LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT AND CONSOLIDATION PLAN FOR AL-AHAD ISLAMIC CENTER

MINOR PLAN 2023-204

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Memorandum
- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Submission Acceptance Review dated December 15, 2023
- 4. Township Engineer Reviews dated January 4 and February 1, 2024
- 5. Township Water & Sewer Engineer Review dated January 2, 2024
- 6. Public Works Department Review dated January 3, 2024
- 7. Community Development Department Review dated February 1, 2024
- 8. Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Review dated December 14, 2023
- 9. Applicant's Correspondence:
 - A. Project Narrative dated December 7, 2023
 - B. Waiver Request Letter dated January 11, 2024

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: GREGG ADAMS, PLANNER

SUBJECT: LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT AND CONSOLIDATION PLAN FOR

AL-AHAD ISLAMIC CENTER

MINOR PLAN 2023-204

REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW

DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2024

COPIES: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, T. PETRUCCI, D. MANHARDT,

L. HARRIER, J. ZATOR, ESQ., J. ALDERFER, ESQ, A.

TALLARIDA, S. PIDCOCK, APPLICANT, SUB. FILE 2023-204

LOCATION AND INTENT:

An application to consolidate the lots located at 1410 Ridgeview Drive, 1500 Ridgeview Drive, and 1504 Ridgeview Drive. The plan proposes to create a single parcel containing 7.909 acres, two single dwelling units (to be removed) and a place of worship. The property is to be served by public water and public sewer and is zoned R-3 Low Density residential. Jaffer Reachout Foundation is the owner of 1410 and 1504 Ridgeview. Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat of PA is the owner of 1500 Ridgeview Drive. Jaffer Reachout Foundation is the applicant.

PREVIOUS TOWNSHIP CONSIDERATION:

At their February 10, 2021 meeting, the Board of Commissioners, through Resolution 2021-7, approved Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat of Pennsylvania Major Plan 2020-109.

At their June 16, 1999 meeting, the Board of Commissioners, through Resolution 1999-44, granted preliminary/final approval to Major Plan 1999-102 Khoja Ithnasheri Jamaat of Pennsylvania Islamic Center, which proposed the construction of a place of worship on the 4.3-acre property.

The Zoning Hearing Board granted a variance to the number of required parking spaces provided that an area be reserved for an additional 63 parking spaces as a result of its discussion and deliberation of appeal A-16-99.

REVIEWING AGENCIES COMMENTS:

- **A.** <u>Township Engineer</u> The comments of the Township Engineer are contained in Mr. Anthony Tallarida's reviews dated January 4 and February 1, 2024. Mr. Tallarida is recommending engineering approval at this time. His comments pertain to plan detail, frontage improvements, zoning issues, and waiver and deferral requests.
- **B.** Township Water & Sewer Engineer The comments of the Township Water and Sewer Engineer are contained in Mr. Jason Newhard's review dated January 2, 2024. His comments pertain to plan detail and change of water and sewer service.

- C. <u>Public Works Department</u> The comments from the Public Works Department are contained in Manager Herb Bender's review dated January 3, 2024. His comments pertain to plan detail.
- **D.** <u>Public Safety Committee</u> The Public Safety Commission reviewed the plan at its January 8, 2024 meeting and made no comments to the plan.
- **E.** <u>Landscape</u> and <u>Shade</u> <u>Tree</u> <u>Commission</u> The Landscape and Shade Tree Commission is scheduled to review the plan at their February 26, 2024 meeting.
- **F.** <u>Lehigh Valley Planning Commission</u> The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission's comments are contained Ms. Bambi Griffin Rivera's review dated December 14, 2023. She reports that the application is a minor proposal and not a matter of regional concern.
- **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. Community Development Department The Department issued a submission receipt dated December 8, 2023 confirming that the application meets the submission requirements of the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations. The Department's technical review is dated February 1, 2024 and provides comment pertaining to zoning issues, curbing and sidewalk, plan detail, outside agency submission requirements, plan recording requirements, waiver and deferral commentary, and Official Map and Comprehensive Plan consistency.

