RUHE SUBDIVISION MAJOR SUBDIVISION #2013-201 ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Memorandum
- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Township Engineer Review dated October 11, 2023
- 4. Township Water and Sewer Engineer Reviews dated October 9, 2023
- 5. Township Geotechnical Consultant Reviews dated October 5, 2023
- 6. Township Solicitor Letter dated February 18, 2014
- 7. Public Works Department Review dated October 10, 2023
- 8. Community Development Department Review dated October 12, 2023
- 9. Zoning Officer Review dated
- 10. Public Safety Commission Review dated October 3, 2023
- 11. Landscape and Shade Tree Commission Reviews dated October 12, 2023
- 12. Parks and Recreation Board Memo dated May 12, 2020
- 13. Planning Commission Minutes to date
- 14. Applicant's Correspondence:
 - A. Waiver Request Letter dated September 21, 2023

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: GREGG ADAMS, PLANNER

SUBJECT: RUHE SUBDIVISION

MINOR SUBDIVISION #2013-201

REQUEST FOR MAJOR SUBDIVISION REVIEW

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2023

COPIES: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, T. PETRUCCI, H. BENDER, D.

MANHARDT, L. HARRIER, J. FRANTZ, J. ZATOR, ESQ., J. ADLERFER, ESQ, A. TALLARIDA, S. PIDCOCK, APPLICANT,

SUB. FILE #2013-201

LOCATION AND INTENT:

An application to subdivide the property located at 2442 Huckleberry Road. The plan proposes to subdivide the 4.596-acre parcel into: Lot 1, containing the existing 2-story dwelling, barn and outbuilding on 1.0083 acres; Lot 2, containing 1.07673 acres; Lot 3, containing 1.0003 acres; and Lot 4, containing 1.0002 acres. All lots are proposed to be served by public water and private septic. The property is zoned R-4 Medium Density Residential. Robert H. Ruhe is the owner and applicant.

PREVIOUS TOWNSHIP CONSIDERATION:

At their April 15, 2021, July 21, 2016, November 19, 2015, February 20, 2014 and March 28, 2013 meetings, the Planning Commission reviewed Minor Subdivision #2013-201 Ruhe Subdivision and took the plan under advisement.

REVIEWING AGENCIES COMMENTS:

- A. <u>Township Engineer</u> The Township Engineer's comments are contained in Mr. Anthony Tallarida's review dated October 11, 2023. Mr. Tallarida is not recommending engineering approval at this time. His comments pertain to waiver and deferral requests, plan detail, stormwater management, MS4 requirements, traffic, outside agency review, street addresses, and legal considerations.
- **B.** Township Water and Sewer Engineer The Township Water and Sewer Engineer's comments are contained in Mr. Jason Newhard's review dated October 9, 2023. His comments pertain to plan detail.
- **C.** Township Geotechnical Engineer The Township's Geotechnical Consultant's comments are contained in Mr. Chris Taylor's review dated October 5, 2023. His comments pertain to sewage disposal and plan detail.
- **D.** <u>Township Solicitor</u> Assistant Solicitor McLean's comments are contained in his memorandum dated February 18, 2014. His comments pertain to the involvement of adjoining property and utility extension.

- **E.** Public Works Department The comments from the Public Works Department are contained in Manager Herb Bender's review dated October 10, 2023. The Department's comments pertain to water main detail, connection to the Lutz property, stormwater BMPs, verification of water capacity, and Huckleberry Road restoration.
- **F.** <u>Lehigh Valley Planning Commission</u> The comments of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission have not been received at the time of this writing.
- **G.** <u>Lehigh County Conservation District</u> –The comments of the Lehigh County Conservation District have not been received at the time of this writing.
- **H.** Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection The applicant is to obtain approvals from the PA Department of Environmental Protection for NPDES Permits and Sewage Facilities Planning Module Exemption.
- **I.** <u>Landscape and Shade Tree Commission</u> The Landscape and Shade Tree Commission reviewed the plan at its September 25, 2023 meeting. Their comments pertain to plan detail and species selection.
- **J.** <u>Public Safety Commission</u> The Public Safety Commission reviewed the plan at their October 2, 2023 meeting and offered no additional comments.
- K. <u>Parks and Recreation Board</u> The Parks and Recreation Board reviewed the plan at its May 12, 2020 meeting and recommended that the developer contribute money in lieu of land dedication to meet the parks and open space requirements of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- **L.** Community Development Department The Community Development Department's technical review letter is dated October 12, 2023 and provides comment pertaining to zoning, public safety comments, landscape and shade trees, recreation and open space dedication, water and sewer matters, legal and policy matters, waiver commentary, and Official Map and Comprehensive Plan consistency.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the Planning Commission take the plan under advisement to afford the applicant the time necessary to address the reviewing agencies' comments, contingent upon the applicant submitting a Waiver from the Time Limitation to Review the Plan.

Planning Commission deadline date to act on the plan:

