable. Accessory building is collapsed and laying in pieces in the yard. The owner's daughters did speak with the City but they stated they can't afford a lien on the property. They have no funds or means to repair or demo the property. Taxes are owed since 2020 totaling \$1,697.47. The City will demolish the structure and place a lien on the property for the cost of demolition. Appropriate reuse for this property is residential in nature.

A motion was made by Devin Saylor to declare the property blighted. Michael Haire seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

GAEDC Report – Omar reported they are still in the process of restructuring. The group met that month and had conversation on the status of Levity Brewing, the micro grant program, the Gables Building, Saleme Insurance, the Kresge Building and the Parking Authority.

Blair County Planning Commission Report – Jim Dixon reported that they discussed the Anderson Funeral Home Project, North Branch Storage, Arby's in Logantown Center and Juniata Recreation and Conservation in the Juniata Basin.

- 6. COMMISSIONER FORUM** – Devin Saylor expressed his thoughts on sidewalks. In hindsight he feels that the commission should have pressed Curaleaf to install sidewalks. Now we have Anderson Funeral Home across the boulevard and no sidewalks are being required. He feels that if we truly want the city to become more, walkable, bikeable etc., we need to start enforcing the sidewalk ordinance. Richard Haines suggested we might want to do some research on an Official Map. This is a planning tool to inform future development. Dave McFarland noted that they were going to create one 20 years ago. He agrees that it would be helpful. This is not the same as a zoning map or an address point map.
- 7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA** – Bill Kibler made an observation that as nice as the Common Room is, it really is not conducive for people to hear what is being said. The committee talked about how we might be able to set the room up that would help. We will try some other ways of setting the room up to see if it helps.

Bill Kibler asked the board to identify what projects got waivers. The commission responded they provided a waiver to Altoona Optometry, several years ago and Curaleaf was waived as part of an amendment. They did not propose any land development on the front of the building in the first submission. They were creating a parking lot out behind the building. The amendment made changes to the front parking lot. They noted now there is a waiver for Anderson Funeral Home Mainline Pharmacy is on deck further down the boulevard. Mr. Kibler asked if the board was going to waive sidewalks for them also. The commission said sometimes they just require judgement calls.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a motion was made by Devin Saylor to adjourn the meeting. Jim Dixon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Approved by: Michael Haire, Secretary

July 7, 2023

Ms. Rebecca Brown
Director
City of Altoona
Department of Codes and Inspections
1301 12th Street, Suite 103
Altoona, PA 16601

RE: All Washed Up
Land Development Review

Dear Ms. Brown:

At the request of the City of Altoona, we have completed our review of the subdivision and land development plan for the above referenced project. The following information was provided to our office on 06/15/2023 for review of a subdivision and land development located at 601 Logan Boulevard in the City of Altoona, Blair County:

- Preliminary / Final Land Development Plans for All Washed Up Auto Spa as prepared by MDM Surveyors & Engineers, LLC., 18 sheets, project no. 9870, dated 6/2/2023 (with the Alta Survey dated 03/31/2023)
- Lot Consolidation Plan for Rebecca S. Barger as prepared by MDM Surveyors & Engineers, LLC, 1 sheet, project no. 9870, dated April 14, 2023
- Post Construction Stormwater Management Report for All Washed Up Auto Spa as prepared by MDM Surveyors & Engineers, LLC, dated June 8, 2023.
- Geotechnical Investigation for All Washed Up Auto Spa as prepared by ACA Engineering, Inc., project no. E23085x10, dated May 24, 2023.
- Transmittal letter dated June 9, 2023; Photometric specifications; Building floor plan and elevation; Color renderings; Infiltration Testing dated May 24, 2023; Trip Generation Analysis dated February 2, 2023; subdivision/land development application; Zoning decision dated 03/24/23; Opinion of Probable Cost dated June 9, 2023.

The above information has been reviewed for conformance with Chapter 620 and Chapter 640 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Altoona, Blair County, Pennsylvania. This review was completed for ordinance conformance only. We do not accept any liability for any potential design errors or oversights made by the design engineer. Members of the City of Altoona Planning Commission have the final decision regarding comments for the construction plans. The developer shall address the following comments and proceed with final plan preparation.

General

1. All signature blocks are to be executed.
2. No changes can be made to the approved plans during construction without the approval of the City. After construction is complete provide record or as-built drawings to the city of all approved changes made during construction.
3. Please amend the stormwater information provided as follows:
 - Do not show the temporary E&S Control Measures on the PCSM plan.
 - Please provide a correlation between the drainage map drainage areas and the drainage areas used in the analysis – use same naming convention.

- For BMP #1, report indicates 30' wide stone trench with a depth of 2.75' but plans only show a 26' wide stone trench with a depth of 2.50'. Please explain.
 - In BMP #1, it appears that the 2-year storm only rises to the 1066.83' elevation with a maximum storage of 1,131 cf. It appears the PADEP spreadsheet storage volume should be revised to indicate this volume.
 - For BMP #2, report indicated stone depth to be 3' but plans only show 2.5' depth. Please explain.
 - The trees that are being used to meet the water quality component of the stormwater management ordinance should be shown on the PCSM plan and indicated as such with notes requiring replacement as necessary.
4. Please add note to plan sheet ESPC-2 "Maintenance Program" or "Further Notes" stating that contractor is responsible for keeping City streets free of debris and mud.
 5. Please include note that all asphalt joints within right of way shall be sawcut neat and sealed with AC-20.
 6. Engineer or Owner will need to put in an address request for the facility with Blair County GIS.

Chapter 620 Stormwater Management, Erosion and Sediment Control

7. 620-1.B. Please provide a copy of the NPDES permit upon receipt.
8. 620-11.A(2) Diffused or concentrated stormwater flows onto adjacent property shall not be created, increased, decreased, relocated, or otherwise altered without written notification to and acknowledgement from the property owner affected. Although we agree water converges generally to the northwest in East Plank Road, it leaves the site via Southey, Frost, and directly to Logan Boulevard in the predevelopment condition. Each drainage direction should be analyzed separately to assure that the post development condition doesn't increase the flow to the respective drainage systems. At a glance this appears to be true however, please provide a summary discussing this in the analysis for future reference.
9. 620-12.C(2f) Pipe within a municipal right-of-way shall be reinforced concrete pipe with a minimum diameter of 15 inches. Staff would not object to the use of HDPE, but it will require a waiver.
10. 620-12.C(2h) Provide pre-cast or after-market medallions with wording such as "only rain in the drain," "drains to the stream," "stormwater only," "no dumping," etc.
11. 620-12.C(2l) Any connection to the City storm sewer system, whether to an inlet, manhole, or direct connection must be approved by the City of Altoona. Fee for tapping/inspection of an existing inlet/manhole/pipe is \$250. Since there are two tapping points this fee will be \$500. Contractor should contact the public works office, 949-2446, 24 hours in advance of the work being done.
12. 620-13.C(3) Provide a statement, signed by the landowner, acknowledging that the stormwater BMPs are fixtures that cannot be altered or removed without written approval by the City Engineer.
13. 620-13.C(4) Provide a signature block on the plans that reads: "I (qualified professional), on this date (date of signature), hereby certifies that the stormwater management site plan meets all design standards and criteria of Chapter 620 of the City of Altoona codified ordinances, as amended (number assigned to the ordinance)."
14. 620-13.F(1) The developer or their engineer shall be responsible for providing as-built plans of all stormwater management (SWM) BMPs included in the approved SWM site plan in accordance with this section. Any changes proposed during construction must receive the approval of the City prior to implementation.
15. 620-13.F(2) A licensed professional or a designee shall be present onsite and be responsible during all critical stages of implementation of the approved post construction stormwater maintenance plan. This should include inspection to assure that the inlets (including Inlet No 2 and Yard Inlet No 2) are directed to the correct systems as Inlet 2 may confuse the contractor since it sits in the middle of BMP #2 but directs surface runoff to BMP#1 but Yard Inlet 2 goes past BMP #1 to BMP #2 and the pipe to Yard Inlet #2 provides volume for BMP#2. Please indicate that DPW is to be supplied with documentation of all inspections.