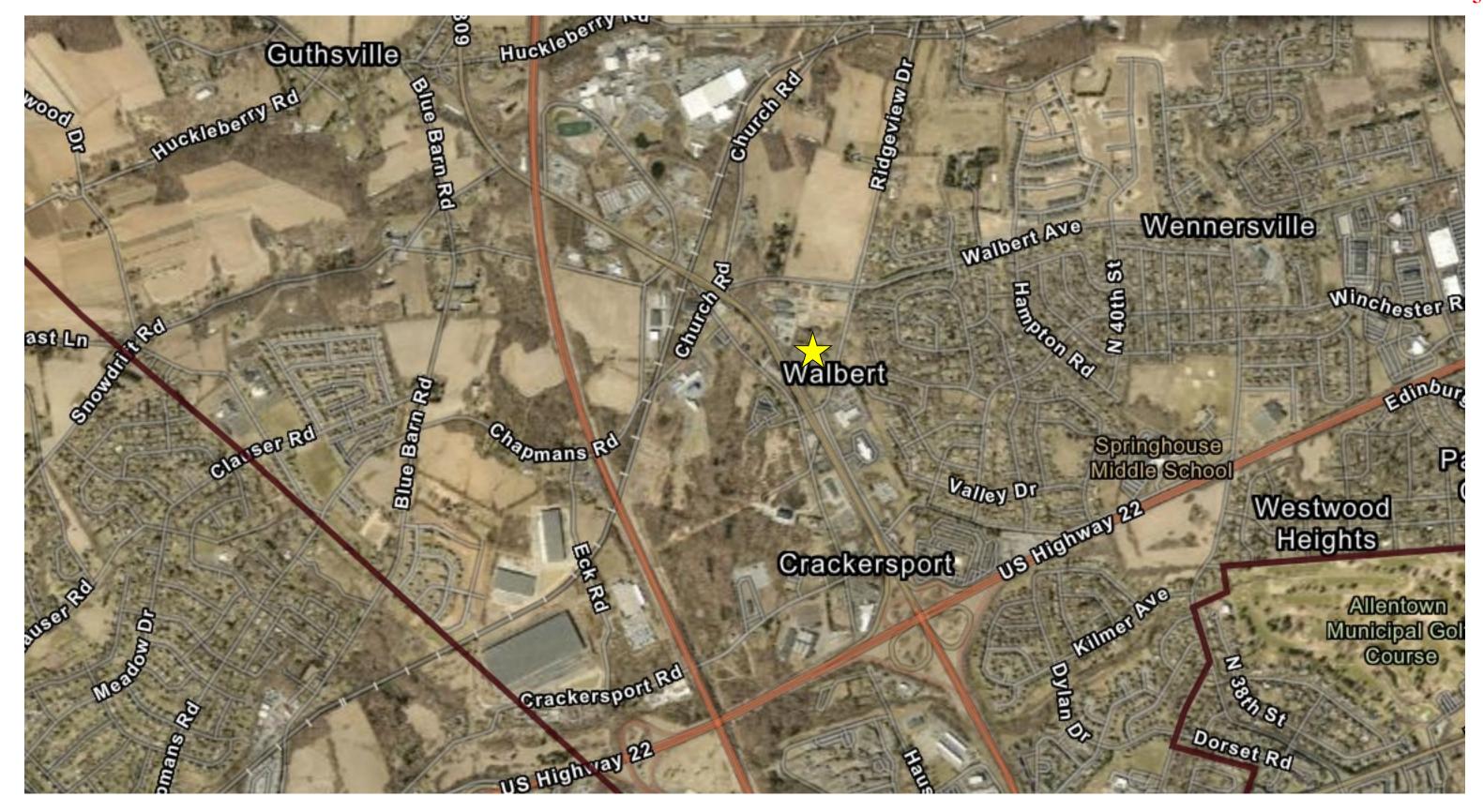
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the Planning Commission recommend preliminary/final plan approval to the Board of Commissioners subject to the applicant complying with the following conditions:

- 1. If deemed to be necessary, the applicant shall execute subdivision improvement, security, maintenance and indemnification agreements acceptable to the Township and its Solicitor, that sufficient security in a form acceptable to the Township be posted, that such security shall be available for draws/presentation no further than 60 miles from the Township's office, and evidence of insurance coverage in an amount satisfactory to the Township in its sole discretion shall be provided prior to the plan being recorded.
- 2. That the applicant address to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer, the comments of Mr. Anthony Tallarida, as contained in his review dated January 4, 2024. The Applicant shall provide to the Community Development Department written confirmation from the appropriate reviewing agency that all applicable comments have been addressed.
- 3. That the applicant address to the satisfaction of the Township Water & Sewer Engineer, the comments of Mr. Jason Newhard, as contained in his review dated January 2, 2024. The Applicant shall provide to the Community Development Department written confirmation from the appropriate reviewing agency that all applicable comments have been addressed.