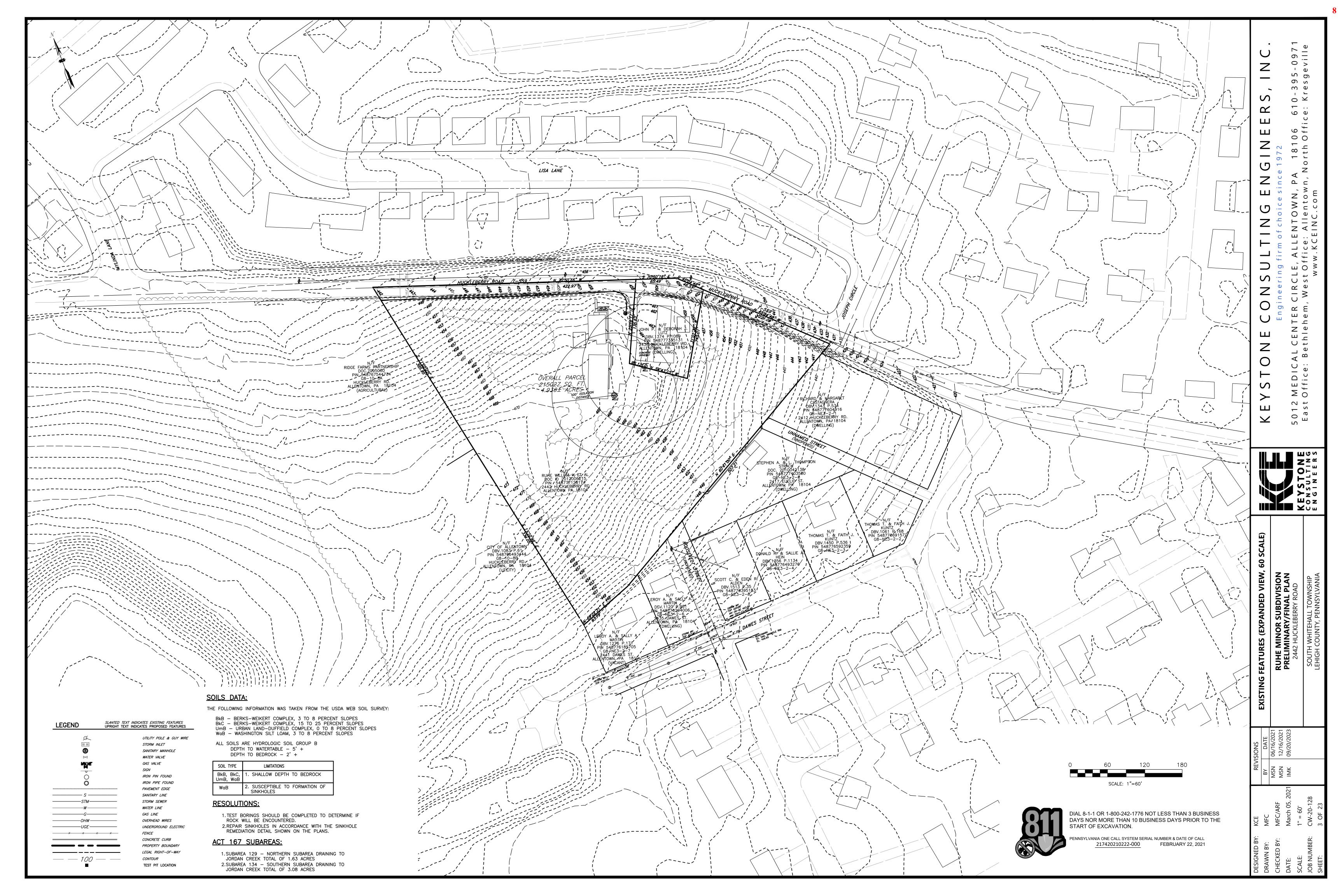
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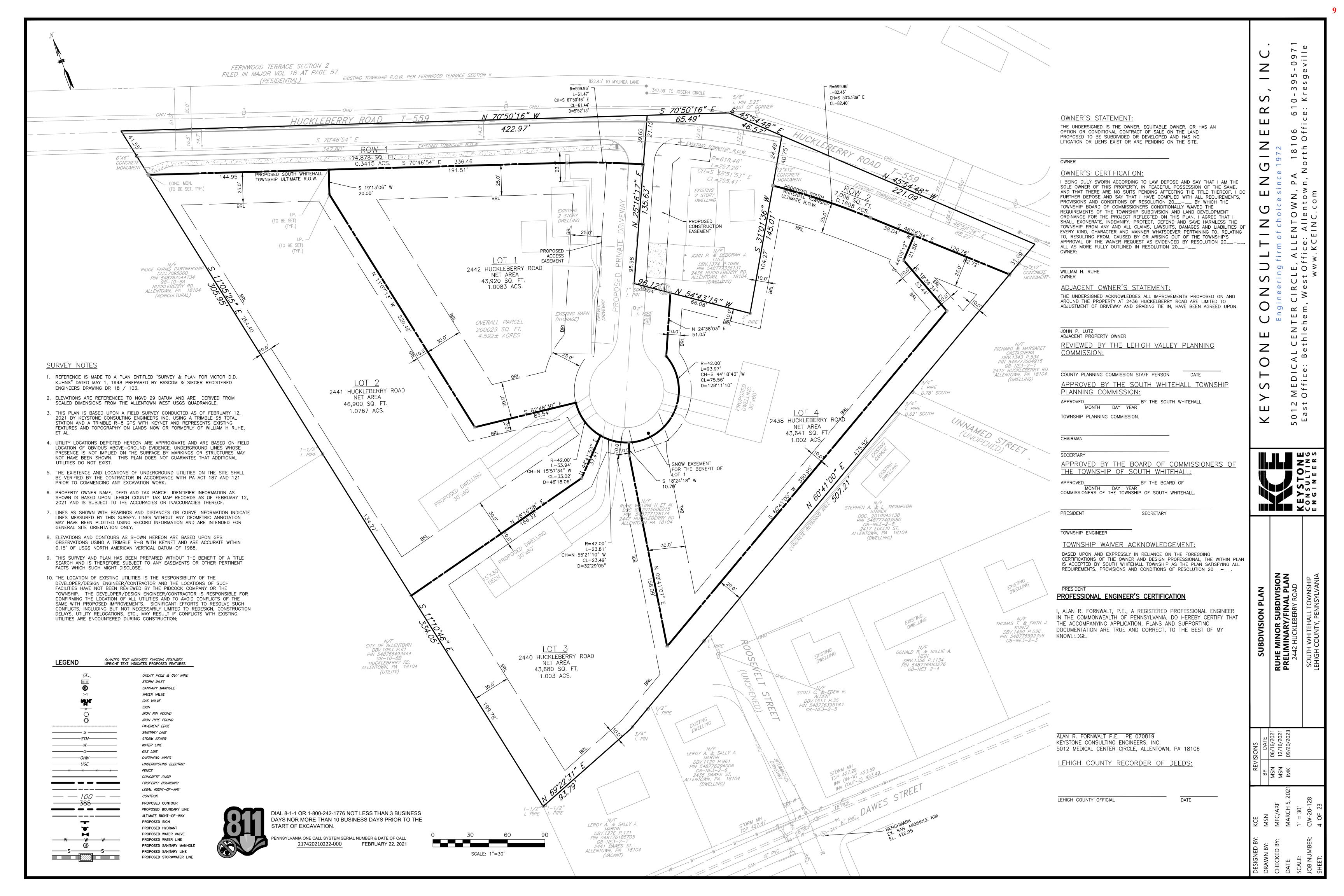
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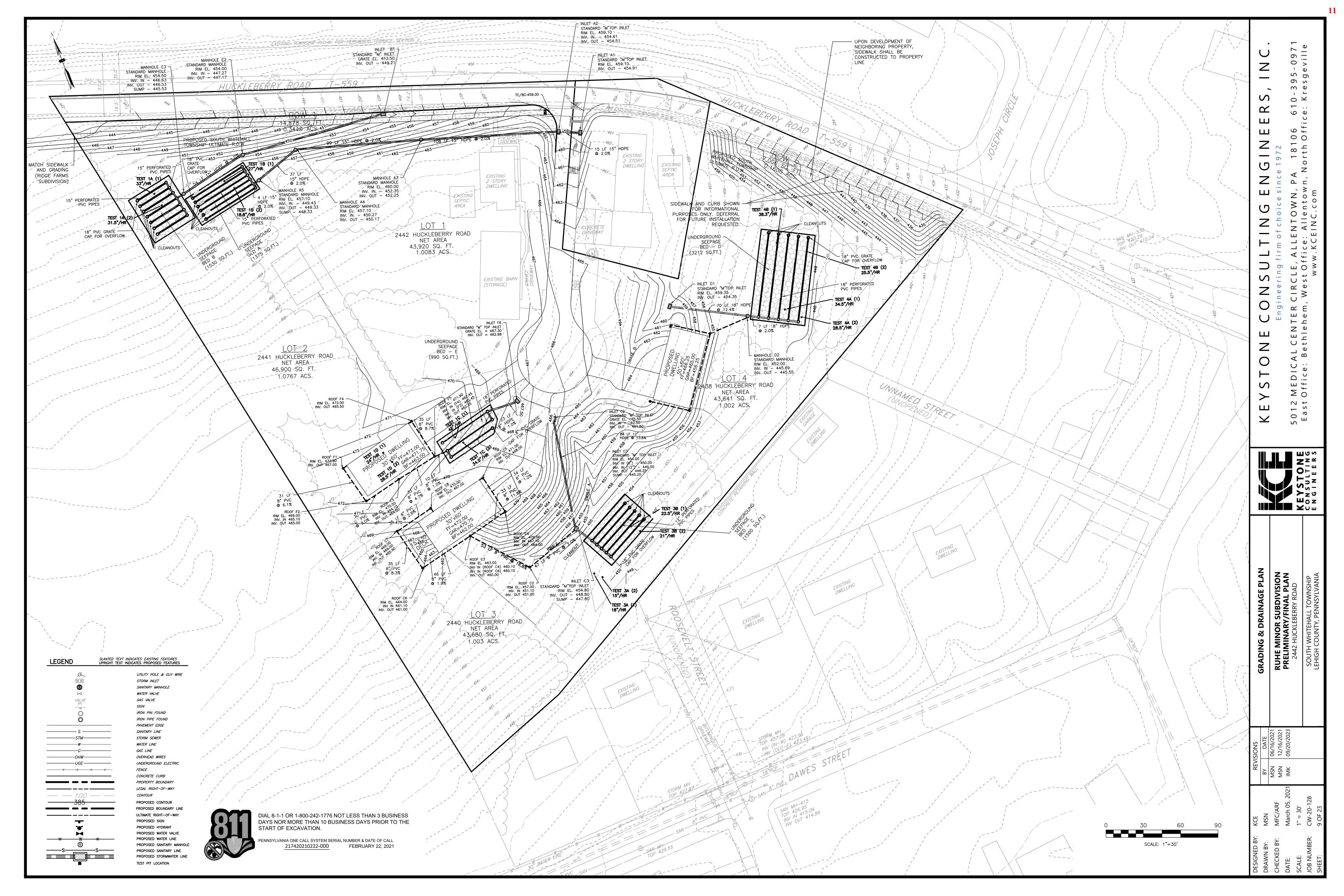
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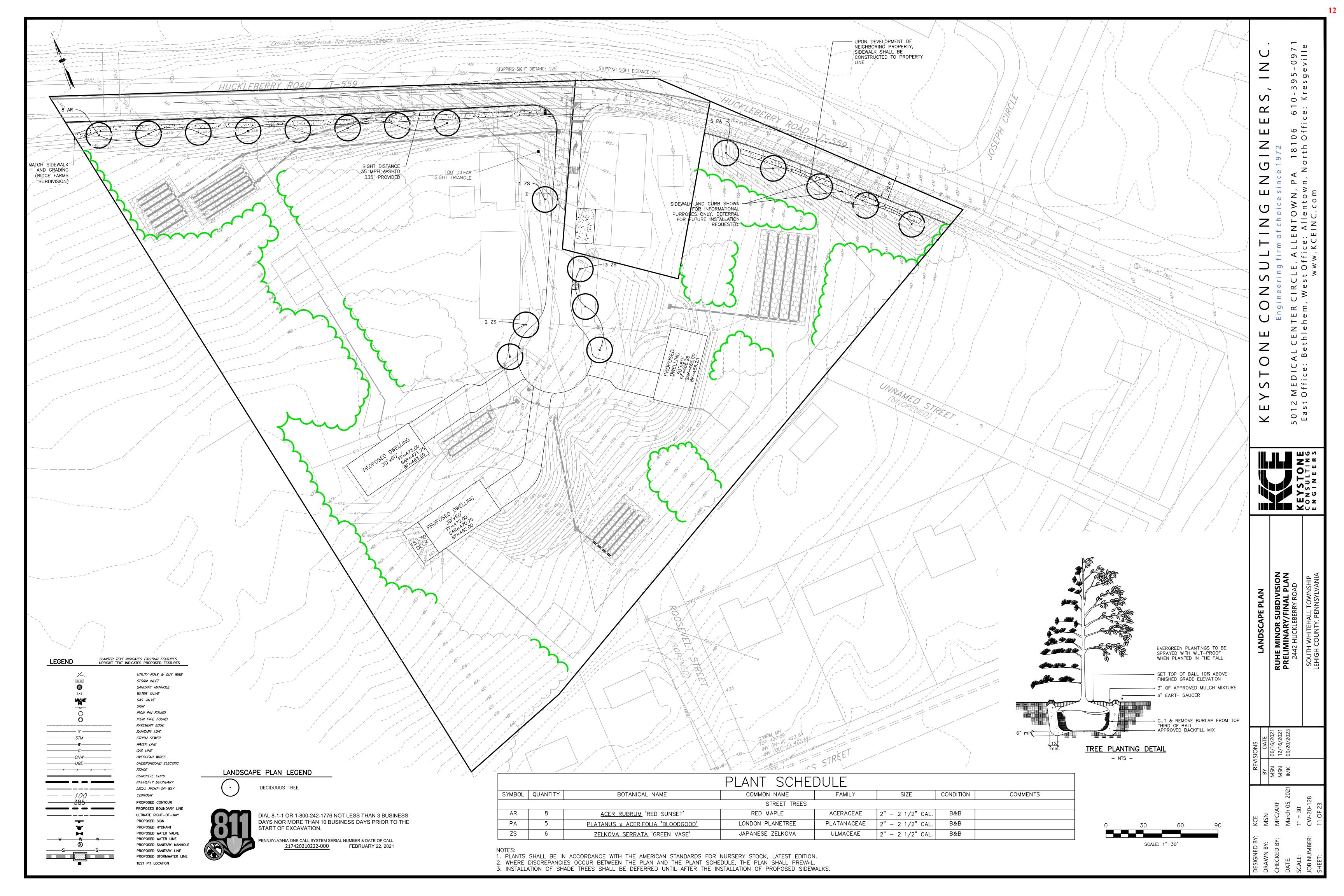












<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: Mr. Gregg R. Adams via e-mail

Planner, Community Development Department

South Whitehall Township

FROM: Mr. Anthony F. Tallarida, PE

Manager, Municipal Engineering Services

SUBJECT: South Whitehall Township

Ruhe Minor Subdivision #2013-201 Preliminary/Final Plan Review

DATE: October 11, 2023

COPIES: Mr. Thomas R. Petrucci, MPA

Township Manager

South Whitehall Township

Mr. David Manhardt, AICP

Director of Community Development

South Whitehall Township

Mr. Herb Bender

Director of Township Operations

South Whitehall Township

Mr. Mike Elias

Public Works Utility and MS4 Program Coordinator

South Whitehall Township

Ms. Tracy J.B. Fehnel Insurance Administrator & Executive Assistant South Whitehall Township

Ms. Laura M. Harrier, BCO Building Code Official/Zoning Officer South Whitehall Township

Mr. John G. Frantz, CFEI, BCO Fire Marshal, Building Code Official South Whitehall Township

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Mr. Christopher A. Taylor, PG Senior Geologist Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc.

Mr. Alan R. Fornwalt, P.E., MBA&E Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Mr. Robert H. Ruhe via Sandra Ruhe

(all via e-mail)

Mr. J. Scott Pidcock, PE, RA, Township Engineer

REPORT:

South Whitehall Township Ordinances:

Zoning Ordinance (ZO)

Subdivision and Land Development Regulations (SALDR)

Stormwater Management Plan (SMP)

See attached list for documents reviewed.

Proposal:

R-4 – Medium Density Residential;

4.5± acre tract to be subdivided into 4 lots;

Existing dwelling and barn to remain on Lot 1;

Proposed cul-de-sac to replace the existing shared driveway;

0.35± acre lot (Lutz property) to remain with access to proposed cul-de-sac;

Five stormwater management seepage beds proposed;

Public Water;

On-lot Sewer.

Waivers / Variances Granted:

None to date.