16. 620-15.A(1) Facilities, areas or structures used as stormwater management BMPs shall be enumerated as permanent real estate appurtenances and recorded as deed restrictions or conservation easements that run with the land. Any existing or proposed inlets, piping, ponds, raingardens, swales, etc. located within the site are considered stormwater facilities. These storm water facilities are private and maintenance of the storm water management facilities will be the responsibility of the owner.
 - The engineer must provide the owner with a copy of the approved maintenance plan/agreement and explain its requirements. The Engineer must provide proof of such meeting or correspondence to the City.
 - A copy of the maintenance agreement signed by the owner should be included in both the plans and Stormwater management report. The maintenance agreement on the plan and in the report should match and both should have a place for the owner to sign.
17. 620-15.B(1c) The owner shall keep on file with the City of Altoona the name, address and telephone number of the person or company responsible for operation and maintenance activities. In the event of a change, new information will be submitted by the owner to the City of Altoona within 10 working days of the change.
18. 620-15.B(1d) The engineer must meet with and provide the developer or owner with a copy of the operation and maintenance plan. The engineer is required to explain all required maintenance to the developer or owner as well as all associated requirements of this chapter (i.e., recordkeeping, contact information, submittal of records, etc.) The owner of the storm water management facilities shall keep on site a copy of the post construction stormwater plan (PCSWP), the maintenance plan, and a record log of any maintenance activities.
19. 620-15.B(3a) Persons installing stormwater storage facilities shall be required to pay a specified amount to the municipal stormwater maintenance fund to help defray costs of periodic inspections and maintenance expenses. The long-term stormwater management inspection fee for a standard system is \$3,000.00.
20. 620-15.C(1) The owner of the stormwater management facilities shall a keep record or log of all activities undertaken in compliance with the approved maintenance schedule, as well as any other maintenance activities that were necessary.)
21. 620-15.C(2) Said records shall be kept on site, accessible and opened to the Stormwater Officer upon request so that he or she may verify that maintenance is proceeding as approved. A copy of the prior year's maintenance records will be submitted to the City of Altoona Public Works Department, no later than January 31 of each year. Send to the attention of: Stormwater Officer, City Hall, Suite 300, 1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA, 16601.
22. 620-16.A. The city Department of Public Works (DPW) requires a review fee. This fee is \$275.00. The consultant review fee will be in addition to the in-house reviews.

Chapter 640 Subdivision of Land and Land Developments

Subdivision:

23. 640-29.H. Provide proof of review and approval (for the Subdivision Plan) from the County Planning Commission.

Land Development:

24. 640-57.C. Provide list of waivers being requested by the applicant, along with an explanation as to why the applicant feels each waiver request is appropriate.
25. 640-57.H Provide proof of review and approval (for the Land Development Plan) from the County Planning Commission.
26. 640-57.L. The Sewage Planning Module has been provided. Some sections appear incomplete. More instructions will come from the Altoona Water Authority. Please call DPW with any questions.
27. 640-58.B(4) Indicate / identify all the abutting properties including those directly across any streets and diagonally across intersections.
28. 640-58.D. If multiple sheets, all dates shall be the same and space shall be provided to add revision dates. Revision dates, if any, shall be the same on all sheets.

29. 640-58.I. On the plan cover sheet provide the Altoona City Planning Commission signature block listed in the ordinance. Also provide the notes listed below relating to performance covenant and other land development plans on file...
30. 640-63.A(2) No access driveway shall be located within 50 feet of an intersection or as otherwise directed by the Planning Commission. The exit for the facility appears to fall within this limit.
31. 640-63.A(10) City permits are required to access a City street. A Driveway permit will be required for all proposed driveways as well as any existing driveway with no permit on record. All driveways shall adhere to the City's driveway ordinance and current ADA standards. There are three driveways within the project at \$150 each and a \$25 admin fee so the total fee is \$475.
32. 640-63.C(7) Curbing shall be placed at the edges of all surfaced areas, including islands. Curbing shall be vertical around the perimeters of the parking facility but may be sloped around landscaped islands. The plan proposes some asphalt wedge curb. It appears a waiver may be necessary.
33. 640-64.A(1) Sidewalks shall be provided along the entire length of the property in accordance with this section. On a corner lot, the sidewalk shall be extended along the second street as well. A waiver will be needed to not extend sidewalks along Frost Avenue.
34. 640-64.A(2) All Sidewalks shall be constructed to provide adequate access to the physically disabled.
 - On the ADA ramp on the interior of the property by the building, it appears that the depressed area/DWS is in an area that would be blocked by a parked vehicle. Please shift to the end.
 - Provide ADA ramp details (blow ups with slopes and elevations) on all ramps within the Right-of-Way.
 - Provide proof of PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit for work within right-of-way.
 - DWS in the Right-of-Way to be Brick Red Composite.
35. 640-65A(5e) Trees shall have temporary labels attached so inspectors can determine compliance with the approved plan.
36. 640-65.C(4) Along the parking lot, trees and shrubs shall be planted so as to screen the parking facility from all surrounding streets and properties. The intent is to mitigate the impact of vehicle noise, lights, and fumes on adjacent land. Such vegetation shall be planted so as to provide a full screen within five years. The city requires bushes planted at 3' on center.
37. 640-65.E(6) Lighting shall conform with this section including height, cut-off fixture, etc. Enough detail should be added to the plan set (that will be recorded) to show conformance with this section.
38. 640-65.H. All landscaping and improvements that are specifically required by this section shall be maintained and must be replaced if the required vegetation is damaged, diseased, cut, or dies. This is to be noted on the plan.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact The EADS Group at (814) 944-5035 or sshoenfelt@eadsgroup.com.

Sincerely,

The EADS Group, Inc. (Altoona)



By: Stephanie C. Shoenfelt, P.E.

cc: Project File

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(Conan The Barbarian)

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July 25, 2023

To: City of Altoona Department of Codes and Inspections
Attn: Rebecca Brown-Director
1301 12th Street, Suite 103
Altoona, PA 16601

Attn: The Eads Group
Stephanie C. Shoenfelt P.E.

Re: All Washed Up Auto Spa-Logan Blvd, Altoona, PA
Land Development Review-Response Letter 1

Dear Ms. Brown,

Please accept this letter as MDM response and follow-up to review comments received from The EAD Group dated July 7, 2023 with respect to the above noted project. Follow up status (responses are in **bold**) are below:

General:

1. All Signature blocks are to be executed- **Response: Signature blocks will be executed prior to recording.**

2. No changes can be made to the approved plans during construction without the approval of the City. After construction is complete provide record or as-built drawings to the city of all approved changes made during construction. **Response: Acknowledged. The plans and NPDES process also require as-built drawing preparation.**

3. Please amend the stormwater information provided as follows:

- Do not show the temporary E&S Control Measures on the PCSM plan. **Response: The temporary control measures have been removed on the PCSM plan.**
- Provide a correlation between the drainage map, drainage areas and drainage areas used in the analysis (same naming convention). **Response: Analysis is updated to reflect the sub areas denoted on the Existing and Proposed Conditions Exhibits.**
- BMP #1, report indicates 30' wide stone trench with a depth of 2.75' but plans only show a 26' wide stone trench with a depth of 2.50'. **Response: See revised sheets PCSM1 and PCSM2**
- BMP #1, it appears that the 2-year storm only rises to the 1066.83' elevation with a maximum storage of 1,131cf. The PADEP spreadsheet storage volume should be revised to indicate this

volume. **Response:** *PADEP spreadsheet storage value represents the peak volume available for storage.*

- BMP #2, report indicates stone depth be 3' but plans show 2.5' depth. **Response:** *Please see sheet PCSM3 cross section showing 3ft depth.*
- Trees being used to meet water quality component of the stormwater management ordinance should be shown on the PCSM plan and indicated as such with notes requiring replacement as necessary. **Response:** *Credits for the tree plantings are no longer claimed.*

4. Add a note to plan sheet ESPC-2 "Maintenance Program" or "Further Notes" stating that contractor is responsible for keeping City streets free of debris and mud. **Response:** *Please see ESPC-2 Maintenance Program Temporary Controls #6.*

5. Please include a note that all asphalt joints within right of way shall be sawcut neat and sealed with AC-20. **Response:** *Please see SP-5 Asphalt Pavement Section detail with note added as requested.*

6. Engineer or Owner to put in an address request for the facility with Blair County GIS. **Response:** *Blair County GIS established the permanent site address to be 104 E. Southey Ave. A letter from Blair County 911 has been attached as reference.*