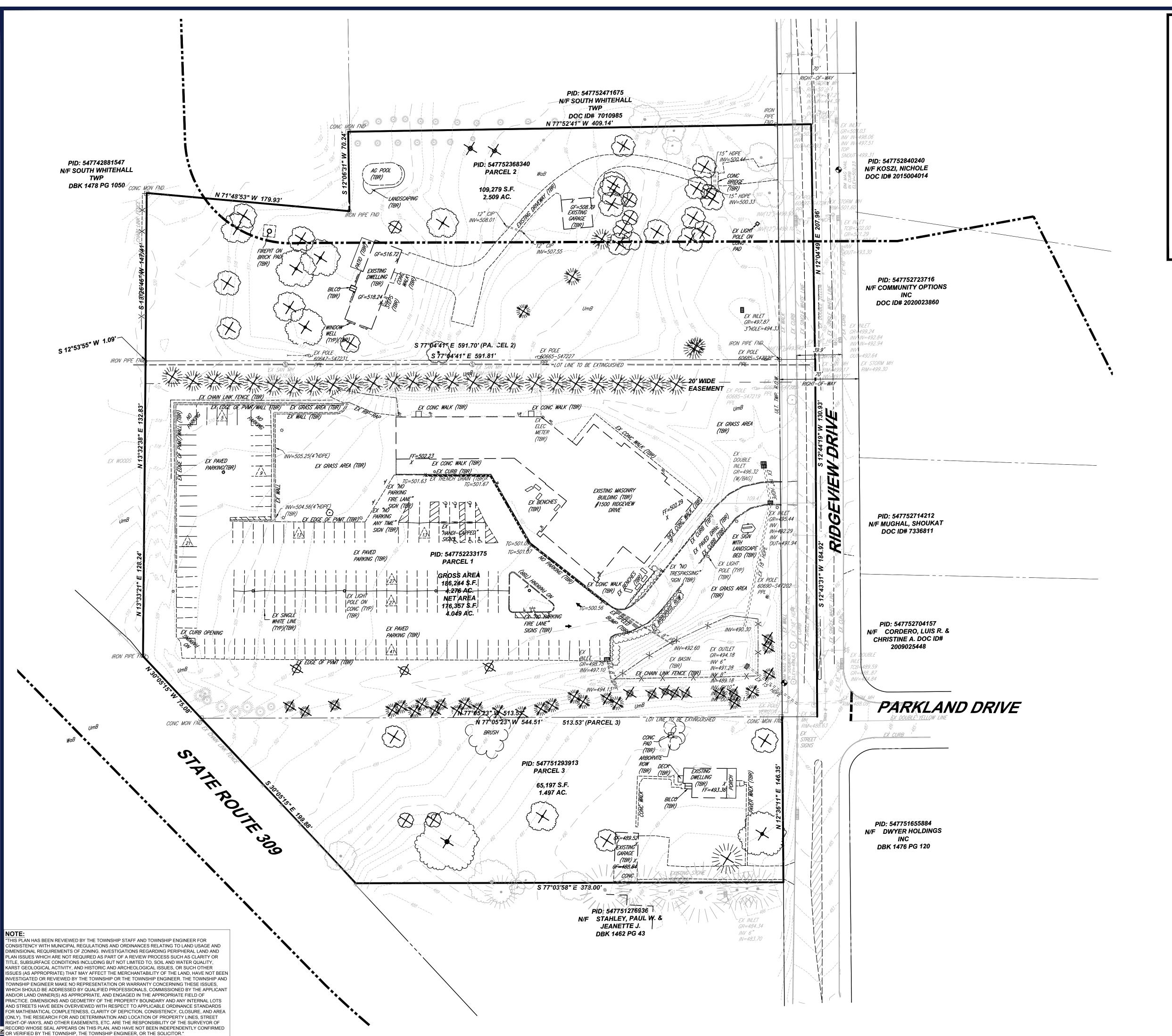
- 4. That the applicant address to the satisfaction of the Community Development Department, the comments of Mr. Gregg Adams, as contained in his review dated January 4, 2024.
- 5. That the applicant address to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department, the comments of Mr. Herb Bender, as contained in his review dated January 3, 2024. The Applicant shall provide to the Community Development Department written confirmation from the appropriate reviewing agency that all applicable comments have been addressed.
- 6. That the applicant complies with the forthcoming recommendation of the Landscape and Shade Tree Commission. The Applicant shall provide to the Community Development Department written confirmation from the appropriate reviewing agency that all applicable comments have been addressed.
- 7. That the applicant addresses all issues and obtains all approvals deemed necessary by the South Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners in so far as matters pertaining to the Township's water and sewer service are concerned. The Applicant shall provide to the Community Development Department written confirmation from the appropriate reviewing agency that all applicable comments have been addressed.
- 8. If deemed to be necessary, the applicant shall dedicate to the Township additional right-of-way along the frontage of Ridgeview Drive at a width acceptable to the Township. The dedication shall occur prior to the plan being recorded. The dedication shall be by Deed of Dedication in a form acceptable to the Township Solicitor, and an Opinion of Record Title shall be prepared by applicant's counsel indicating that the dedication is free and clear of liens and encumbrances that would affect the Township's use of said property. The applicant shall furnish to the Township Solicitor a description for the dedication that has been approved by the Township Engineer, and a copy of the current deed for the property showing current ownership and recording information.
- 9. The Plan may be recorded only after the Township's review and approval of language addressing any such matters that the Township determines to be advisable for inclusion in documentation relating to the condominium association. Such documentation need not be recorded with the Lehigh County Recorder of Deeds prior to plan recording. However, any such condominium association documentation shall be recorded to the satisfaction of the Township prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy (temporary or permanent) for any land development on the consolidated parcels.
- 10. That the applicant coordinates with the Township Engineer's office to have addresses assigned to the plan of record.
- 11. That the applicant reconciles all open invoices for Township engineering and legal services prior to the plan being recorded.
- 12. That the plans are to be revised and deemed to be "clean" prior to them being presented to the Board of Commissioners.