Recommendation:

Engineering approval is not recommended at this time.

jfw/laf

Enclosures

South Whitehall Township Ruhe Minor Subdivision #2013-201 Preliminary/Final Plan Review

October 11, 2023

REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Planning

1. In a letter revised September 21, 2023, the Applicant has requested waivers/deferrals from the requirements of the following sections of the SALDR:

Private Street

- a. SALDR §11-32(b)(1) Waiver from the requirement of providing curb along all public and private streets. The Applicant requests a waiver from providing curb along the shared private driveway. Curb is proposed along the western radius of the shared private driveway and along the western frontage of the property along Huckleberry Road;
- b. SALDR §11-32(c)(1)(A) Waiver from the requirement of providing sidewalks within a subdivision. Installation of sidewalk along the proposed private cul-de-sac is requested due to low traffic volumes;
- c. SALDR §11-32(a)(2)(C) Waiver from the requirement of a cul-de-sac having a right-of-way (ROW) radius of 52 feet (42-foot radius access easement proposed) and a 40-foot roadway radius (30-foot roadway radius proposed);
- d. SALDR §11-33(c)(1) Waiver from the requirement of the private street ROW being 36 feet. A waiver should also be requested from a 60-foot ROW width required by this section, as a variable width Access Easement with maximum 58-foot width is proposed;
- e. SALDR §11-33(d)(1)(A) Waiver from the requirement that grading of the ROW outside of cartway be a maximum slope of 3/8" vertical per 1 foot horizontal. A proposed grade of 1 foot vertical to 3 feet horizontal (33%) is proposed due to the existing structure;
- f. SALDR §11-32(a)(3)(E)(ii) Waiver from the requirement of centerlines of intersecting streets being a minimum offset of 400 feet. The private street is proposed in the same location as the existing private driveway, which is 350± feet from Joseph Circle;

Huckleberry Road

- g. SALDR §11-33(b)(1) Waiver from the requirement to widen Huckleberry Road to 40 feet (across the frontage of Lots 3 and 4). No widening, curb, or sidewalk is proposed along eastern frontage;
- h. SALDR §11-33(b)(1) Waiver from the requirement to widen Huckleberry Road to 40 feet (across the frontage of Lots 1 and 2). A 20-foot half-width is currently proposed with a 4-foot taper to the private street;
- i. SALDR §11-32(b)(1) Waiver from the requirement of providing 5 foot sidewalks one foot inside the right-of-way (frontage of Lots 1 and 2). The proposed sidewalk is 4 feet wide and located 7 to 8 feet inside the ROW line. We note the correct reference section should be §11-32(c)(1)(a) and should be corrected on the Plans;
- j. SALDR §11-33(d)(1)(A) Waiver from the requirement that grading of the ROW outside of cartway be a maximum slope of 3/8" vertical per 1 foot horizontal. A proposed grade of 1 foot vertical to 4 feet horizontal (25%) is proposed due to the existing structure;
- k. SALDR §11-32(b)(1) Deferral from the requirement of providing sidewalk along the frontage of Lots 3 and 4. A deferral is requested due to inability to connect to a sidewalk or other sidewalk facilities. We note the correct reference section should be §11-32(c)(1)(a) and should be corrected on the Plans; and
- 1. SALDR §11-32(b)(1) Deferral from the requirement of providing curb along all public and private streets. The Applicant requests a deferral from providing curb along the frontage of Lots 3 and 4.

In the event waivers/deferrals are granted, revise the Plan Notes to identify the dates of approval.

2. As this Plan relies on the modification of an existing driveway on the adjacent Lutz property and to create a private street for this development, the inclusion of the Lutz property as part of this Application should be determined by the Township and the Township Solicitor. Any required easements/agreements with the private street should be provided, and any associated, required frontage improvements (Huckleberry Road) along the Lutz property should be identified on the Plan.

B. General

- 1. The majority of the infrastructure improvements to serve the four lots are proposed to be privately owned and maintained. This includes a 200±-foot cul-de-sac and considerable private stormwater seepage bed (infiltration trench) areas including discharge systems. Given the considerable extent of contemplated private infrastructure, the Township may wish to discuss the Ownership and Maintenance arrangements with the Developer. The Ownership and Maintenance responsibilities should be clearly identified on the Plans;
- 2. Address Sewage Planning Act 537 Planning. The design of the on-lot sewage disposal systems is subject to review by the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, SALDR §11.36(a)(2);
- 3. The Township should determine whether any additional pavement reconstruction is necessary on Huckleberry Road;
- 4. Grading is shown on the adjacent property. If the project will tie into an adjacent project, the contours should be shown and notes/restrictions should be added in the event the adjacent construction is not completed;
- 5. The Township Solicitor should review the proposed Owner's Certification, Engineer's Certification, and Township Waiver Acknowledgement provided on the Plans;
- 6. The deferred sidewalk requested along the Lot 3 and 4 frontage should be shown across the entirety of the lots or the waiver/deferral letter should be updated; and
- 7. Revise all legal description preambles to reference the correct revision dates on their associated exhibits.

C. Stormwater Management

- 1. Confirm that all intended runoff will be conveyed to Inlet B1 and will not bypass this storm sewerage system. We note the proposed channel provides limited depth to convey the calculated flow to Inlet B1 and will not convey the intended flow to Underground Seepage Bed B. Additionally, the Township has concerns with roadway or curb maintenance in this location. Another location for this Inlet should be considered;
- 2. Inverts, slopes, pipe sizes, and pipe lengths matching between the plan view, profiles, details, and report should be confirmed;
- 3. Verify the Underground Seepage Bed C calculations in the Report as there are two separate calculations provided;

- 4. Revise the Additional Impervious Cover Note on Sheet 21 to be consistent with the information listed in General Note No. 7 on Sheet 1; and
- 5. An Operations and Maintenance Agreement should be executed for the proposed stormwater BMPs, SMP §296-32.

D. Policy and Information

- 1. The Applicant should coordinate with the Township regarding any required open space or fees necessary SALDR §11.34(e)(4)(G)(iii);
- 2. We defer to the Solicitor regarding authorized parties and declarations between property ownership and agreements;
- 3. The acceptability of the street address for the proposed lots should be confirmed by the Township;
- 4. Once obtained, copies of all required permits, reviews, and approvals should be provided to the Township and our office;
- 5. We have not reviewed and defer to the Township Fire Marshal and emergency response personnel regarding the acceptability of emergency access and fire protection requirements;
- 6. Any concerns of the Public Safety Committee and the Landscape and Shade Tree Commission should be addressed;
- 7. Provide copies of any proposed deed restrictions and protective and restrictive covenants, SALDR §11.9(b)(19);
- 8. We defer to the Township Geotechnical Consultant to review all geotechnical aspects of the design;
- 9. Matters pertaining to the design of the water distribution and on-lot sewerage systems should be directed to the Township Department of Public Works and the SEO. We have not reviewed these designs;
- 10. As required in SMP §13.19(d), §13.30, §13.31, §13.32, and §13.33, applicable BMP Operations and Maintenance Plans, notes, agreements, and easements should be provided; and
- 11. All required agreements shall be provided, and all Statements and Certifications shall be signed and sealed/notarized as applicable, SALDR §11.9(b)(5).

The comments noted above are the result of our engineering review covering the scope provided in the opening report. We have not reviewed items associated with legal, water/sanitary sewer systems, geotechnical, lighting, environmental, building code, public safety, and other non-engineering issues, which should be reviewed by the appropriate Township Staff and Consultants.

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List of Plans and Supplemental Information Prepared by Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc. and dated or revised September 20, 2023, except as noted

- 1. Title Sheet, Sheet 1 of 23;
- 2. Existing Features and Demolition Plan, Sheet 2 of 23;
- 3. Existing Features, Sheet 3 of 23;
- 4. Subdivision Plan, Sheet 4 of 23;
- 5. Easement Plan, Sheet 5 of 23;
- 6. Record Plan, Sheet 6 of 23;
- 7. Fire Truck Turn Plan, Sheet 7 of 23;
- 8. Garbage Truck Turn Plan, Sheet 8 of 23;
- 9. Grading and Drainage Plan, Sheet 9 of 23;
- 10. Utility Plan, Sheet 10 of 23;
- 11. Landscape Plan, Sheet 11 of 23;
- 12. Shared Private Driveway & Driveway Profiles, Sheet 12 of 23;
- 13. Stormwater Plan and Profile, Sheet 13 of 23;
- 14. Water System Plan and Profile, Sheet 14 of 23 (cursory review only);
- 15. Construction Details, Sheet 15 of 20;
- 16. Utility Details, Sheet 16 of 23;
- 17. Stormwater Details, Sheet 17 of 23;
- 18. Erosion and Sedimentation Plan, Sheet 18 of 23 (cursory review only);
- 19. Erosion and Sedimentation Details, Sheet 19 of 23 (cursory review only);
- 20. Erosion and Sedimentation Details 2, Sheet 20 of 23 (cursory review only);
- 21. Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan, Sheet 21 of 23;
- 22. Post Construction Stormwater Management Details, Sheet 22 of 23;
- 23. Post Construction Stormwater Management Details 2, Sheet 23 of 23;
- 24. Erosion and Sediment Control Narrative, revised September, 21, 2023 (cursory review only); and
- 25. Stormwater Management Report, revised September 21, 2023.

The following information was submitted in support of the Application, dated or revised September 21, 2023:

- 1. LVPC Application;
- 2. Waiver/Deferral Request Letter;
- 3. Legal Description for Lutz Property Access Easement with Exhibit;
- 4. Legal Description for Ruhe Access Easement with Exhibit;
- 5. Legal Description for a Temporary Construction Easement with Exhibit;
- 6. Legal Description for Snow Easement with Exhibit;
- 7. Legal Description for Stormwater Easement with Exhibit;
- 8. Legal Description for Water Line Easement;
- 9. Township Engineer Response Letter;
- 10. Parks and Recreation Board Response Letter;
- 11. Fire Marshal/Building Code Official Response Letter;
- 12. Township Community Development Response Letter;
- 13. Geotechnical Engineer Response Letter;
- 14. Township Public Works Response Letter;
- 15. Township Utility Consultant Response Letter;
- 16. Township Solicitor Response Letter;
- 17. Township Shade Tree Commission Response Letter; and
- 18. Transmittal Letter.

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October 9, 2023

Mr. Gregg Adams Planner South Whitehall Township 4444 Walbert Avenue Allentown PA 18104

Re: Robert Ruhe

Land Development #2013-201 Review of Preliminary Plan SSM File 103400.0036

Dear Mr. Adams:

This correspondence is provided as a review of the Preliminary Land Development Plan submitted for the above referenced project revised on 9/20/23. We have the following comments regarding the water and sanitary sewer utilities:

General Comments:

- 1. Provide a statement if any part of the water line is to be dedicated to South Whitehall Township.
- 2. Verify that there is adequate water supply for all dwellings and fire hydrant flow located above 450' elevation.
- 3. Verify adequate chlorine residual at end of 6" waterline. [DEP 109.301 standard As a minimum, a detectable residual disinfectant concentration of 0.20 mg/L measured as total **chlorine**]

Water Comments:

1. Utility Plan Sheet 10 of 23:

- A. Campus water meter and pit is required on 6" water main on Private Street. [Construction Detail SWT-W-8]
- B. Lot 1/ Lot 2 / Lot 3 / Lot 4 curb valves shall be located two feet behind the curb line. [SWT Standard Section B Page B-37 Service Lines]
- C. End of 8" waterline requires a 2" waterline blow-off. [SWT Standard SWT-W-4]
- D. End of 8" waterline requires a Sample Station. [SWT Standard SWT-W-11]
- E. Show waterlines as private or public, as applicable.