Chapter 620 Stormwater Management, Erosion and Sediment Control

7. 620-1. B. Please provide a copy of the NPDES permit upon receipt. **Response:** *Acknowledged. A copy of the NPDES approval will be provided once received.*

8. 620-11. A (2) Diffused or concentrated stormwater flows onto adjacent property shall not be created, increased, decreased, relocated, or otherwise altered without written notification to and acknowledgement from the property owner affected. Although we agree water converges generally to the northwest in East Plank Road, it leaves the site via Southey, Frost, and directly to Logan Boulevard in the predevelopment condition. Each drainage direction should be analyzed separately to assure that the post development condition doesn't increase the flow to the respective drainage systems. At a glance this appears to be true however, please provide a summary discussing this in the analysis for future reference. **Response:** *Please see revised executive summary including sub area results to each street pre to post. Reductions in peak runoff rates to adjoining City and PADOT streets are expected.*

9. 620-12.C(2f) Pipe within a municipal right-of-way shall be reinforced concrete pipe with a minimum diameter of 15 inches. Staff would not object to the use of HDPE, but it will require a waiver. **Response:** *Please see revised plans offering 15" HDPE pipe within the public right of way. A waiver request is provided with this response and the requested waiver is noted on the Cover Sheet of the Land Development Plan set.*

10. 620-12.C(2h) Provide pre-cast or after-market medallions with wording such as "only rain in the drain," "drains to the stream," "stormwater only," "no dumping," etc. **Response:** *Please see sheet PCSM4 inlet detail updated to require this medallion and sheet PCSM Notes #5.*

11. 620-12.C(2l) Any connection to the city storm sewer system, whether to an inlet, manhole, or direct connection must be approved by the City of Altoona. Fee for tapping/inspection of an existing inlet/manhole/pipe is \$250. Since there are two tapping points this fee will be \$500. Contractor should contact the public works office, 949-2446, 24 hours in advance of the work being done. **Response:** *Acknowledged*

12. 620-13.C (3) Provide a statement, signed by the landowner, acknowledging that the stormwater BMPs are fixtures that cannot be altered or removed without written approval by the City Engineer. **Response:** *Please see revised sheet PCSM 1 with signature location as requested.*

13. 620-13.C (4) Provide a signature block on the plans that reads: "I (qualified professional), on this date (date of signature), hereby certifies that the stormwater management site plan meets all design standards and criteria of Chapter 620 of the City of Altoona codified ordinances, as amended (number assigned to the ordinance)." **Response:** *Please see revised sheet PCSM 1 with signature location as requested.*

14. 620-13. F (1) The developer or their engineer shall be responsible for providing as-built plans of all stormwater management (SWM) BMPs included in the approved SWM site plan in accordance with this section. Any changes proposed during construction must receive the approval of the City prior to implementation. **Response:** *Acknowledged. Please see PCSM1 Notes 2,4 & 6 regarding this requirement.*

15. 620-13. F (2) A licensed professional or a designee shall be present onsite and be responsible during all critical stages of implementation of the approved post construction stormwater maintenance plan. This should include inspection to assure that the inlets (including Inlet No 2 and Yard Inlet No 2) are directed to the correct systems as Inlet 2 may confuse the contractor since it sits in the middle of BMP #2 but directs surface runoff to BMP#1 but Yard Inlet 2 goes past BMP #1 to BMP #2 and the pipe to Yard Inlet #2 provides volume for BMP#2. Please indicate that DPW is to be supplied with documentation of all inspections. **Response:** *Acknowledged. Please see construction phasing notes 19 & 22 identifying these BMP areas as critical stage elements. The noted inlets are part of these systems and an engineering representative is expected to be on site for these installations. Additionally, a required pre-construction meeting will be held and this can be addressed at that time as well.*

16. 620-15. A (1) Facilities, areas or structures used as stormwater management BMPs shall be enumerated as permanent real estate appurtenances and recorded as deed restrictions or conservation easements that run with the land. Any existing or proposed inlets, piping, ponds, raingardens, swales, etc. located within the site are considered stormwater facilities. These storm water facilities are private and maintenance of the storm water management facilities will be the responsibility of the owner.

- The engineer must provide the owner with a copy of the approved maintenance plan/agreement and explain its requirements. The Engineer must provide proof of such meeting or correspondence to the city. ***Response: Acknowledged. This meeting is expected to be held prior to construction and after approval of plans, most likely during pre-construction meeting as required by the PADEP.***
- A copy of the maintenance agreement signed by the owner should be included in both the plans and Stormwater management report. The maintenance agreement on the plan and in the report should match and both should have a place for the owner to sign. ***Response: Understood. Please see revised Maintenance Agreement on the PCSM1 plan and in the Narrative.***

17.0 620-15. B(1c) The owner shall keep on file with the City of Altoona the name, address and telephone number of the person or company responsible for operation and maintenance activities. In the event of a change, new information will be submitted by the owner to the City of Altoona within 10 working days of the change. ***Response: Acknowledged. We propose providing this information during stormwater management agreement discussion prior to final approval.***

18. 620-15. B(1d) The engineer must meet with and provide the developer or owner with a copy of the operation and maintenance plan. The engineer is required to explain all required maintenance to the developer or owner as well as all associated requirements of this chapter (i.e., recordkeeping, contact information, submittal of records, etc.) The owner of the storm water management facilities shall keep on site a copy of the post construction stormwater plan (PCSWP), the maintenance plan, and a record log of any maintenance activities. ***Response: Acknowledged. This meeting is expected to be held prior to construction and after approval of plans, most likely during the pre-construction meeting as required by PADEP.***

19. 620-15. B(3a) Persons installing stormwater storage facilities shall be required to pay a specified amount to the municipal stormwater maintenance fund to help defray costs of periodic inspections and maintenance expenses. The long-term stormwater management inspection fee for a standard system is \$3,000.00. ***Response: Acknowledged***

20. 620-15.C (1) The owner of the stormwater management facilities shall a keep record or log of all activities undertaken in compliance with the approved maintenance schedule, as well as any other maintenance activities that were necessary.) ***Response: The Operation and Maintenance Plan includes this requirement***

21. 620-15.C (2) Said records shall be kept on site, accessible and opened to the Stormwater Officer upon request so that he or she may verify that maintenance is proceeding as approved. A copy of the prior year's maintenance records will be submitted to the City of Altoona Public Works Department, no later than January 31 of each year. Send to the attention of: Stormwater Officer, City Hall, Suite 300, 1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA, 16601. ***Response: The Operation and Maintenance Plan includes this requirement***

22. 620-16. A. The city Department of Public Works (DPW) requires a review fee. This fee is \$275.00. The consultant review fee will be in addition to the in-house reviews. **Response:** *Acknowledged*

Chapter 640 Subdivision and Land Development

Subdivision:

23. Provide proof of review and approval (subdivision) from the County Planning Commission. **Response:** *the subdivision is on the July 27th agenda for County review.*

Land Development:

24. 640-57. C. Provide list of waivers being requested by the applicant, along with an explanation as to why the applicant feels each waiver request is appropriate. **Response:** *A written waiver request is provided as part of this re-submission. Additionally, the requested waivers are listed on the Cover Sheet of the Land Development Plan set.*

25. 640-57.H Provide proof of review and approval (for the Land Development Plan) from the County Planning Commission. **Response:** *The Land Development plan is on the July 27th agenda for County review.*

26. 640-57. L. The Sewage Planning Module has been provided. Some sections appear incomplete. More instructions will come from the Altoona Water Authority. Please call DPW with any questions. **Response:** *Per the city, we have submitted a sewage planning mailer to the city for review and approval.*

27. 640-58. B (4) Indicate / identify all the abutting properties including those directly across any streets and diagonally across intersections. **Response:** *The abutting property information is now located on the Existing Conditions Survey included in this re submittal.*

28. 640-58. D. If multiple sheets, all dates shall be the same and space shall be provided to add revision dates. Revision dates, if any, shall be the same on all sheets. **Response:** *Acknowledged*

29. 640-58. I. On the plan cover sheet provide the Altoona City Planning Commission signature block listed in the ordinance. Also provide the notes listed below relating to performance covenant and other land development plans on file. **Response:** *Please see revised cover sheet which includes the Planning Commission signature block with notes per the ordinance.*

30. 640-63. A (2) No access driveway shall be located within 50 feet of an intersection or as otherwise directed by the Planning Commission. The exit for the facility appears to fall within this limit. **Response:** *A waiver is requested from this provision. In this specific case, the egress driveway is a right out to Frost Ave where Frost provides a right turn only onto Logan. The right-out restriction is provided as part of a Zoning approval condition.*

It is our experience that the 50ft provision is suited to providing some vehicle stacking and to allow for left turns out of driveways clear of the stacking. In this case, that is not necessary. Additionally, the egress driveway is aligned with an existing commercial driveway across Frost. Aligning driveways across from each other is generally viewed as a more favorable option.