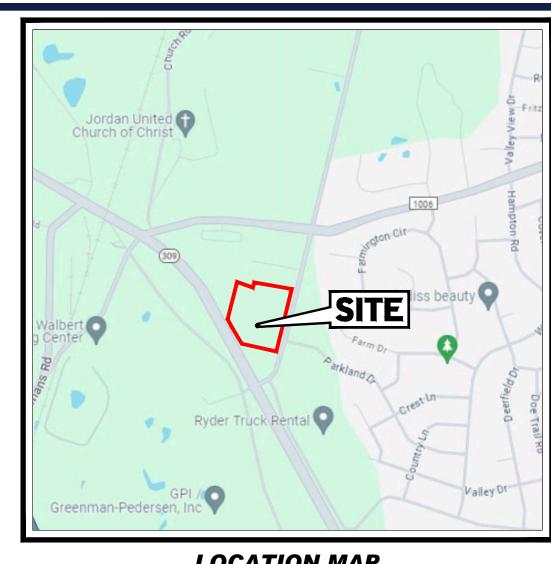
Planning Commission deadline date to act on the plan: Board of Commissioners deadline date to act on the plan: February 19, 2024 March 20, 2024





Lot Line Adjustment and Consolidation Plan for Al-Ahad Islamic Center Minor Plan 2023-204





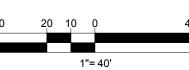
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PROJECT No.: DRAWN BY: CHECKED BY: DATE: CAD I.D.: PAB220167.00-SUBD-04

PROJECT: LOT LINE

ADJUSTMENT AND CONSOLIDATION PLAN

AL-AHAD ISLAMIC CENTER

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

1500 RIDGEVIEW DRIVE SOUTH WHITEHALL TWP. LEHIGH COUNTY ALLENTOWN, PA 18104

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EXISTING CONDITIONS / **DEMOLITION** PLAN

SHEET NUMBER:

S-1

ORG. DATE - 12/7/2023

SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, PA 18104-1699 www.southwhitehall.com • (610) 398-0401

December 8, 2023

Jaffer Reachout Foundation 3609 Barrington Drive Allentown, PA 18104

Re: Lot Line Adjustment and Consolidation Plan for Al-Ahad Islamic Center

Minor Plan 2023-204

Application Completeness Review

Gentlemen:

This letter constitutes the Completeness Review for your application of December 7, 2023 for preliminary/final plan review of the above-referenced Minor Plan. A determination has been made that your application is *Administratively Complete*. Your application has been scheduled on the January 11, 2024 Planning Commission agenda. Please ensure that your or your authorized representatives attend to present the plan and answer questions. Should you require materials for presentation beyond those submitted, either send them to me prior to 4 PM on Thursday January 11, 2024 or bring them to the meeting on a flash drive. The meeting will be livestreamed via GoToMeeting. To access the meeting through your phone, dial 1-224-501-3412 and, when prompted, enter 757 430 189 to join the meeting. To access the meeting though your computer, go to https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/757430189.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Gregg R. Adams, Planner

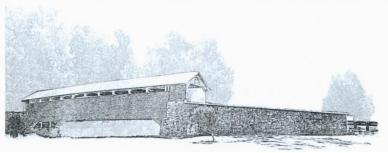
Community Development Department

cc:

D. Manhardt

D. Peters, Bohler

Sub. File 2023-108



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MEMORANDUM

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

Al-Ahad Islamic Center Minor Plan #2023-204

Lot Line Adjustment Plan Review

DATE: January 4, 2024

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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Jennifer R. Alderfer, Esq. Assistant South Whitehall Township Solicitor Zator Law

Mr. Don Peters, P.E. Bohler Engineering PA, LLC

Mr. Gulam Jaffer

(all via e-mail)

Mr. Ronald J. Gawlik, PE, Township Engineer

REPORT:

South Whitehall Township Ordinances:

Zoning Ordinance (ZO)

Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO)

Stormwater Management Plan (SMP)

See attached list for documents reviewed.

Proposal:

Lot Line Adjustment

1500 Ridgeview Drive (Parcel 1):

- 4.276 acres existing (gross);
- R-3 Low Density Residential.

1504 Ridgeview Drive (Parcel 2):

- 2.509 acres existing (gross);
- R-3 Low Density Residential.

1410 Ridgeview Drive (Parcel 3):

- 1.497 acres existing (gross);
- R-3 Low Density Residential.

Lot Line Consolidation

Parcels 1, 2, and 3:

- Proposed 8.282 acres (gross), 7.909 acres (net);
- Existing Ultimate R-O-W Dedicated 0.37 acres.

Waivers / Variances Granted:

None to date.

Recommendation:

Engineering approval is recommended subject to the following comments being addressed.

jfw/laf

Enclosures

South Whitehall Township Al-Ahad Islamic Center Minor Plan #2023–204 Lot Line Adjustment Plan Review

January 4, 2024

REVIEW COMMENTS

- 1. The following Minor Plan requirements should be provided:
 - a. The sheet size shall be an approved size as stated in SALDO §312-23(b)(2), and shall be labeled in the upper left hand corner of each sheet, SALDO §312-23(b)(32);
 - b. Add the applicant statements per SALDO §312-23(b)(7);
 - c. List the type of water and sanitary sewerage service for the site and label it on the Plan, SALDO §312-23(b)(10)(c), §312-23(b)(10)(d), and §312-23(b)(23);
 - d. Add Zoning Districts to the Location Map, SALDO §312-23(b)(11)(d);
 - e. Identify the location of the benchmark on the Plan, SALDO §312-23.B(16);
 - f. Show the locations, size and owners of existing buildings, sewer mains, water lines, etc., within 100 feet of the tract, SALDO §312-23(b)(19);
 - g. Show the location, character, and elevation of any building within 100 feet of the tract, SALDO §312-23(b)(20);
 - h. Show the locations and widths of all sidewalks, trails, driveways, streets, easements, etc., within 400 feet of the tract, SALDO §312-23(b)(21);
 - i. List the soil types and mapped limits, SALDO §312-23(b)(22); and
 - j. Label the sight distance at the existing driveway, SALDO §312-23(b)(24).
- 2. Identify the centerline of Ridgeview Drive through proposed frontage. Provide frontage improvements (e.g., right-of-way dedication, cartway widening, sidewalk, etc. if necessary) for a collector road, SALDO §312-35(b)(3);
- 3. Label the right-of-way and cartway width for Ridgeview Drive south of Parkland Drive;