Sanitary Sewer Comments:

1. No comment at this time due to on-lot sewer proposed.

Please contact us should you have any questions, or require any additional information regarding our comments.

Sincerely,

Spotts, Stevens and McCoy

Jason M. Newhard, CCM, LO Manger, Construction Mgt. Services

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October 5, 2023

Mr. Gregg Adams, Planner South Whitehall Township 4444 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104-1699 RE: Geotechnical Review of Provided Documents Ruhe Subdivision Major Subdivision #2013-201 South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania Hanover Project SWT20-11(003)

Dear Mr. Adams:

Hanover Engineering (Hanover) has reviewed the information received at our office on September 22, 2023 via electronic submission. Reviewed documents pertaining to the geotechnical aspects of the proposed project at the above-referenced site consisted of the following:

- 1. Response letter referenced as "Ruhe Subdivision (Minor Subdivision)", prepared by Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc. (KCE), dated September 21, 2023.
- 2. Report entitled "Ruhe Subdivision Erosion & Sediment Control Narrative", prepared by KCE, dated February 22, 2021, last revised September 21, 2023.
- 3. Report entitled "Ruhe Subdivision Stormwater Management Report", prepared by KCE, dated February 22, 2021, last revised September 21, 2023.
- 4. Report referenced as "Stormwater Infiltration Report", prepared by Brand Environmental Consulting Services, Inc, dated May 25, 2014, and included as an appendix in the larger report referenced in Item 3.
- 5. Engineering plan set entitled "Ruhe Minor Subdivision Preliminary/Final Plan", Sheets 1 of 23 through 23 of 23 inclusive, prepared by KCE, dated March 5, 2021, last revised September 20, 2023.

Based on our review, it is our understanding that the subject property currently exists as a 4.59-acre single tax parcel containing existing improvements, including a single-family residence, barn, gravel driveway, and concrete sidewalk. The residence is currently served by an individual well and onlot sewage disposal system. We further understand that the property is now proposed to be subdivided into a total of four (4) lots. Lots 2, 3, and 4 are proposed to serve new single-family residential structures. Lot 1 is proposed to contain the existing residence and barn. All lots are proposed to be served by a paved private driveway, public water, and individual onlot sewer (septic systems).

We offer the following review of remaining outstanding comments issued in our letters of April 1, 2020, April 7, 2021, July 27, 2021, and January 14, 2022, repeated below in italics, and any new comments generated by this submission:

A. Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance

No outstanding comments in this section.

- B. Stormwater Management Ordinance:
 - 1. Section 296-12.H: For each proposed regulated activity in the watershed where an applicant intends to use infiltration BMP's, the applicant shall conduct a preliminary site investigation.

Prior Comment b: The report indicates that the single standpipe permeameter test was utilized. The Ordinance stipulates the use of percolation tests. The consultant shall acknowledge this and provide a justification for the test method used.

This comment has not been addressed.

This comment has not been addressed. The testing method now reported is Double-Ring Infiltrometer. The requested justification has not been provided.

This portion of the comment has been adequately addressed.

Prior Comment 5: Section 296-12.J.(2): For infiltration areas that appear feasible based on the preliminary site investigation, the additional site investigation and testing as outlined in Appendix G shall be completed.

Additional testing shall be conducted at the exact location and depth of each proposed infiltration facility in order to satisfy the requirements of this section. The number and type of tests shall be in accordance with the density table in Appendix G. This office shall be notified of the soil testing in order to observe the testing per Paragraph H. All items listed under Required Data and Site Information shall be provided in the report of this investigation.

This comment has not been addressed.

This comment has been partially addressed. New testing has been conducted and reported. The consultant shall provide his opinion of the adequacy of the density and depths of the testing provided to adequately characterize the subsurface conditions at each facility location and to satisfy the requirements of this section.

This comment is not fully addressed. The consultant shall provide an evaluation of the test density provided versus the requirements of the density table in Appendix G. It is noted that this office was not notified of the test schedule.

This portion of the comment has been adequately addressed.

C. General

Prior Comment 5: It has been documented that the adjoining property to the southwest is owned by the City of Allentown and contains a "quarry/reservoir". It appears that this property may be used for public water supply. The City of Allentown shall be made aware of this project and given an opportunity to provide comments relative to the potential impact of the project on their operations at this property.

This comment has not been addressed.

This comment has not been addressed. The response letter states that the City of Allentown will be sent a plan shortly to inform them of the proposed development. The response from the City of Allentown shall be documented.

This comment has not been addressed.

This comment has been adequately addressed.

D. New Comments (April 7, 2021)

Prior Comment 4: This comment has not been adequately addressed. The response letter states that each underground seepage bed will be underlain by eighteen inches (18") of engineered soil with an assumed infiltration rate. The proposed engineered soil thickness is not provided on the detail and the installation is not addressed in the construction sequence or in the table on Plan Sheet 20. The proposed permeability rates cited in the detail do not match the rate assumed in the response letter. The detail notes do not reference the post construction infiltration testing specified in the stormwater report and referenced in the response letter.

This comment has not been adequately addressed. The consultant shall clarify how the infiltration bed bottom elevation correlates with the top and bottom elevations of the engineered fill. The cross-section detail shows "bottom of bed" as being the bottom of the engineered fill layer, but this doesn't agree with the pipe invert elevations. Provide a thickness dimension on the cross-section detail for all layers and provide elevations for the bottom and top of the engineered fill.

This comment has been adequately addressed.

E. New Comments (July 27, 2021)

No outstanding comments from this section.

F. New Comments (January 14, 2022)

1. For Seepage Bed C, the report states that the distribution pipe will be twelve inches (12") in diameter while the data table states fifteen inches (15").

This comment has been adequately addressed.

2. For Seepage Bed D, the report states that the distribution pipe will be fifteen inches (15") in diameter while the data table states twelve inches (12").

This comment has been adequately addressed.

3. For Seepage Bed E, the depth of the seepage bed is omitted.

This comment has been adequately addressed.

4. The consultant shall confirm the appropriateness of the proposed loading ratios.

This comment has been adequately addressed.

5. On the plan view, the test labeled as 1D (2) in Seepage Bed E should be 1C (2).

This comment has been adequately addressed.

- 6. The following issues regarding sewage disposal shall be addressed:
 - a. Soil testing shall be conducted at the locations of the proposed sewage absorption areas. The testing shall be in accordance with Title 25 Chapter 73 of the Pennsylvania Code. The consultant shall coordinate with this office for witnessing of all testing work in our capacity as the Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officers for South Whitehall Township. All soil test results shall be submitted to this office on standard 290 A reporting forms.
 - This comment has been acknowledged and will be considered adequately addressed when the soil testing is conducted with our office scheduled to witness.
 - b. All soil testing shall be clearly depicted and labeled on the engineering plans. The locations of the proposed primary and alternate absorption areas shall be shown on the plans correct as to system type, size, orientation, and required grading according to the soil test results.
 - This comment has been acknowledged and will be considered adequately addressed when the requested plan information is provided following soil testing.
 - c. A Sewage Facilities Planning Module shall be submitted for review by this office and the Department of Environmental Protection.

This comment has been acknowledged and will be considered adequately addressed upon review and acceptance of the Planning Module document by this office and the Department of Environmental Protection.

G. New Comments (October 5, 2023)

1. The specifications contained in the Erosion & Sediment Control Narrative, Sequence of BMP Construction, Item 6E, and in plan notes on Sheet 17 appear to indicate the placement of geotextile on the bottom of each infiltration bed subgrade, below the engineered fill. This

should be indicated clearly on the infiltration bed cross sections by revising the label to read "Wrap all sides <u>and bottom</u> of basin" or by other notes/labeling.

We trust that this is the information that you require. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully,

HANOVER ENGINEERING

Christopher A. Taylor, PG

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cc: Mr. Dave Manhardt, Director of Community Development (via email)

Mr. Herb Bender, Public Works Department Superintendent (via email)

Mr. Anthony Tallarida, PE, The Pidcock Company (via email)

Mr. Mark Gnall, PE, The Pidcock Company (via email)

Mr. Robert H Ruhe

Mr. Alan R. Fornwalt, PE, Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc.



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RE: South Whitehall File #2013-201

Ruhe Subdivision - Revised Plan Submission

Solicitor's Commentary

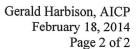
Dear Jerry:

I have reviewed the above-referenced subdivision plan in order to provide you with commentary relative to two legal aspects of the proposal, as identified in the Pidcock's February 11, 2014 review letter. My comments are as follows.

1. Work Involving Lutzs' Property – There are two aspects involved with the Lutzs' property. First, the plan shows connection to public water and public sewer services. Second, the proposed cul-de-sac is located, in part, on the Lutz property.

As the Pidcock notes, the proposed cul-de-sac must be designed to Township road standards, whether public or private. As a result, work will clearly be needed on the Lutzs' property. The applicant should provide evidence of its rights to enter the Lutzs' property to perform work for both the utility instillation and the cul-de-sac. While the plan contains the label of "access easement" for the proposed cul-de-sac, without further detail, this label is insufficient. My recommendation is that a cross easement be provided in recordable form for my office to review. After the easement is approved, it should be recorded immediately after the plan itself and proof of the recording should be provided to the Township. To ensure compliance with this requirement, I would suggest a condition be added to the resolution of approval (when the plan is ultimately presented to the Board) noting that no building permit may be pulled for any lot until the easement is recorded and proof thereof is provided to the Township.

Though purely a private issue, the easement document should include maintenance obligations, snowplowing obligations, etc., for the cul-de-sac to avoid future conflicts in





addition to simply outlining the easement rights provided.

Given the work that will be undertaken on the Lutzs' property, it is my recommendation that Mr. & Mrs. Lutzs' sign the plan itself, as well as the acceptance of conditions form to the resolution. By doing so, they will have affirmatively acknowledged all of the aspects of the plan involving their property.

2. Utility Installation – Roosevelt Street – The applicant is proposing to extend the water and sanitary sewer lines through the unopened portion of Roosevelt Street which is bounded by the lands n/f Steven A. & L. Thompson Streck and Leroy A. and Sally A. Martin. As it appears that Roosevelt Street was originally laid out in 1925, the applicant must provide evidence of its authority to install the utilities within the unopened portion of Roosevelt Street and dedicate the necessary utility easements to the Township and/or Authority, as applicable. If acceptable evidence of the applicant's rights cannot be provided, alternate arrangements will be required for these utilities.

Should you have any questions prior to Thursday's Planning Commission meeting, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

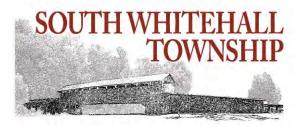
Allentown, PA 18104

Very truly yours,

Chrestophi M. Meheor Christopher M. McLean

CMM:rmc

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Robert H. Ruhe (via First Class Mail) - 1558 North Muhlenberg St.