31. 640-63. A (10) City permits are required to access a city street. A Driveway permit will be required for all proposed driveways as well as any existing driveway with no permit on record. All driveways shall adhere to the City's driveway ordinance and current ADA standards. There are three driveways within the project at \$150 each and a \$25 admin fee so the total fee is \$475. ***Response: Acknowledged.***

32. 640-63.C (7) Curbing shall be placed at the edges of all surfaced areas, including islands. Curbing shall be vertical around the perimeters of the parking facility but may be sloped around landscaped islands. The plan proposes some asphalt wedge curb. It appears a waiver may be necessary. ***Response: Concrete wedge curb is proposed in place of asphalt wedge.***

33. 640-64. A (1) Sidewalks shall be provided along the entire length of the property in accordance with this section. On a corner lot, the sidewalk shall be extended along the second street as well. A waiver will be needed to not extend sidewalks along Frost Avenue. ***Response: A waiver is requested from this provision.***

34. 640-64. A (2) All Sidewalks shall be constructed to provide adequate access to the physically disabled.

- On the ADA ramp on the interior of the property by the building, it appears that the depressed area/DWS is in an area that would be blocked by a parked vehicle. Please shift to the end. ***Response: The condition as proposed provides full at grade access to the vacuum from the loading space and landing. An accessible path from the loading space to the building is available. We believe the configuration as presented meets the intent and requirements for accessibility.***
- Provide ADA ramp details (blow ups with slopes and elevations) on all ramps within the Right-of-Way. ***Response: Please see sheet SP-5A for ramps within the City Right of Way. Ramp designs along Logan Blvd are prepared by others and under review with PADOT.***
- Provide proof of PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit for work within right-of-way. ***Response: The Highway Occupancy Permit is currently under review and will be provided under separate cover upon approval.***
- DWS in the Right-of-Way to be Brick Red Composite. ***Response: See revised keynote 27 of sheet SP02 denoting DWS color.***

35. 640-65A(5e) Trees shall have temporary labels attached so inspectors can determine compliance with the approved plan. ***Response: Revised as requested. Please see note 7 of the revised Landscape Plan Sheet SP-6.***

36. 640-65.C (4) Along the parking lot, trees and shrubs shall be planted so as to screen the parking facility from all surrounding streets and properties. The intent is to mitigate the impact of vehicle noise, lights, and fumes on adjacent land. Such vegetation shall be planted so as to provide a full screen within five years. The city requires bushes planted at 3' on center. **Response: A waiver is requested from this provision.**

37. 640-65. E (6) Lighting shall conform with this section including height, cut-off fixture, etc. Enough detail should be added to the plan set (that will be recorded) to show conformance with this section. **Response: Please see revised sheet SP-2 and sheet SP-5A showing light locations, types and mounting heights.**

38. 640-65. H. All landscaping and improvements that are specifically required by this section shall be maintained and must be replaced if the required vegetation is damaged, diseased, cut, or dies. This is to be noted on the plan. **Response: Revised as requested. Please see revised Landscape Plan Sp-6, note 8**

Included in the re-submittal are the following items:

- Two (2) Sets of Revised Land Development Plans
- One (1) copy of the Waiver Request Letter
- Two (2) copies of the revised Stormwater Report
- One (1) copy of the 911 Address Verification Letter

Please contact me with any questions or if additional information is needed for the review/approval process. I may be reached at rgiacobbi@mdmllc.com or 724-934-2810 Ext: 45.

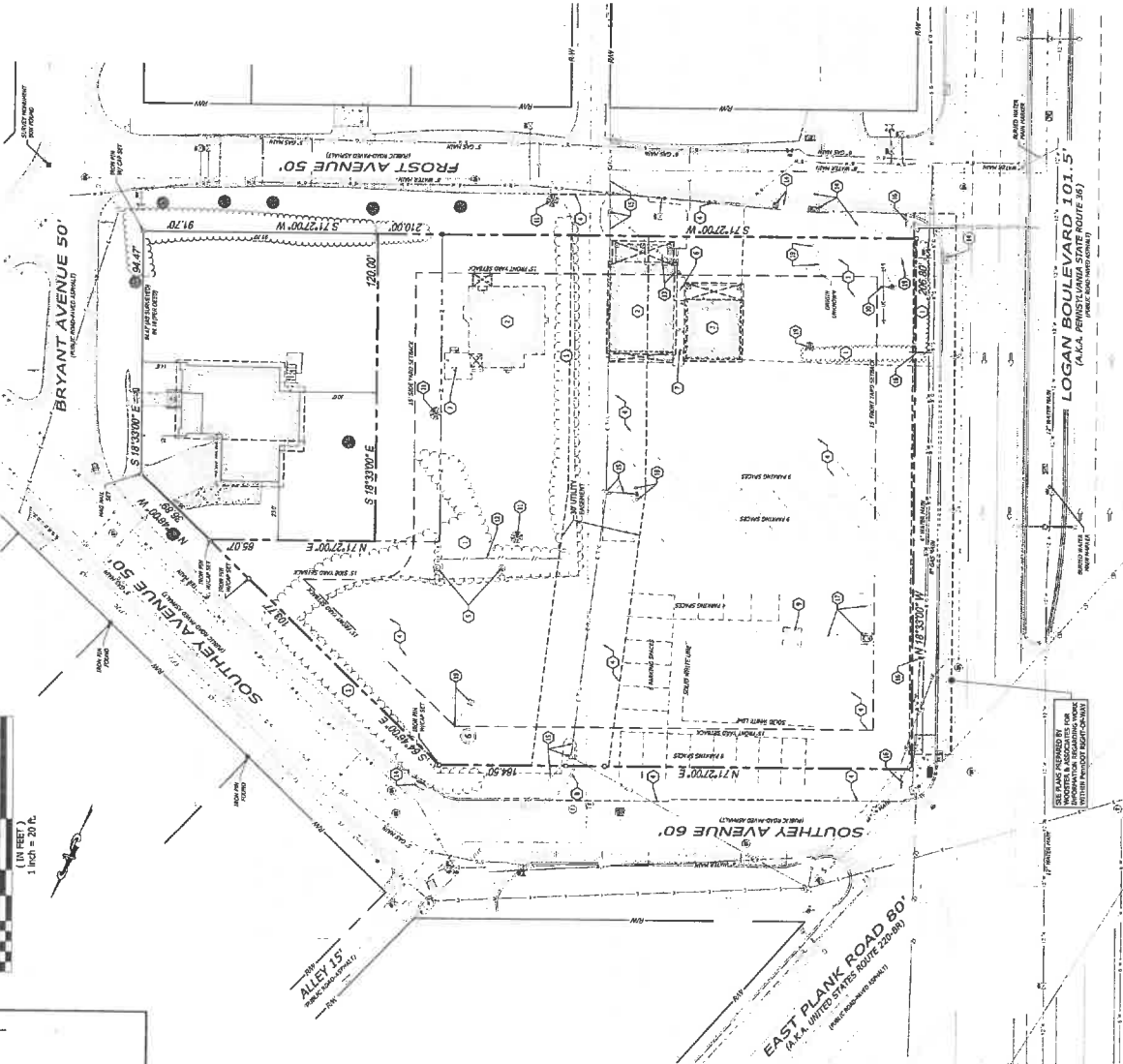
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Randi L. Giacobbi