- 4. Clear any outstanding Zoning issues created by consolidating the lots prior to Plan recording;
- 5. Add the Parnum Numbers to all lot Parcel Identification Numbers for the lot line adjustment and surrounding properties. Additionally revise the Mughal property to be consistent with the most recent tax parcel information;
- 6. Provide existing easements on the Plans (e.g., water easements, PPL easements, etc.) and any supporting easement information (e.g., restrictions, access, etc.);
- 7. Provide closure reports and legal descriptions for the boundaries of the consolidated parcel and the right-of-way dedication;
- 8. Identify the type of water supply and sewage disposal systems, SALDO §312-23(b)(10)(C) and §312-23(b)(10)(D);
- 9. We defer to the Township Solicitor to review the acceptability of the Note on Sheet S-2 beneath the Zoning District Requirements Table; and
- 10. Revise the South Whitehall Township Planning Commission Recommendation for Approval block to be consistent with SALDO §312-22(d).

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

South Whitehall Township Al-Ahad Islamic Center Minor Plan #2023–204 Lot Line Adjustment Plan Review

List of Plans and Supplemental Information Prepared by Bohler Engineering, PA LLC and dated or last revised December 7, 2023, except as noted

- 1. Existing Conditions/Demolition Plan, Sheet S-1 (cursory review only);
- 2. Lot Line Adjustment/Consolidation Plan, Sheet S-2;
- 3. Deed for 1410 Ridgeview Drive, recorded on July 10, 2020;
- 4. Deed for 1504 Ridgeview Drive, dated November 25, 2020;
- 5. Subdivision & Land Development Review Application, dated December 6, 2023;
- 6. Application Completeness Review letter, prepared by South Whitehall Township, dated December 8, 2023;
- 7. Minor Plan 2023-204 letter, prepared by South Whitehall Township, dated December 18, 2023;
- 8. Letter of Transmittal to Lehigh Valley Planning Commission; and
- 9. Letter of Transmittal to South Whitehall Township.

February 1, 2024

via e-mail

Mr. Gregg R. Adams Planner, Community Development Department South Whitehall Township 4444 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104-1699

> Re: South Whitehall Township Al-Ahad Islamic Center Minor Plan #2023-204 Waiver/Deferral Requests

Dear Mr. Adams:

We reviewed the letter prepared by Bohler Engineering, PA, LLC and dated January 11, 2024, requesting waivers/deferrals from the SALDO Sections listed below. We note the following:

- 1. §312-23(b)(19) Waiver from the requirement of showing the locations, size and owners of existing buildings, sewer mains, waterlines, etc., within 100 feet of the tract. We have no engineering objection to this request;
- 2. §312-23(b)(20) Waiver from the requirement of showing the location, character, and elevation of any building within 100 feet of the tract. We have no engineering objection to this request;

- 3. §312-23(b)(21) Waiver from the requirement of showing the locations and widths of all sidewalks, trails, driveways, streets, easements, and right-of-way platted or existing in the subdivision and within 400 feet of any part of the subdivision tract. We have no engineering objection to this request; and
- 4. §312-35(b)(35) revise this deferral to be SALDO §312-35(b)(3) Deferral from the requirement of frontage improvements (e.g., right-of-way dedication, cartway widening, sidewalk, etc. if necessary) for a collector road.

In the event waivers/deferrals are granted, a note should be added to the Plan indicating the sections of the ordinance waived/deferred, brief descriptions of the applicable ordinance article requirements, and the dates of approval.

Based on the recently provided information and pending the approval of the waivers/deferrals by the Planning Commission, we recommend engineering approval of the Lot Line Adjustment Plan Review for the Al-Ahad Islamic Center, subject to the remaining comments (excluding Comments 1.f., 1.g., 1.h., and 2) in our Memorandum dated January 4, 2024 (attached), being addressed.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

THE PIDCOCK COMPANY

ant The

Anthony F. Tallarida, PE

Manager, Municipal Engineering Services

erb/laf

Enclosure

xc/enc: Mr. Thomas R. Petrucci, MPA, Township Manager

South Whitehall Township via e-mail

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January 2, 2024

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

Re: Al Ahad Islamic Center

Land Development #2023-204 Review of Preliminary Plan SSM File 103400.0089

Dear Mr. Adams:

This correspondence is provided as a review of the Preliminary Lot Consolidation Plan submitted for the above referenced project on December 7, 2023. We have the following comments regarding the water and sanitary sewer utilities:

General Comments:

- 1. The sanitary sewer easement between 1500 Ridge View and 1504 Ridge View is 10' wide not 20' wide.
- 2. The owner shall notify the Township water/sanitary sewer billing department in writing of the billing account address changes for 1410 and 1504 Ridge View Drive.