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Manhardt, director of Community Development

FROM: HERB BENDER, PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2023
SUBJECT: RUHE SUBDIVISION
MINOR PLAN 2013-201

The Public Works Dept. reviewed the above project and has the following comments:

- 1. The extension of the water main on Huckelberry Rd is to be 12' DIP.
- 2. Sample station shall be after the last service on the 6" main.
- 3. Due to public water line being extended to the frontage of 2436, our ord. states they would need to connect to public water. If they choose not to connect, they will still be required to pay connection fees as well as a quarterly minimum.
- 4. Please make sure the flow at the hydrant meets standards.
- 5. All standards must be SWT.
- 6. All storm BMP's to remain private.
- 7. A will serve letter is required.
- 8. A half mill and overlay is required for Huckelberry Rd.

SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

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October 12, 2023

Mr. Robert H. Ruhe 1558 North Muhlenberg Street Allentown, PA 18104

RE: ROBERT RUHE

MINOR SUBDIVISION #2013-201

REQUEST FOR MAJOR PLAN REVIEW

Dear Mr. Ruhe:

The purpose of this letter is to report zoning and non-engineering related comments that are to be addressed. My comments follow:

Zoning

1. The comments of the Zoning Officer will appear under a separate memorandum.

Fire Marshal/Public Safety Commission

1. The Public Safety Commission reviewed the plan at their October 2, 2023 meeting. They made no recommendations to the plan.

Landscape and Shade Tree Commission

1. The Commission recommended that the applicant verify the current Township Clear Sight Triangle requirements and that the Red Maples be replaced with a species resistant to Verticillium Wilt.

Open Space and Recreation

1. The Parks and Recreation Board recommended that the developer pay fees in lieu of common open space land dedication to meet the open space and recreation requirements of Section 11.34(e)(4) of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. For residential developments, the amount of fees to be paid in lieu of common open space land dedication in residential subdivision or land development shall be \$2,500.00 per dwelling





unit, based upon the maximum number of new dwelling units that would be permitted to be constructed on the lots of the subdivision or land development after the plan is approved. As the maximum number of new dwelling units that would be permitted is 3, the fee to be charged is \$7,500.00 (3 x \$2,500.00).

Water & Sewer

- 1. The applicant is to request allocations for water and sewer from the South Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners. Please be aware that the Board of Commissioners now charges both allocation fees and tapping (connection) fees. The applicant must address all water and sewer service issues, and obtain all approvals deemed necessary by the South Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners. You are advised to contact the Township Water and Sewer Manager, as soon as practicable, to learn of, or confirm any or all of:
 - a. The amount of any water *allocation fees*. The application is available on the Township website. The fee for the allocation(s) will be due with the submission of the application;
 - b. The amount of any water *connection fees*. The fees are due at or before the building permit is to be issued. Application is also available on the Township website;
- 2. The applicant is to contact the PA Department of Environmental Protection to determine what Sewage Facility Planning requirements are to be met for this development.
- 3. All fire flows for minor subdivisions shall be determined by the Board of Commissioners based on a recommendation by the Public Safety Commission, in accordance with Section 11.35(b) of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Legal and Policy

- 1. Township policy with regard to the deferral of sidewalk and curbing has changed and deferrals shall no longer be granted. The applicant should be prepared to discuss compliance with SALDO Section 11.32(c)(2)(A).
- 2. The Township Solicitor and Township Engineer may want to comment upon the legal requirements of the MS4 program with regard to any private stormwater management facilities.
- 3. Signature Blocks and Certifications to appear on each plan sheet to be recorded.



Waiver and Deferral Commentary

- 1. Waiver of SALDO Section 11.32(b)(1) Curbing along Cul-de-sac Staff defers to the Public Safety Commission with regard to the cul-de-sac standards waiver request.
- 2. Waiver of SALDO Section 11.32(c)(1)(A) Sidewalk along Cul-de-sac Staff defers to the Public Safety Commission with regard to the cul-de-sac standards waiver request.
- 3. Waiver of SALDO Section 11.32(a)(2)(C) Cul-de-sac dimensions Staff defers to the Public Safety Commission with regard to the cul-de-sac standards waiver request.
- 4. Waiver of SALDO Section 11.33(c)(1) Private Street Width for Cul-de-sac Staff defers to the Public Safety Commission with regard to the cul-de-sac standards waiver request.
- 5. Waiver of SALDO Section 11.33(d)(1)(A) Shoulder Grading along Cul-de-sac Staff defers to the Public Safety Commission with regard to the cul-de-sac standards waiver request.
- 6. Waiver of SALDO Section 11.32(a)(3)(E)(ii) Offset of Intersecting Streets Staff defers to the Township Engineer and Public Safety Commission with regard to the offset of street intersections standards waiver request.
- 7. Waiver of Section 11.33(b)(1) Cartway Width Requirements Huckleberry Road Lots 3 and 4 As the frontage is east of the driveway, staff has no objections to a deferral of the improvements, in part or in total, if supported by the Township Engineer.
- 8. Waiver of Section 11.33(b)(1) Cartway Width Requirements Huckleberry Road Lots 1 and 2 With the road widening of Huckleberry Road being proposed by the Ridge Farm subdivision on the adjoining tract to the west, staff opines that it would be reasonable to require the right-of-way improvements along the frontage of the subject tract.
- 9. Waiver of SALDO Section 11.32(b)(1) Sidewalks along Huckleberry Road Lots 1 and 2 With the road widening of Huckleberry Road being proposed by the Ridge Farm subdivision on the adjoining tract to the west, staff opines that it would be reasonable to require the right-of-way improvements along the frontage of the subject tract. Staff may consider a deferral of the location only to address geometry along the right-of-way if a deviation from the Township standards for the sidewalk is preferred by Planning Commission.
- 10. Waiver from SALDO Section 11.33(d)(1)(A) Shoulder Grading of Huckleberry Road Staff defers to the Township Engineer.
- 11. Deferral of SALDO Section 11.32(b)(1) Sidewalks along Huckleberry Road Lots 3 and 4 As the frontage is east of the driveway, staff has no objections to a deferral of the improvements, in part or in total, if supported by the Township Engineer.



12. Deferral of SALDO Section 11.32(b)(1) Curbs along Huckleberry Road Lots 3 and 4 – Staff defers to the Township Engineer.

Official Map & Comprehensive Plan

- 1. The Official Map shows the subject parcel underlain with karst geology.
- 2. The Comprehensive Plan envisions a T4 Character Area, which includes 5,000 to 10,000 square foot lots, residential development with neighborhood services, Traditional Neighborhood Development, existing villages, a mix of lot and house sizes, small-scale commercial (less than 40,000 square feet in residential mixed-use), and live/work units.

Your plan is scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Commission on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Gregg R. Adams

Planner, Community Development Department

cc: T. Petrucci H. Bender D. Manhardt L. Harrier S. Pidcock A. Tallarida J. Zator, Esq. J. Alderfer, Esq. A. Fornwalt, KCE Sub. File #2013-201

Gregg R. Adams

From: John G. Frantz

Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 11:03 AM

To: Gregg R. Adams

Subject: Ruhe Subdivision 2013-201

Gregg,

The PSC had no recommendations to the plan.

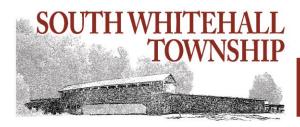
John G. Frantz, CFEI, BCO

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MEMORANDUM

Planning Commission To: Gregg Adams, Planner FROM: October 12, 2023 DATE:

SUBJECT: Landscaping Plan Review

Robert Ruhe

Minor Plan 2013-201

Plan dated September 20, 2023

Landscape and Shade Tree Commission, D. Manhardt, J. Alderfer, **COPIES:**

S. Pidcock, Applicant

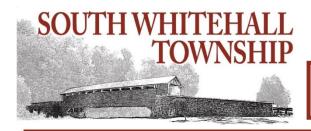
At their September 25, 2023 meeting, the Landscape and Shade Tree Commission reviewed the above-mentioned plan and recommended the following:

The Commission recommended that the applicant verify the current Township Clear Sight Triangle requirements and that the Red Maples be replaced with a species resistant to Verticillium Wilt.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Adams, Planner

Community Development Department



MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission **From:** Gregg Adams, Planner

DATE: May 12, 2020

Subject: Subdivision Plan Review

Ruhe Subdivision Minor Plan 2013-201

Plan Dated March 21, 2015 (last revised March 19, 2020)

COPIES: Parks and Recreation Board, R. Bickel, R. Cope, M. Kukitz, G. Kinney,

J. Alderfer, S. Pidcock, Applicant

At their May 11, 2020 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Board recommended that the developer pay fees in lieu of common open space land dedication to meet the open space and recreation requirements of Section 11.34(e)(4)(G) of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (effective date December 15, 2010). For residential developments, the amount of fees to be paid in lieu of common open space land dedication shall be \$2,500.00 per dwelling unit, based upon the maximum number of new dwelling units that would be permitted to be constructed on the lots of the subdivision or land development after the plan is approved. As the maximum number of new dwelling units that would be permitted is 3, the fee to be charged is \$7,500.00 (3 x \$2,500.00).

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Adams, Planner

Community Development Department

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES JULY 15, 2021

The Regular Session of the South Whitehall Township Planning Commission was held on the above date in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Members in attendance:

William H. MacNair, Chairman Brian Hite, Vice-Chairman Diane E. Kelly Matthew Mulqueen

Staff members in attendance:

Gregg Adams, Planner
David Manhardt, Director of Community Development
Anthony Tallarida, Assistant Township Engineer
Jennifer Alderfer, Assistant Township Solicitor

B. ROBERT RUHE MINOR PLAN 2013-201 REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY PLAN REVIEW

Chairman MacNair polled the audience for interested parties other than the developer regarding the application to further develop the property located at 2442 Huckleberry Road. The following individuals indicated interest:

Scott Alden 2425 Dawes Street

At the request of Chairman MacNair, Mr. Adams read the Community Development Department's recommendation into the record. The Department recommended that the Planning Commission take the plan under advisement to afford the applicant the time necessary to address the reviewing agencies' comments, contingent upon the applicant submitting a Waiver from the Time Limitation to Review the Plan.

Engineer Alan Fornwalt accompanied Mr. Robert Ruhe to present the plan and answer questions. He stated that the plan had been tabled in April. He noted that the revised plan included frontage improvements requested at the April meeting, as well as refinements in the stormwater management system. He stated that he had looked at the possibility of dedicating underground utilities to the Township. He stated that he looked at the road frontages separately, noting that the plan proposes a half-width of

eighteen feet from the western property line to most of the way to the driveway, tapering to the existing width at the driveway. He noted the proposed sidewalk, curbing and street trees. He stated that, with regard to the eastern frontage, the plan proposes some grading to allow room for a sidewalk and some road widening, but he noted that there is nothing for the sidewalk to connect to. He stated that the site topography makes it difficult to capture stormwater. He noted that the inlet between the sidewalk and curb along the western frontage is designed to capture the water coming off the property and transport it to an infiltration bed. He noted that the plan proposes access to public water and sewer along the south side of Roosevelt Street. He stated that they met with representatives of the Public Works Department and they are okay with the design of the sewer connection and the dedication of the connection to the Township. He stated that they are concerned with the water connection, noting that a private connection would be fine as shown but a public connection would have to be looped out to the main at Huckleberry Road.