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Project Manager



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- 2 6" (152.4) CONCRETE CURB. SEE DETAIL ON SHEET SP-3.
- 3 ROLL-OUT CURB & ASPHALT FINISH. SEE DETAIL ON SHEET SP-6.
- 4 THE CONCRETE AND CURB OF THIS STONE SURGE. SEE DETAIL ON SHEET SP-3 FOR PRELIMINARY DIMENSIONS, TOLERANCES, FINISHES, DIMENSIONS, TYPICAL DRAIN, ETC.
- 5 THE CONCRETE SIDEWALK OVER 4" THICK STONE SURGE WITH HORIZONTAL CURB ALONG EDGE OF PAVEMENT. SEE MONOLITHIC CONCRETE SIDEWALK DETAIL ON SHEET SP-5.
- 6 4" THICK CONCRETE SIDEWALK OVER 4" THICK STONE SURGE. SEE CONCRETE SIDEWALK DETAIL ON SHEET SP-5.
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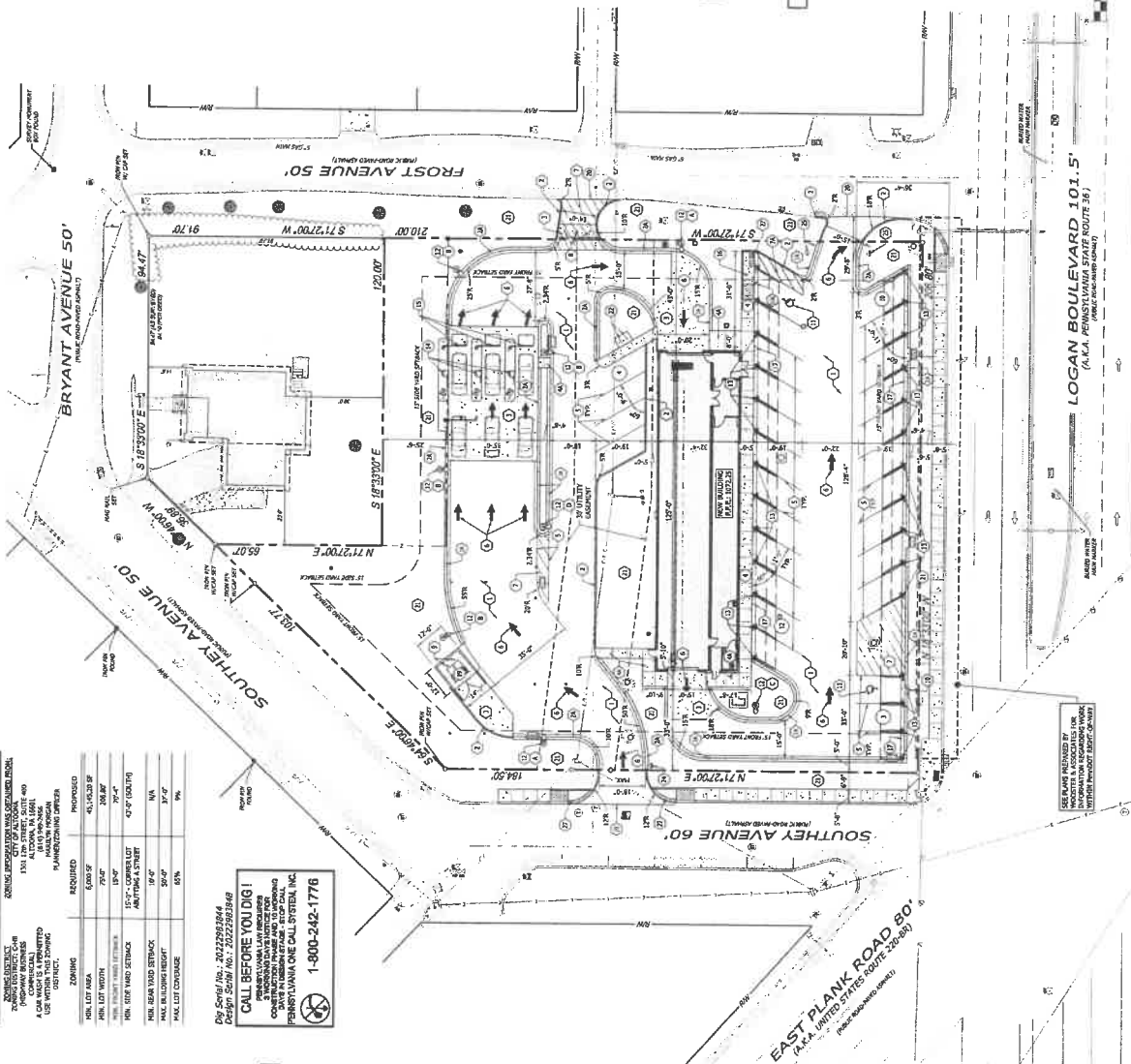
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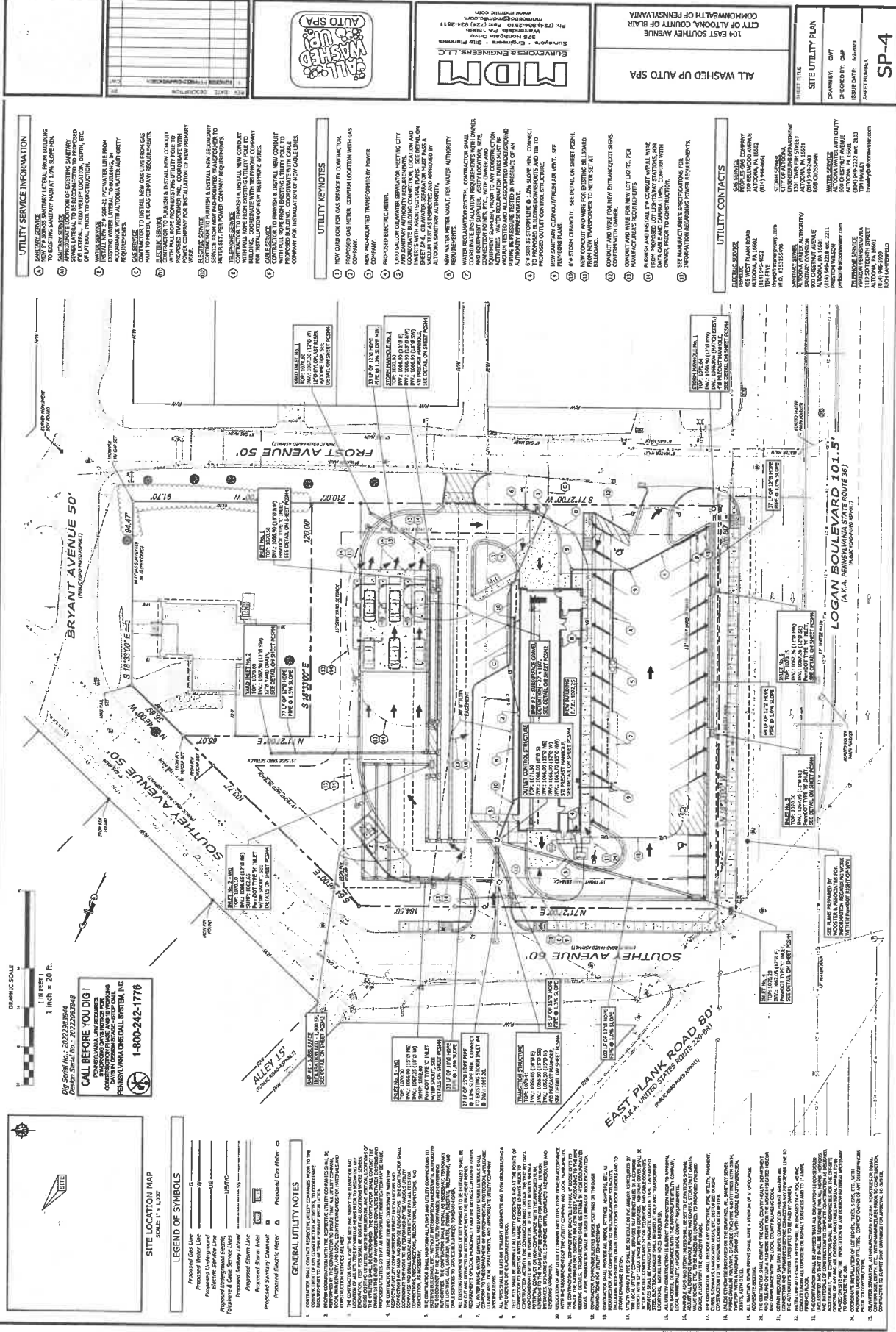