Water Comments:

1. No Comment at this time.

Sanitary Sewer Comments:

2. No Comment at this time.

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

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Manager, Construction Management Services

Environmental Engineering

jason.newhard@ssmgroup.com

cc: SWT, PW



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Manhardt, director of Community Development

FROM: HERB BENDER, PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

DATE: JANUARY 3, 2024

Subject: Ridge Lot Line Adjustment and Consolidation for Al-Ahad Islamic Center

Minor Plan 2023-204

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

1. Please indicate the sewer easement on the plan.

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February 1, 2024

Gulam Jaffer 3609 Barrington Drive Allentown, PA 18104

Re: Lot Line Adjustment and Consolidation Plan for Al-Ahad Islamic Center <u>Minor Plan 2023-204</u>

Gentlemen:

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

Zoning

- 1. 350-05 Definitions, Primary Building/Primary Use. A use permitted by right provided said use is shown as a primary use in the Zoning District Schedule for the district in which the use is located and the use is in conformance with all other provisions of this chapter. No more than one primary use shall be permitted on a lot. The lot consolidation consists of 3 lots, one with the current build of the new mosque, and a single-family dwelling on each of the other lots. Combining the lots to create one lot will cause there to be 3 principal uses on 1 lot. It should be discussed what the future proposal is for the two 2 existing single-family dwellings. A variance may be required.
- 2. 350-42(b)(1) Buffer Strips. In general, between dissimilar types of uses (i.e., residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional), a minimum fifteen-foot-wide buffer strip shall be established and maintained along all lot lines which are not along public street right-of-way lines (including limited access highways) for all uses except single detached dwelling unit dwellings, two-unit dwellings, three-flats, and townhouses. If consolidated to one lot, the lower lot to the South should show a fifteen-foot buffer between the mosque use and the neighboring residential use.

Fire Inspector

1. The Public Safety Commission reviewed the plan at its January 8, 2024 meeting and made no comments to the plan.





Landscape and Shade Tree Commission

1. The Landscape and Shade Tree Commission is scheduled to review the plan at their February 26, 2024 meeting.

Open Space and Recreation

1. Lot Line Adjustments are not reviewed for Open Space and Recreation requirements.

Legal and Other

- 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 312-35(b)(3)(A)(ii).
- 2. Please consider the following in placement locations for street trees:
 - a. Placement over inlets should be avoided;
 - b. Provide ample clearance from street lights and hydrants.

Plan Recording Requirements

- 1. Signature Blocks and Certifications to appear on each plan sheet to be recorded.
- 2. The size of the plan sheet shall be noted on the upper left-hand corner of every plan sheet to be recorded.
- 3. Wherever a Parcel ID is shown on a plan sheet to be recorded, it shall include the appropriate parnum suffix, such as 547677593477-1 or 547687003997-59.
- 4. Wherever an Owner's signature is required, the Signature shall be accompanied by a Printed Name and Title (Owner or Title within the owning organization), and an area for a Notary stamp. If there are multiple owners, there shall be signature blocks and areas for Notary stamps for each and every owner's name.
- 5. On the cover sheet or (if no cover sheet is present) the site plan sheet, include a table listing all of the properties involved in the project, including PIN and Parnum. This information may be included with an existing table or a new table may be created.
- 6. The review date of the Planning Commission and the review date and Resolution number of the Board of Commissioners shall be placed into the appropriate Board endorsement



notes on the appropriate plan sheet to be recorded. Dates and Resolution number may be obtained from South Whitehall Township.

Waiver and Deferral Request Commentary

- 1. Request to waive SALDO Section 312-23(b)(19) Staff defers to the Township Engineer.
- 2. Request to waive SALDO Section 312-23(b)(20) Staff defers to the Township Engineer.
- 3. Request to waive SALDO Section 312-23(b)(21) Staff defers to the Township Engineer.
- 4. Request to waive SALDO Section 312-35(b)(35) As the applicant has indicated that a land development is to follow the approval of the Lot Line Adjustment:
 - Staff has no objections to a 24- month deferral of the requirement to install sidewalk on Lot 3 (sidewalk exists on Lots 1 and 2) to ensure that the sidewalk is constructed should the impending land development not come to fruition. Such timeframe may be extended by an amendment to the approving Resolution by the Board of Commissioners or superseded by the recording of a land development plan for the consolidated lot.
 - Staff's preference would be to require the concrete apron on Lot 3 only if the driveway is to remain. Should the dwelling and driveway be removed prior to plan recording, the concrete apron would no longer be required.
 - Staff has no objections to defer the requirement to reconstruct Ridgeview Drive to Collector Road standards along the frontage of Lot 3.
 - Staff has no objections to defer the requirement to dedicate a 35-foot Collector Road half-width right-of-way along the frontage of Lot 3.