Mr. Mulqueen inquired as to whether the applicant preferred the connection to be public or private.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that the applicant would prefer the connection to be public.

Solicitor Alderfer stated that there are issues to work out with the Roosevelt Street property owners and that more conversations are required, including discussions of easements and possible litigation.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that the aforementioned conversations are ongoing. He pointed out that the crosswalk across the driveway ends at the steep bank on the Lutz property. He stated that the signature block on the plan for the Lutz's is only for the proposed driveway improvements and the slight amount of grading required for those improvements. He stated that he can address the sequencing question.

Mr. Mulqueen inquired as to whether the driveway constitutes a cul-de-sac and whether it is proposed to be public or private.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that the driveway is a cul-de-sac and will be private. He stated that curbs are to be provided along the western side for stormwater management. He noted that, given the existing buildings, there is no room for sidewalks, that it is to be a private street with low vehicle speeds, and that pedestrian traffic should be safe walking on the driveway itself.

Mr. Mulqueen inquired as to whether the cul-de-sac bulb is sufficient for a vehicle, such as a garbage truck, fire truck or delivery van, to turn around.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that he was provided a turning template by the Township and the turning moves worked in the present design. He stated that he needs to revise the design for new equipment turning templates recently provided.

- Mr. Mulqueen inquired as to trash pick-up.
- Mr. Ruhe stated that he prefers pick-up on Huckleberry Road.

Mr. Hite stated that four homes could generate over twenty trash containers to be placed on Huckleberry Road. He noted that it takes time to actually pick up the trash, which could become a traffic issue. He stated that the plan should take the worst-case scenario into account.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that he will show the turn-around.

Mrs. Kelly stated that the hauler wants a three-foot separation of the cans. She inquired as to whether the cul-de-sac is a private driveway or private street.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that it is a private street.

Chairman MacNair inquired as to whether the design meets Township standards.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that he will show that the design meets the turning templates.

Mr. Adams stated that the design as proposed does not meet Township private street standards but the applicant is requesting waivers.

Mr. Scott Alden of 2425 Dawes Street inquired as to the proposed Roosevelt Street utility connections.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that there are existing utilities along Roosevelt street, including water, sewer, electric and cable. He stated that the water and sewer are along the west side of Roosevelt Street. He stated that there have been discussions with Public Works Department regarding the looping of the water line to the main in Huckleberry Road.

Mr. Alden noted that there are no drains proposed in case of water main leak.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that the proposed main would be a new pipe and that there are storm drains on Dawes at Roosevelt Street.

Mr. Manhardt inquired as to whether the connection would be maintained by the Township.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that the Public Works Department is fine with maintaining the connection so long as it is looped to connect to the main in Huckleberry Road.

PWD Manager Herb Bender stated that a public connection would have to be looped and that he is intending to protect the Township now and in the distant future.

Mr. Hite stated his concern that future owners may build on the easements and cause repair difficulties.

Solicitor Alderfer noted that the legal complexities with the Roosevelt Street connections and the loop to the main in Huckleberry road would remain.

Manager Bender stated that the Roosevelt Street connection would be required, as PA DEP is looking to remove dead-ends in municipal water systems.

Engineer Fornwalt showed the path of the proposed loop.

Mr. Tallarida stated his preference for some improvements or right-of-way along the Lutz frontage.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that Mr. Ruhe is dedicating right-of-way and proposing road widening, curbing, sidewalks and street trees along the western frontage.

Mr. Tallarida noted that the improvements proposed along the western frontage are close to the Township standards.

Mr. Adams stated that the Planning Commission typically requires that the improvements be shown on the plan and then they consider deferral requests.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that he could show conceptual improvements on the plan.

Mr. Tallarida requested that the applicant show potential stormwater improvements and any easements they require.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that he could comply.

Mr. Hite made a motion to take the plan under advisement to afford the developer the time necessary to address the reviewing agencies' comments.

Mrs. Kelly seconded and the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

ADOPTED THIS DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES APRIL 15, 2021

The Regular Session of the South Whitehall Township Planning Commission was held on the above date in a virtual meeting held on GoToMeeting.com.

Members in attendance:

William H. MacNair, Chairman Brian Hite, Vice-Chairman Diane E. Kelly Matthew Mulqueen David Wilson

Staff members in attendance:

Gregg Adams, Planner
Laura Harrier, Zoning Officer
David Manhardt, Director of Community Development
Anthony Tallarida, Assistant Township Engineer
Jennifer Alderfer, Assistant Township Solicitor

B. ROBERT RUHE SUBDIVISION MINOR PLAN 2013-201 REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW

Chairman MacNair polled the audience for interested parties other than the developer regarding the application to subdivide the property located at 2442 Huckleberry Road. The following individuals indicated interest:

Scott Aldun 2425 Dawes Street

John Lutz 2436 Huckleberry Road

Lee Solt 3731 Manchester Road

At the request of Chairman MacNair, Mr. Adams read the Community Development Department's recommendation into the record. The Department recommended that the Planning Commission take the plan under advisement to afford the applicant the time necessary to address the reviewing agencies' comments, contingent upon the applicant submitting a Waiver from the Time Limitation to Review the Plan.

Engineer Alan Fornwalt accompanied Jason and Cindy Smith and Robert Ruhe to present the plan and answer questions. Engineer Fornwalt reviewed the history of the project. He noted the prior waiver of the profile of the slope of the driveway. He noted that the slope has been revised and now meets the SALDO requirements. He stated

that Lot 2 will be the owner of the cul-de-sac and there will be access easements and maintenance agreements in place with the other lots. He noted that the lots were previously proposed to be on-lot septic but are now proposed to be on public water and sewer. He noted that the public water and sewer will preserve many of the trees that would have to be removed to accommodate on-lot septic systems. He noted that additional testing would have to be done to simplify the stormwater management designs. He stated that he wanted to review the waiver and deferral requests.

Mr. Wilson inquired as to whether the owner of the Lutz property would need to approve the plan, as the driveway would be coordinated with that property.

Engineer Fornwalt noted that the driveway is proposed to be split between the two properties and believes that the owner of the Lutz property has signed an agreement approving the plan.

Mr. Hite inquired as to the potential widening of Huckleberry Road. He noted that the Ridge Farm project will result in Huckleberry Road being widened and improved to Township standards to the western property line.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that the Ruhes do not own the Lutz property, which would create a gap in the right-of-way improvements. He stated that Huckleberry Road is currently at a 16.5 foot half-width. He noted that SALDO requires a 20-foot half-width with grading, curbing, sidewalks and street trees. He noted that the full improvements won't fit in front of the Lutz property. He stated that the applicant is open to some improvements, especially to the west of the driveway.

Mr. Hite opined that improvements west of the driveway would be acceptable. He inquired as to whether there are sidewalks proposed along the cul-de-sac.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that there were no sidewalks proposed along the culde-sac. He noted that there are space restraints due to the location of the existing buildings and parking areas. He inquired as to relief from the right-of-way standards along Huckleberry Road.

Mr. Adams suggested that the applicant's team work with the Township Engineer to develop a design and submit it for review.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that he's received good feedback so far and inquired as to whether the improvements to the east of the Lutz property could be waived.

Chairman MacNair suggested a deferral for the improvements not constructed. He stated that the applicant should show the improvements on the plan and then the Planning Commission will decide on what will be deferred.

Engineer Fornwalt inquired as to the Planning Commission's direction with regard to the waiver request for Section 11.14 regarding the requirement for a preliminary plan submission.

The consensus of the Planning Commission was that the request was reasonable.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that, with regard to the request to waive SALDO Section 11.32(a)(2)(C) regarding right-of-way and curb radii, he would put together a turning template graphic for the cul-de-sac.

Mr. Robert Ruhe pointed out that trash collection would be at the curb on Huckleberry.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that, with regard to the request to waive SALDO Section 11.32(a)(3)(E)(ii), he noted that the proposed driveway is at the location of the existing driveway and is proposed to be right-in/right-out only. He stated that he will work on the design and return to the Planning Commission for further review.

Mr. Hite inquired as to the extent of items covered by the cross-easements.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that the Ruhes' attorney will work with the Township Solicitor's office to bind all 4 properties with all applicable issues.

Mr. Lee Solt of 3731 Manchester Road inquired as to whether the Township had any plans to widen Huckleberry Road to Township standards to Whitehall Avenue.

Mr. Wilson stated that that the Township can only require improvements along the frontage of the property in question.

Mr. John Lutz of 2436 Huckleberry Road inquired s to whether the hump in Huckleberry Road along the frontage of the property will be removed.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that the applicant has no plans to re-profile Huckleberry Road, but that he can look at the issue.

Mr. Hite suggested that the issues be examined as the project moves forward.

Mr. Scott Aldun of 2425 Dawes Street stated that he resides next to the unopened portion of Roosevelt Avenue and inquired as to who would be responsible for damages if the water main breaks and his house is flooded.

Engineer Fornwalt reviewed the proposed utility design and noted that the proposed work to the Ruhe property is proposed to be owned and maintained by the Township within an easement provided by the applicant.

Solicitor Alderfer inquired as to whether the applicant has the authority to place the lines where proposed.

Mr. Aldun stated that he is evaluating his options with regard to granting the easement to the applicant.

Mr. Wilson inquired as to whether public water will be provided by South Whitehall or by LCA.

Mr. Hite suggested that the water in the area is mostly South Whitehall.

Engineer Fornwalt stated that he would grant the waiver to the time limitation to review the plan.

Mrs. Kelly made a motion to take the plan under advisement to afford the applicant the time necessary to address the reviewing agencies' comments.

Mr. Mulqueen seconded and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Secretary	Chairman	
ATTEST:		
ADOPTED THIS DATE: June 17, 2021		

The Regular Session of the South Whitehall Township Planning Commission was held on the above date in a virtual meeting held on GoToMeeting.com.

Members in attendance:

William H. MacNair, Chairman Brian Hite, Vice-Chairman Alan Tope, Secretary David Dunbar Diane E. Kelly Matthew Mulqueen David Wilson

Staff members in attendance:

Gregg Adams, Planner
Dave Manhardt, Long Range Planner
Anthony Tallarida, Assistant Township Engineer
Jennifer Alderfer, Assistant Township Solicitor
David Tettemer, Alternate Township Engineer (for 2020-105)

A. RUHE SUBDIVISION MINOR PLAN 2013-201 WAIVER FROM TIME LIMITATION TO REVIEW THE PLAN

Chairman MacNair polled the audience for interested parties other than the developer regarding the application to subdivide the property located at 2442 Huckleberry Road. There was no response.

At the request of Chairman MacNair, Mr. Adams read the Community Development Department's memorandum.