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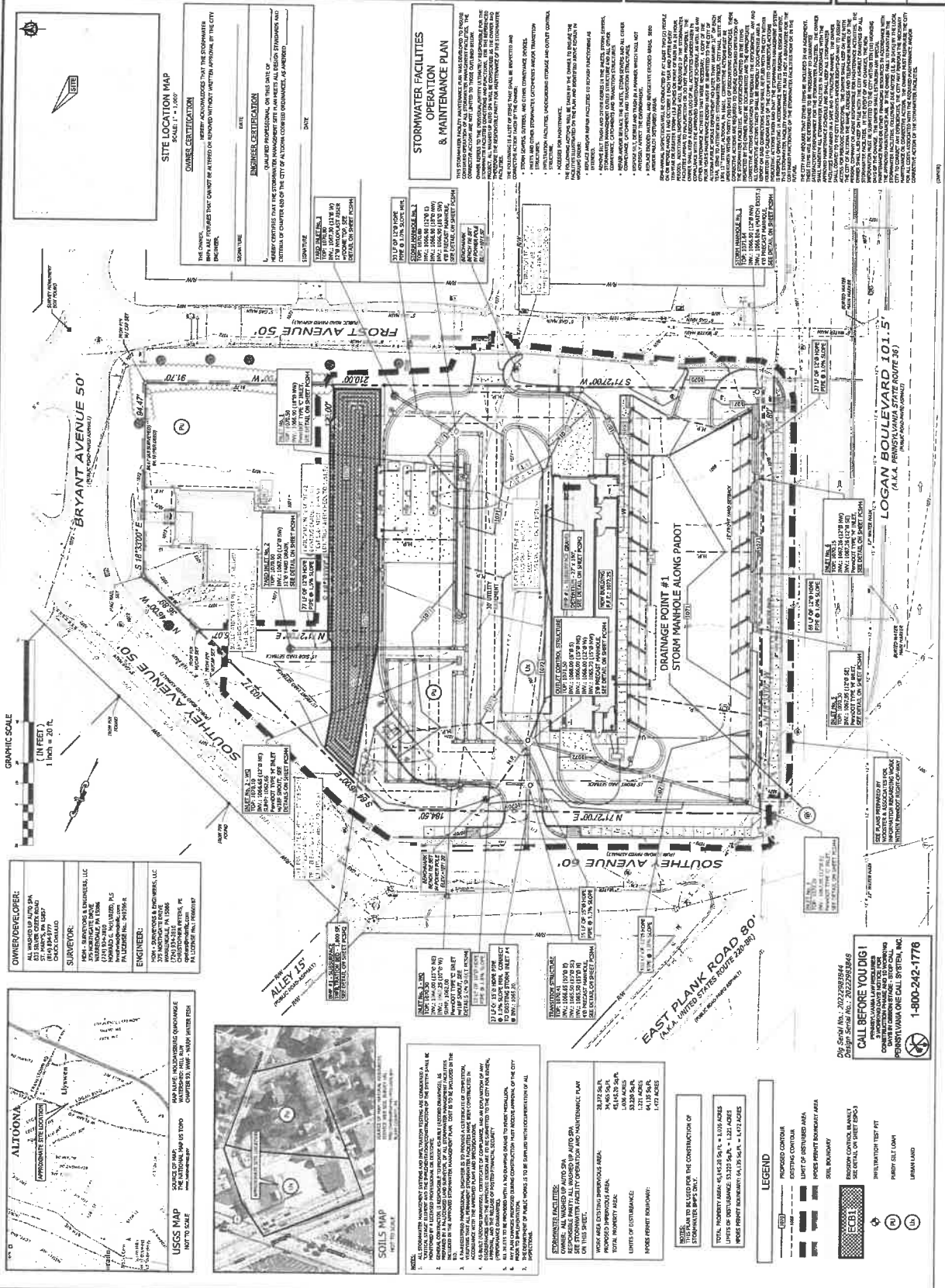
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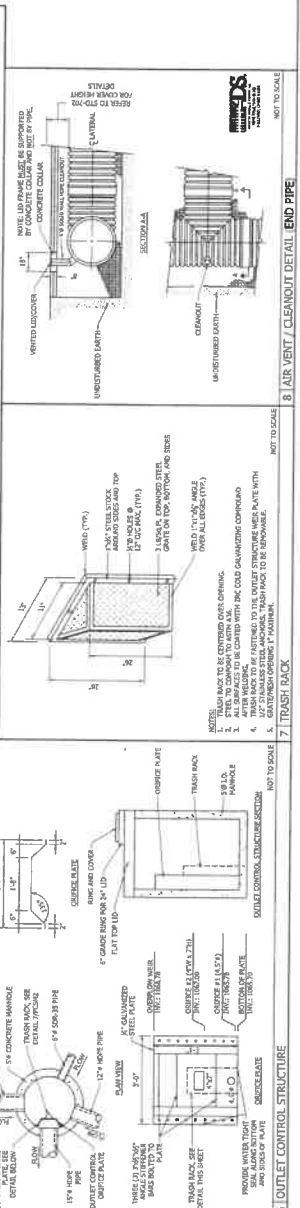
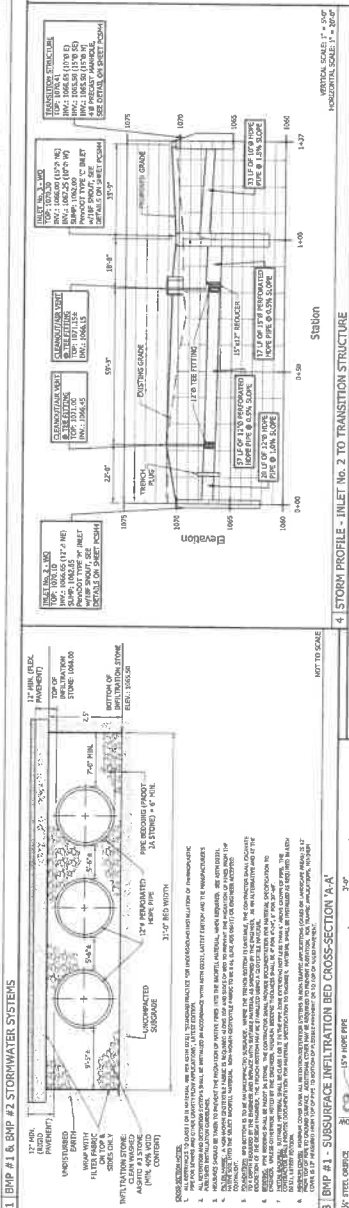
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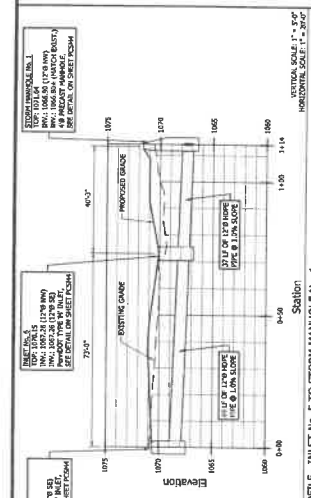
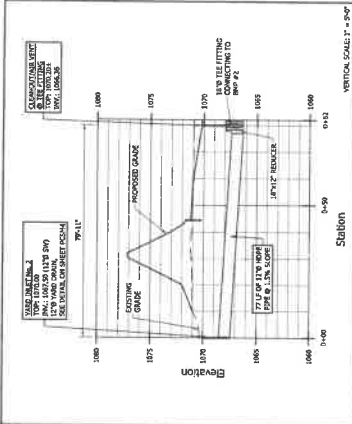
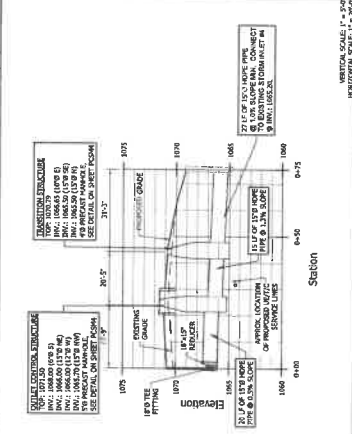
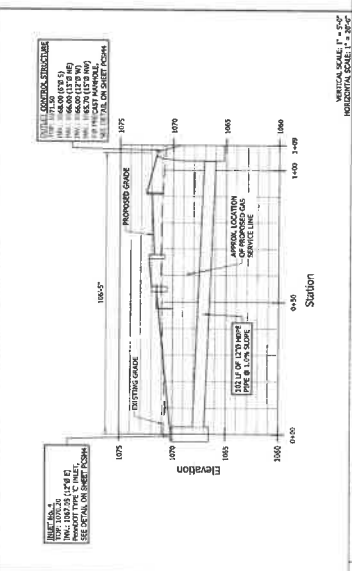
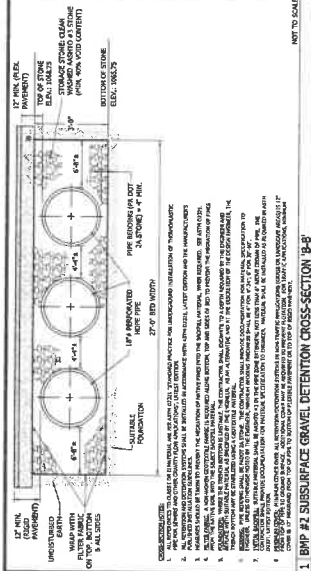
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SEEDING FROM TECHNICAL PLANS AND NARRATIVE

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STANLEY G. STUBBS, JR. AND JOHN FRUTKIN, JR. EDITED

15. ANY CUSTOMER AURA OR MARCH ACTIVITY HAS EXPIRED AND MARCH WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS. DURING THIS TIME, CUSTOMERS WILL BE ATTEMPTING TO REOPEN THEIR ACCOUNTS.

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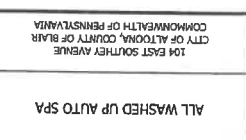
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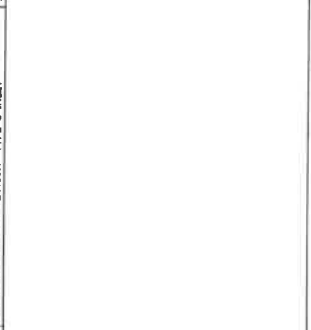
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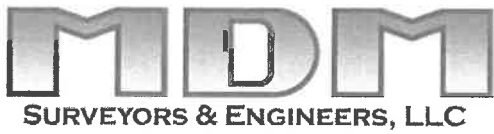
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July 25, 2023

Ms. Rebecca Brown
City of Altoona
1301 12th St, Suite 103
Altoona, PA 16601

Subject: All Washed Up-104 E. Southey Ave. Altoona, PA
Site Plan/Land Development Waiver request 1-5

Dear Ms. Brown,

The Applicant respectfully requests Planning Commission consideration of the following waivers for the All Washed Up Land Development project at 104 E. Southey Avenue:

1. A waiver from Section 620-12.C (2f) regarding the use of reinforced concrete pipe within the municipal right-of-way. Please accept this as a formal request to use 15" HDPE in place of RCP. The hydraulic performance of HDPE is comparable to RCP.
2. A waiver from Section 640-63. A (2f) regarding Ordinance requirement that no access drive shall be located within 50 ft of an intersection. Please accept this as a formal request to permit the location of the egress drive to be 36ft from intersection to the driveway throat as shown on sheet SP-2. In a condition particular to this project, the driveway has right out only egress to Frost Avenue and Frost Avenue has right out only egress to Logan. This waiver is not expected to present any detrimental impacts to vehicles operating on Frost. Additionally, this driveway location directly across from another existing commercial driveway is a conventionally preferred alignment for driveway permitting.
3. A waiver from Section 640-64. A (1) regarding the extension of sidewalk along Frost Avenue. During hearings with nearby residents earlier in this development process, neighbors asked that we not direct traffic into their neighborhood. The applicant is providing sidewalk along the commercial corridor along Logan Boulevard and Southey Avenue.
4. A waiver from Section 640-65.C (4) regarding shrub plantings along the parking lot fronting Logan Boulevard. Applicant is providing sidewalk and grass landscape strip between Logan Boulevard curbing and the parking facility. This facility sees a vast majority of traffic during daylight hours minimizing need for headlight buffering.

All Washed Up Auto Spa
104 East Southey Avenue
Altoona, PA 16602
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5. A waiver from Section 640-65. D regarding foundation plantings around the rear of the proposed building. The access drive is functionally an alley serving only employees. Per Section 640.D.5 this foundation planting requirement may be waived if the proposal includes yard trees through the site to serve the same purpose. In this instance, customers and residents are buffered with landscape mounds, evergreens, and flower plantings along rear of the site which function to buffer view of the building facade.

Should you have any questions concerning this waiver request or need anything additional, please to not hesitate to contact me at 724-934-2810 Ext: 45 or rgiacobbi@mdmllc.com

Thank You,

Randi L. Giacobbi

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MDM Surveyors & Engineers, LLC

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June 9, 2023

City of Altoona, Codes & Inspections Dept.
Attn: Rebecca Brown, Director
1301 12th Street, Suite 103
Altoona, PA 16601

Re: Project Narrative and Waiver Requests for North Branch Storage Final Land Development Plan (PTE #22206)

Dear Rebecca,

On behalf of our client, Durbin & Associates (2300 North Branch Avenue, LLC), PennTerra Engineering is proposing a 4,470 square foot storage facility complex at 2312 North Branch Avenue in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

From North Branch Avenue, trucks will be able to enter access the main building. From North Branch Alley, there will be eight parking stalls and a connecting sidewalk to access the two smaller buildings.

Following a replot subdivision of tax parcels 01.09-07..130.00-000 and 01.09-07..133.00-000, there will be a transfer of 1,186 square feet into this project's 0.234 final acreage.

Prior to or concurrent with Altoona's North Branch Avenue Stormwater Improvements, this project's stormwater management plan will be put into place.

In regard to the above referenced project, we are requesting the following waivers from the City of Altoona's SALDO:

Chapter 640 Subdivision of Land and Land Developments

1. 640-63. Parking and vehicular access.

C(1) Facilities shall be designed so that each vehicle may enter and exit a parking space without maneuvering into a public right-of-way or pedestrian facility or without moving any other legally parked vehicle.

The proposed 8 parking stalls are designed to back into the exiting alley, similar to the other users on the alley. The alley sees little traffic and there is not a great deal of traffic anticipated for this project.

A(2) Throughout the City, one tree shall be planted along the street for every 50 feet of street frontage, equidistantly if possible

Given the fact that the storage facility will utilize North Branch Avenue for access, a waiver is requested for this project.

C(4) Along the parking lot, trees and shrubs shall be planted so as to screen the parking facility from all surrounding streets and properties. The city requires shrubs to be planted 3' on center.

Given the location of the parking, a landscape buffer is not possible for this project.

E(1) Landscaping shall be required to provide definition and traffic control within a parking lot. Such landscaping shall be provided at the ends of all stall rows, between parking spaces and access drives which do not directly serve.

Given the location of the parking and the small number of stalls, islands at the end of the parking spaces are not practical in this location.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John C. Sepp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Sepp" clearly distinguishable.

John C. Sepp, P.E.
President

July 26, 2023

Ms. Rebecca Brown
Director
City of Altoona
Department of Codes and Inspections
1301 12th Street, Suite 103
Altoona, PA 16601

RE: North Branch Storage
Land Development Review

Dear Ms. Brown:

At the request of the City of Altoona, we have completed our review of the subdivision and land development plan for the above referenced project. The following information was provided to our office on 06/12/2023 for review of a subdivision and land development located west of North Branch Avenue in the City of Altoona, Blair County:

- North Branch Storage Final Land Development Plan as prepared by Penn Terra Engineering, Inc., 11 sheets (including a lot consolidation plan), project no. 22206, dated June 9, 2023
- North Branch Storage Stormwater Narrative as prepared by Penn Terra Engineering, Inc., indexed as project no. 22206, dated June 9, 2023.
- Project Narrative & Waiver Request and E&S Report

The above information has been reviewed for conformance with Chapter 620 and Chapter 640 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Altoona, Blair County, Pennsylvania. This review was completed for ordinance conformance only. We do not accept any liability for any potential design errors or oversights made by the design engineer. Members of the City of Altoona Planning Commission have the final decision regarding comments for the construction plans. The developer shall address the following comments and proceed with final plan preparation.

General

1. All signature blocks are to be executed.
2. Pipe text on page 7 is cut off.
3. Provide proper signing for traffic control during construction in accordance with the MUTCD and PennDOT publications 212 and 213.
4. Be advised this project is located within the Combined Sewer Area (CSO), and, therefore, must be reviewed by the Altoona Water Authority (AWA). Stormwater management must adhere to the City's stormwater ordinance; however, final stormwater approval as well as all stormwater maintenance and inspection permits will be through the Altoona Water Authority. Any AWA comments will be separate from the following comments: Please provide proof that AWA has approved the plans.