Engineer Alan Fornwalt of Keystone Consulting Engineers accompanied Robert Ruhe to review the status of the project. Mr. Ruhe stated that the latest Waiver from the Time Limitation to Review the Plan will expire in January. He stated that he has hired Keystone Consulting Engineers to complete the plan and is planning on submitting a revised plan for the February 2021 Planning Commission meeting.

The consensus of the Planning Commission was to accept the latest Waiver and that no further action was warranted at this time.

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

JULY 21, 2016

The Regular Session of the South Whitehall Township Planning Commission was held on the above date in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Members in attendance:

Alan Tope, Chairman
William H. MacNair, Vice-Chairman
Brian Hite, Secretary
Robert H. Bielecki
David Dunbar
Vincent Quinn

Staff members in attendance:

Gregg Adams, Planner Keith Zehner, Zoning Officer Brian Harman, Assistant Township Engineer Chris McLean, Assistant Township Solicitor

A. Robert Ruhe

Minor Subdivision #2013-201

Request For Major Subdivision Preliminary/Final Plan review

Chairman Tope polled the audience for interested parties other than the developer regarding the application to subdivide the property located at 2442 Huckleberry Road. The following individual indicated interest:

Leslie Strack 2417 Euclid Street

At the request of Chairman Tope, Mr. Adams read the Community Development Department's recommendation into the record. The Department recommended that the Planning Commission take the plan under advisement to afford the developer time to address the reviewing agencies' comments.

Engineer Bernard Telatovich and Surveyor Joseph Gruver were present to present the plan. Engineer Telatovich stated that there were a number of issues to be resolved, including the driveway, water and sewer utilities and stormwater management. He stated that he wanted direction on the driveway configuration, as all other issues would be irrelevant if the driveway design was not acceptable. He stated that the applicant had met with the Public Safety Commission since the last Planning Commission review and presented a 20-foot wide paved right-out only driveway. He requested that the Planning Commission offer a decision on the acceptability of the driveway design.

Mr. Adams stated that the applicant met with the Public Safety Commission in 2015 and received their comments. He stated that the applicant revised the plan and resubmitted it to the Public Safety Commission in 2016, at which time the Public Safety Commission found it acceptable.

Mr. MacNair stated his concern with the future disposition of the driveway and suggested that it should be designed to meet Township standards should the Township have to take it over.

Engineer Telatovich stated that the applicant needs to know what standard the Township will accept in order to move the plan forward.

Chairman Tope inquired as to the next hurdle the plan faces should the driveway issue be favorably resolved.

Engineer Telatovich replied that the utilities would be the next hurdle. He inquired as to other reduced size cul-de-sacs in the Township.

Mr. Adams stated that he was unsure of any existing cul-de-sacs of reduced size, but mentioned the private roads in the Hills at Winchester plan that are proposed with 28-foot cartways and 40-foot rights—of-way, some with cul-de-sacs. Mr. Harmon stated that 20-foot cartways are at the low end of acceptability for public streets and mentioned his concern with stormwater containment.

Engineer Telatovich mentioned the proposed rolled macadam curbs.

Mr. Harmon stated that such curbs would work to contain stormwater.

Chairman Tope inquired as to where the stormwater would go.

Engineer Telatovich stated that the stormwater would flow to Huckleberry Road and then to the south.

Mr. MacNair inquired as to whether the development would generate more stormwater.

Engineer Telatovich stated that the State required significantly reduced discharge rates.

Chairman Tope inquired as to who would maintain the driveway.

Engineer Telatovich stated that the Ruhes would be responsible.

Chairman Tope inquired as to the Township standards.

Mr. Adams stated that a Local Street requires a 36-foot cartway and 60-foot right-of-way.

Chairman Tope inquired as to the proposed length of the shared driveway.

Surveyor Gruver stated 220 feet.

Mr. MacNair stated his concerns for the private driveway and the potential to become a public street in the future.

Mr. Harmon stated that it should be posted "No Parking" along both sides of the driveway.

Mr. MacNair stated that the length of the proposed driveway would not qualify for Liquid Fuels tax reimbursement.

Mr. Adams inquired as to the impact if the SWT Authority required the utilities be placed within a public street.

Engineer Telatovich stated that such a requirement would change the concept of the entire plan and would be a challenge to overcome.

Solicitor McLean inquired as to how the proposed infrastructure will be maintained in the future.

Engineer Telatovich stated that the property owners would be responsible and all required legal agreements will have to be executed.

Solicitor McLean stated that the applicant should be prepared to show the Board of Commissioners a plan to pay for the future maintenance of the infrastructure.

Mr. Dunbar inquired as to whether a 36-foot cartway is achievable.

Engineer Telatovich stated that the proposed 20-foot cartway is as wide as can be designed.

Mr. MacNair suggested that the driveway be moved west.

Surveyor Gruver stated that such a move would complicate the plan. He stated that the proposed plan is the best of all options.

Mr. Bielecki opined that if the applicant cannot achieve the Township standards and the Public Safety Commission considers the driveway adequate, the Planning Commission should recommend approval for the driveway.

Mrs. Leslie Strack of 2417 Euclid Street inquired as to whether Euclid Street would be used during construction.

Engineer Telatovich stated that there is no intention to do so and that all proposed improvements could be accessed via Huckleberry Road.

Solicitor McLean opined that an official recommendation would not be appropriate and that an informal poll of the Planning Commission members may be the best option.

Mr. Bielecki stated that he is in general agreement with the plan for the driveway layout as presented and, if no other Planning Commission member objects, then the matter should be closed.

There was no further comment.

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

The Regular Session of the South Whitehall Township Planning Commission was held on the above date in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Members in attendance:

Alan Tope, Chairman
William H. MacNair, Vice-Chairman
Brian Hite, Secretary
Robert H. Bielecki
David Dunbar
Vincent Quinn

Staff members in attendance:

Gregg Adams, Planner Brian Harman, Assistant Township Engineer Chris McLean, Assistant Township Solicitor

A. ROBERT RUHE MINOR SUBDIVISION #2013-201 REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW

Chairman Tope polled the audience for interested parties other than the developer regarding the application to subdivide the property located at 2442 Huckleberry Road. The following individuals indicated interest:

Steve and Leslie Strack 2417 Euclid Street

At the request of Chairman Tope, Mr. Adams read the Community Development Department's recommendation into the record. The Department recommended that the Planning Commission take the plan under advisement to afford the developer time to address the reviewing agencies' comments.

Engineer Bernie Teletovich and Surveyor Joe Gruber accompanied Robert, William and Sandy Ruhe to present the plan and answer questions. Engineer Teletovich stated that the applicant needs a number of questions answered before he would be able to move forward with the final design of the project. He noted that the Township Engineer's list of anticipated waiver requests would be acceptable. He stated that the plan proposes expanding the existing driveway width to twenty feet, with the first forty feet of the driveway to be asphalt and the remainder to be gravel. He opined that emergency equipment could back into the driveway or use the interior driveways to turn around.

Chairman Tope inquired as to the distance from Huckleberry Road to the center of the proposed bulb.

Engineer Teletovich stated that it was approximately 240 feet.

Mr. Bielecki suggested that the 9% grade should be cut down and paved.

Engineer Teletovich stated that he existing grade is to remain so as not to disturb the existing structures nearby. He noted that the driveway is to be maintained as a "Right-Out" only driveway.

Surveyor Gruver stated that Mr. Lutz maintains an existing concrete driveway which would have to be removed to cut down the grade.

Mr. Dunbar noted a concern for emergency services vehicles bottoming out when transitioning from Huckleberry Road to the driveway.

Mr. Gruver stated that the driveway is to be designed at a 1 or 2% slope, and then rounded to a vertical curve to deal with the transition issue. He stated that the last fifty feet of the driveway is to be at 0% grade, but will incorporate a 2-3% cross slope for drainage. He stated that he will review and modify the driveway as appropriate.

Engineer Teletovich pointed out that the driveway is intended to be a private driveway that will provide access for the residents and emergency vehicles only.

Mr. MacNair and Chairman Tope opined that if emergency vehicles are to access the driveway, it should be constructed to Township standards.

Mr. Bielecki inquired as to the reason for paving only the first forty feet of the driveway.

Surveyor Gruver stated that the forty feet would avoid washout conditions.

Mr. Adams noted that the Zoning Ordinance specified fifty feet.

Chairman Tope opined that the driveway should be paved along its entire length.

Engineer Teletovich inquired as to whether the twenty-foot width was acceptable. He inquired as to curbing and sidewalk.

Mr. MacNair opined that curbing should be required only if needed for stormwater management.

Mr. Harmon stated that the twenty-foot driveway does not require standard curbing. He stated that rolled asphalt curbing would be acceptable only if necessary. He noted that curbing is not generally required if there are o stormwater issues.

Engineer Teletovich inquired as to whether the forty-foot radius on the bulb was acceptable. He noted that no Township plowing or garbage collection was anticipated. He stated that he would get input from the Township Engineer and will return with a revised plan.

Mr. Bielecki made a motion to take the plan under advisement.

Mr. Quinn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 20, 2014

The Regular Session of the South Whitehall Township Planning Commission was held on the above date in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Members in attendance:

Alan Tope, Chairman
William H. MacNair, Vice-Chairman
Steven Seyer, Secretary
Robert H. Bielecki
David Dunbar
Brian Hite
Donald Werley

Staff members in attendance:

Gregg Adams, Planner
J. Ralph Russek, Assistant Township Engineer
Chris McLean, Assistant Township Solicitor

A. RUHE SUBDIVISION MINOR SUBDIVISION #2013-201 REQUEST FOR MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW

Chairman Tope polled the audience for interested parties other than the developer regarding the application to subdivide the property located at 2442 Huckleberry Road. The following individuals indicated interest:

Leroy Martin 2435 Dawes Street

At the request of Chairman Tope, Mr. Adams read the Community Development Department's recommendation into the record. The Department recommended that the Planning Commission take the plan under advisement to afford the developer time to address the reviewing agencies' comments.

Engineer Joe Gruver accompanied Robert Ruhe to present the plan and answer questions. Engineer Gruver noted that the Planning Commission had discussed lot access last year and had suggested a cul-de-sac. He stated that the cul-de-sac is now proposed and can be paved. He stated that he will perform infiltration testing once the weather allows. He stated that he believes that stormwater infiltration is feasible. He stated that water and sewer connections are proposed through unopened Roosevelt Street. He stated that extending lines along Huckleberry is cost-prohibitive. He stated that the width of the utility easements can be widened from twenty to thirty feet. He stated that the drafting comments can be addressed. He stated that the proposed driveway overlays the current driveway and that he will approach the adjoining property owner for cross easements. He stated that he will need to approach the property owners along unopened Roosevelt Street for utility easements and that he has no intention of opening Roosevelt Street and will restore it to its existing condition.

Mr. MacNair inquired as to whether the applicant has been to the South Whitehall Township Authority.

Engineer Gruver stated that he wanted Planning Commission comments to determine options.

Mr. Russek suggested that the applicant approach the Board of Authority. He stated that the Township Engineer would review interim stormwater plans if submitted.