5. Please include a detail for pavement restoration within the right-of-way and specify that area on the plans as the detail for the parking lot area is not substantial enough.
6. A CSO permit will need to be obtained through the Altoona Water Authority. The owner shall adhere to any additional requirements or permits required by the Altoona Water Authority.
7. All buildings shown are for storage only and do not contain water/sewer. Altoona Water Authority approval will be needed if water/sewer are to be added later.
8. Zoning Hearing Board has approved a setback variance for both sides of the property.

Chapter 620 Stormwater Management, Erosion and Sediment Control

9. 620-1.B. Approval of the E&S plan from the Blair County Conservation District has been provided.
10. 620-12.B(2a) Infiltration systems shall be sized and designed based upon local soil and groundwater conditions as well as subsurface geological features. A perc test is required for any proposed infiltration areas. Provide documentation on the test and infiltration rates observed.
11. 620-12.C(2f) Pipe within a municipal right-of-way shall be reinforced concrete pipe with a minimum diameter of 15 inches.
12. 620-12.C(2h) Provide pre-cast or after-market medallions with wording such as "only rain in the drain," "drains to the stream," "stormwater only," "no dumping," etc.
13. 620-12.C(2l) Any connection to the City storm sewer system, whether to an inlet, manhole, or direct connection must be approved by the City of Altoona. Fee for tapping/inspection of an existing inlet/manhole/pipe is \$250. Contractor should contact the public works office, 949-2446, 24 hours in advance of the work being done.
14. 620-13.B(1) Any regulated activity that would create 5,000 square feet or less of impervious area can fall under exemption as outlined; however, the assumptions/calculations provided do not support this criteria. The calculations indicate that in the predevelopment condition the area is either lawn (CN 61) or impervious (CN 98) however, the site is mostly gravel (CN 85). This should be reflected in the calculations. We would not object to the overall methodology if when considering a % of the gravel as impervious it still keeps the overall increase less than 5,000 SF; however, the CN revisions will likely result in a need for a larger storage volume.
15. 620-13.F(1) The developer or their engineer shall be responsible for providing as-built plans of all stormwater management (SWM) BMPs included in the approved SWM site plan in accordance with this section. Any changes proposed during construction must receive the approval of the City prior to implementation.
16. 620-13.F(2) A licensed professional or a designee shall be present onsite and be responsible during all critical stages of implementation of the approved post construction stormwater maintenance plan. The critical stages will include critical processes of the installation of underground treatment or storage BMPs, structurally engineered BMPs, and all other BMPs unless deemed inappropriate or unnecessary by the City of Altoona or the Department of Environmental Protection. Please indicate that DPW is to be supplied with documentation of all inspections.
17. 620-15.A(1) Facilities, areas or structures used as stormwater management BMPs shall be enumerated as permanent real estate appurtenances and recorded as deed restrictions or conservation easements that run with the land. Any existing or proposed inlets, piping, ponds, raingardens, swales, etc. located within the site are considered stormwater facilities. These storm water facilities are private and maintenance of the storm water management facilities will be the responsibility of the owner.
 - The engineer must provide the owner with a copy of the approved maintenance plan/agreement and explain its requirements. The Engineer must provide proof of such meeting or correspondence to the City.
 - A copy of the maintenance agreement signed by the owner should be included in both the plans and Stormwater management report.
18. 620-15.B(1d) The engineer must meet with and provide the developer or owner with a copy of the operation and maintenance plan. The engineer is required to explain all required maintenance to the

developer or owner as well as all associated requirements of this chapter (i.e., recordkeeping, contact information, submittal of records, etc.) The owner of the storm water management facilities shall keep on site a copy of the post construction stormwater plan (PCSWP), the maintenance plan, and a record log of any maintenance activities.

19. 620-15.C(1) The owner of the stormwater management facilities shall keep a record or log of all activities undertaken in compliance with the approved maintenance schedule, as well as any other maintenance activities that were necessary.
20. 620-15.C(2) Said records shall be kept on site, accessible and opened to the Stormwater Officer upon request so that he or she may verify that maintenance is proceeding as approved.
21. 620-16.A. The city Department of Public Works (DPW) requires a review fee of \$275.00 has been paid. The consultant review fee will be in addition to the in-house reviews.

Chapter 640 Subdivision of Land and Land Developments Subdivision:

22. General: Provide signature of the surveyor who prepared the plan.
23. General: Municipality may wish to require proof of a recorded deed for the Lot Consolidation, prior to issuance of any building permits.
24. 640-29.H. Provide proof of review and approval (for the Subdivision Plan) from the County Planning Commission.
25. 640.36.A. Permanent monuments shall be installed in the subdivision to provide survey and property line control in accordance with this section.

Land Development:

26. 640-57.C. Edit the list of waivers as necessary based on comments in this letter.
27. 640-57.H Provide proof of review and approval (for the Land Development Plan) from the County Planning Commission.
28. 640-58.G. The signature of the professional engineer who prepared the plans shall be provided.
29. 640-63.A(4) No bidirectional access driveway shall be wider than 24 feet or narrower than 16 feet at the point where such a driveway crosses the street or alley right-of-way line. The width may be increased to 35 feet if the access driveway is to be utilized heavily by truck traffic. Driveway onto North Branch Avenue far exceeds this width and will require a waiver.
30. 640-63.A(10) City permits are required to access a City street. A Driveway permit will be required for all proposed driveways as well as any existing driveway with no permit on record. All driveways shall adhere to the City's driveway ordinance and current ADA standards. The fee shall be \$175.00.
31. 640-63.A(7) Please include note that all asphalt joints within right of way shall be sawcut neat and sealed with AC-20.
32. 640-63.C(1) Facilities shall be designed so that each vehicle may enter and exit a parking space without maneuvering into a public right-of-way or pedestrian facility or without moving any other legally parked vehicle. A waiver has been requested as the plan is proposing to utilize North Branch Alley for maneuvering from the 8 parking spaces proposed.
33. 640-63.C(3c1) Perpendicular stalls require a twenty-four-foot accessway. It appears at most a 21.3' accessway is provided (if there is a clear width to the opposite side of the alley right-of-way).
34. 640-63.C(4a) Spaces for the physically disabled shall be located nearest the accessible entrance and half shall be designed to accommodate lifts in vans, where practical or otherwise required. All such spaces shall be designed in accordance with applicable state regulations and shall be clearly marked by standard signs. No accessible spaces have been provided.
35. 640-63.C(6) All parking areas shall be paved with a nonerosive material suitable to bear the load of vehicular traffic, with stall lines clearly marked on the surface.
36. 640-63.C(7) Curbing shall be placed at the edges of all surfaced areas, including islands.
37. 640-63.G(1) For every 10 spaces provided by the applicant for motor vehicles, one bicycle parking space shall be provided, with a minimum of two bicycle spaces for all proposals in accordance with this section.

38. 640-64.A(1) Sidewalks shall be provided along the entire length of the property.
39. 640-65.A(2) Throughout the City, one tree shall be planted along the street for every 50 feet of street frontage. A waiver is requested to not provide any street trees, essentially paving the entire frontage of North Branch Avenue.
40. 640-65.C(4) Along the parking lot, trees and shrubs shall be planted so as to screen the parking facility from all surrounding streets and properties. The intent is to mitigate the impact of vehicle noise, lights, and fumes on adjacent land. Such vegetation shall be planted so as to provide a full screen within five years. A waiver is requested as the project proposes no landscaping.
41. 640-65.E(1) Interior landscaping shall be required between the perimeter and foundational landscaping, particularly in the parking facility. Landscaping shall be required to provide definition and traffic control within a parking lot. Such landscaping shall be provided at the ends of all stall rows, between parking spaces and access drives which do not directly serve them, along travel corridors within the parking lot, and to separate the loading area from the main lot. A waiver is requested as no islands or landscaping is provided.
42. 640-65.E(6) It appears no lighting is proposed for this plan. Please confirm 43. 640-65.G. It appears no dumpsters are proposed for this plan. Please confirm.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact The EADS Group at (814) 944-5035 or sshoenfelt@eadsgroup.com.

Sincerely,

The EADS Group, Inc. (Altoona)



By: Stephanie C. Shoenfelt, P.E.

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