Leroy Martin of 2435 Dawes Street inquired as to where the utility connections would be located.

Engineer Gruver stated that they would be emplaced in the grassy area of unopened Roosevelt Street.

- Mr. Hite made a motion to take the plan under advisement.
- Mr. Werley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

MARCH 28, 2013

The Regular Session of the South Whitehall Township Planning Commission was held on the above date in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

Members in attendance:

Alan Tope, Chairman Steven Seyer, Vice-Chairman William H. MacNair, Secretary David Dunbar Brian Hite Donald Werley

Staff members in attendance:

Gregg Adams, Planner
J. Ralph Russek, Assistant Township Engineer
Chris McLean, Assistant Township Solicitor

B. RUHE SUBDIVISION MINOR SUBDIVISION #2013-201 REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL REVIEW

Chairman Tope polled the audience for interested parties other than the developer regarding the application to subdivide the property located at 2442 Huckleberry Road. The following individuals indicated interest:

Scott Alden 2425 Dawes Street Stephen and Leslie Strack 2417 Euclid Street

At the request of Chairman Tope, Mr. Adams read the Community Development Department's recommendation into the record. The Department recommended that the Planning Commission take the plan under advisement to afford the applicant the time necessary to address the reviewing agencies' comments, contingent upon the applicant granting the Township a waiver from the timeframe in which to act upon the plan.

Engineer Bernard Telatovich accompanied Robert and Cindy Ruhe to present the plan and answer questions.

Mr. Robert Ruhe explained that the intent of the subdivision is to provide the four Ruhe children with retirement homes, all served by the existing driveway.

Engineer Telatovich stated that the plan would create a substandard lot. He noted that there are issues with septic fields but could locate them on adjoining lots with easements. He noted that public water and sewer are nearby under Roosevelt Street and near the northwest corner of the original lot.

Chairman Tope pointed out that the Allentown Reservoir is nearby. He inquired as to whether that creates any issues.

Engineer Telatovich stated that he was unaware of any issues but will check.

Mr. Werley inquired as to whether the two existing dwellings use the same driveway.

Engineer Telatovich stated that the plan shows the existing driveway in use by both dwellings. He stated that some of the proposed lots might be able to use Roosevelt Street but was not sure. He stated that proposed Lot 5 could access Huckleberry Road, as there are good sight lines in the area where the driveway could be located.

Mr. MacNair inquired as to whether the existing shared driveway is legally documented.

Engineer Telatovich stated that there may be a legal agreement in place, but was confident that one could be negotiated should one not exist.

- Mr. Ruhe stated that he has been in negotiations with the neighbors and they are amenable to a shared driveway.
 - Mr. Hite stated that the shared driveway should be shown on the plan.
- Mr. Dunbar stated that building envelopes should be shown on the plan to ensure that acceptable houses could be built on the lots. He stated that lot lines shall be perpendicular at their intersection with street rights-of-way.

Engineer Telatovich stated that the lot lines can be turned to be perpendicular.

- Mr. Russek pointed out that the Planning Commission could recommend a waiver from that requirement.
 - Mr. MacNair inquired as to the distance from the lot to Roosevelt Street.

A resident stated that Roosevelt Street is unimproved in the area and approximately 300 feet from the Ruhe property.

Engineer Telatovich inquired as to required right-of-way improvements.

Mr. Dunbar noted that there are a number of trees along Huckleberry Road.

Chairman Tope stated that the sentiment of the Planning Commission has been to require that the right-of-way improvements be shown on the plan, regardless of deferrals or waivers.

Engineer Telatovich stated that he would show the improvements on the plan.

Mr. Stephen Strack of 2417 Euclid Street stated that the north wall of his house is twenty feet from the Ruhe property line and that he would support the shared driveway and oppose a separate driveway to the southern lot, as it would be located along the property line and very near his house.

Engineer Telatovich stated that there are no plans to develop the area along the southern property line and that the flag-lot design was done to meet acreage and frontage requirements. He stated that a deed restriction could be placed on that portion of the lot to prevent such development.

Mr. Strack inquired as to the possible use of the unopened streets in the area.

Engineer Telatovich stated that he had not researched the issue but will be doing so.

Mr. Strack inquired as to the availability of public water in the area.

Engineer Telatovich stated that he must research the issue but believes that a line could be brought up unopened Roosevelt Street.

- Mr. MacNair inquired as to whether Mr. Strack had any concerns with bringing a water or sewer line up Roosevelt Street.
- Mr. Strack stated that he was not knowledgeable of all the potential issues but that he did not want to have to pay for such an improvement.
 - Mr. Werley inquired as to whether Mr. Strack's property was on a well.
- Mr. Strack stated that it had been on a well until 1972, when public water and sewer were constructed.
- Mr. MacNair inquired as to whether Mr. Stack would have an issue with public water and sewer if there were no cost to him.
- Mr. Strack stated that he would have to know the impact the construction would have on his property.
- Mr. Scott Alden of 2425 Dawes Street inquired as to who would be responsible to mitigate any construction disturbances should water or sewer lines be run up unopened Roosevelt Street.

Engineer Telatovich stated that the applicant would be responsible.

Mr. Russek pointed out that a shared driveway is essentially a cul-de-sac and the Township Engineer would look to have it improved as much as possible to Township standards. He stated that he would be in favor of a single connection and the existing driveway would be grandfathered. He stated that the applicant may have to widen and install curbing along Huckleberry Road in the area of the connection. He noted that such improvements my trigger stormwater mitigation and there would have to be agreements for shared access. He recommended outlining the stormwater management on the plan. He recommended that the applicant's engineer send sketches to the Township Engineer's office for interim comments.

Engineer Telatovich stated that he was prepared to do just that.

- Mr. Werley made a motion to take the plan under advisement to afford the developer the time necessary to address the reviewing agencies' comments.
 - Mr. Seyer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.



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CW 20-128

Waiver/Deferral Request Letter

March 5, 2021

Last Revised: September 21, 2023

South Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners 444 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104-1699

Re: Ruhe Minor Subdivision

2442 Huckleberry Road

Preliminary/Final Land Development (4 Lots)

Members:

The following waivers and deferrals are hereby requested from South Whitehall Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for the Ruhe Minor Subdivision:

WAIVERS

PRIVATE STREET (Ordinance Requirement):

1. §11-32(b)(1).: CURBS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STREETS.

A waiver from this requirement is requested for installation of curb along the shared private driveway. Curbing is provided along the western radius of the entrance driveway and along the proposed widening of Huckleberry Road on the western frontage of the property.

2. §11-32(c)(1)(A).: SIDEWALKS SHALL BE REQUIRED WITHIN ALL SUBDIVISIONS.

A waiver from this requirement is requested due to the low traffic volume on the shared private driveway and limited connectivity with existing structures.

3. §11-32(a)(2)(C).: CUL-DE-SAC SHALL HAVE A RIGHT-OF-WAY OF 52-FOOT RADIUS AND A CURB RADIUS OF 40 FEET.

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A waiver of this requirement is requested as the proposed shared driveway cul-de-sac provides a 30-foot edge of pave radius and a 42-foot right-of-way/access easement radius. This is a cul-de-sac on a shared private driveway and not a local road, we therefore request a smaller radius for the proposed cul-de-sac.

4. §11-33(c)(1).: PRIVATE STREET WIDTH.

A waiver from this requirement is requested as dimensional requirements between the existing residential structures prohibits a private street width of 36 feet. A 20-foot cartway is proposed for this shared private driveway.

5. §11-33(d)(1)(A).: GRADING BETWEEN THE CURB AND RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO BE NO GREATER THAN 3/8" VERTICAL PER FOOT HORIZONTAL.

A waiver from this requirement is requested for grading within the easement for the private driveway to be a maximum of 1 foot vertical to 3 feet horizontal. The existing structures do not permit grading to current ordinance.

6. §11-32(a)(3)(E)(ii).: CENTERLINES OF INTERSECTING STREETS. TWO STREETS INTERSECTING A THIRD STREET FROM OPPOSITE SIDES SHALL EITHER INTERSECT WITH A COMMON CENTERLINE, OR THEIR CENTERLINES SHALL BE OFFSET (SEE DIAGRAM) A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF FOUR HUNDRED (400) FEET, IF THE INTERSECTING STREET IS A COLLECTOR STREET.

A waiver of this requirement is requested as the proposed private driveway is to remain at its current location which is 347.59 feet from Joseph Circle.

HUCKLEBERRY ROAD:

7. §11-33(b)(1).: CARTWAY WIDTH REQUIREMENTS. (Across Frontage of Lot 3 & 4)

A waiver from this requirement is requested for width of cartway along Huckleberry Road. The ordinance requires a 40-foot cartway for collector streets. The eastern frontage (Lot 3 and 4) of the property is not contiguous with any roadway widening to the west as there is an outparcel of limited size immediately to the west of lot 4. There is no proposed widening to the existing 24-foot cartway due to safety concerns of a very limited widened roadway with severe grading restrictions at the two adjoining parcels.

8. §11-33(b)(1).: CARTWAY WIDTH REQUIREMENTS. (Across Frontage of Lots 1 and 2)

A waiver from this requirement is requested for width of cartway along Huckleberry Road. The ordinance requires a 40-foot cartway for collector streets. The western frontage (Lots 1 and 2) of the property requires a taper from 20 feet to 16 feet roadway half-width with taper length as coordinated with the Township Engineer due to the existing structure and lot grading of the out-parcel just to the east of the private roadway.

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9. §11-32(b)(1): SIDEWALKS SHALL BE REQUIRED WITH A WIDTH OF 5 FEET ALONG COLLECTOR STREETS AT A LOCATION 1 FOOT INSIDE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE. (Frontage of Lots 1 and 2)

A waiver from the sidewalk width and location is requested. The proposed sidewalk shall be 4 feet wide and located 7 to 8 feet inside the right-of-way line. This is required in order to provide a pedestrian facility due to the existing structures and area topography.

10. §11-33(d)(1)(A).: GRADING BETWEEN THE CURB AND RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO BE NO GREATER THAN 3/8" VERTICAL PER FOOT HORIZONTAL. (All Lots)

A waiver from this requirement is requested for grading within the right-of-way for the Huckleberry Road to be a maximum of 1 foot vertical to 4 feet horizontal due to the existing structures and area topography.

DEFERRALS

11. §11-32(b)(1): SIDEWALKS SHALL BE REQUIRED WITH A WIDTH OF 5 FEET ALONG COLLECTOR STREETS AT A LOCATION 1 FOOT INSIDE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE. (Frontage of Lots 3 & 4)

A deferral from this requirement is requested due to inability to connect a sidewalk to other sidewalk facilities.

12. §11-32(b)(1).: CURBS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STREETS. (Across Frontage of Lots 3 & 4)

A deferral from this requirement is requested for installation of curbs along Huckleberry Road for the eastern frontage (Lot 3 & 4). Since huckleberry road cannot be reasonably widened in this area, a waiver is requested for curb until such time as the roadway would be widened.

Sincerely,

KEYSTONE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.

Alan R. Fornwalt, P.E.