Official Map & Comprehensive Plan

- 1. The Official Map depicts the subject parcel as underlain by karst geology. Ridgeview Drive is a Collector Road. PA Route 309 is a Principle Arterial Road
- 2. The Comprehensive Plan envisions the tract within a Neighborhood Residential Land Use Type. The goal of Neighborhood Residential is to:
 - Encourage housing types to address the needs of all income levels



- Support opportunities for local-serving small business development where appropriate
- Evaluate pedestrian safety and connectivity
- Encourage walkability within neighborhoods and to other land use types
- Consider traffic calming and congestion relief where possible
- And utilize streetscaping, facades, and beautification techniques to create sense of place and preserve community character.
- Neighborhood Residential Land Use supports Open Space, Agriculture, Conservation Subdivision, Small Lot Residential, Multi-Family Residential, Neighborhood Center and Mixed-Residential place types.

Your plan is scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Commission on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the South Whitehall Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue. Please ensure that a representative for the applicant is present to present the plan and answer questions. The meeting will be also be livestreamed via GoToMeeting. To access the meeting though your computer, go to https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/757430189. To access the meeting through your phone, dial 1-224-501-3412 and, when prompted, enter 757 430 189 to join the meeting.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Gregg R. Adams

Planner, Community Development Department

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December 14, 2023

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

Re: Al-Ahad Islamic Center – Lot Consolidation South Whitehall Township Lehigh County

Dear Mr. Adams:

The subject applicant proposes consolidating three lots into one and remove several existing buildings at 1410, 1500, and 1504 Ridgeview Drive (PINS 547752368340, 547752233175, 547751293913). This is a minor proposal and not a matter of regional concern.

Municipalities, when considering subdivision/land developments, should reasonably attempt to be consistent with *FutureLV: The Regional Plan*, as required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) [Article 1§105, Article III§303, §304 & §306(a), Article VI§603(j)].

The LVPC review does not include an in-depth examination of plans relative to subdivision design standards or ordinance requirements since these items are covered in the municipal review.

Sincerely,

Bambi Griffin Rivera

Senior Community and Regional Planner

cc: Gulam Jaffer, Applicant;

Don Peters, PE, Bohler, Project Engineer/Surveyor;

Tony Tallarida, Township/Borough Engineer;

Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat of PA, Record Property Owner;

Dave Manhardtd, Director of Community Development



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December 7, 2023
Via Hand Delivery & Email
(adamsg@southwhitehall.com)

South Whitehall Township 4444 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104

Attention: Gregg Adams, Planner

Re: Lot Line Adjustment and Consolidation Plan

Al-Ahad Islamic Center 1500 Ridgeview Drive South Whitehall Township Lehigh County, PA PAB220167

Dear Gregg:

On behalf of Jaffer Reachout Foundation and Gulam Jaffer, Bohler Engineering PA, LLC is hereby submitting a Lot Line Adjustment and Consolidation Plan Application for the above referenced project. The following items are enclosed:

- Three (3) copies of the Subdivision & Land Development Review Application, W-9, & Required Escrow Account Opening Information.
- Check #6950 in the amount of \$50.00 for the Submission Fee.
- Three (3) copies of the Deed for 1410 Ridgeview Drive, Instrument # 2020020002, Recorded on 07/10/2020.
- Three (3) copies of the Deed for PIN 547752368340-1, 1504 Ridgeview Drive, dated 11/25/2020.
- One (1) copy of the Submission Letter to LVPC, dated 12/07/2023.
- Ten (10) copies of the Lot Line Adjustment and Consolidation Plan, dated 12/06/2023, Sheets S-1 & S-2.
- One (1) USB drive with PDFs of all submission materials.

PROJECT NARRATIVE

Jaffer Reachout Foundation and Gulam Jaffer are proposing to consolidate three (3) lots into one (1) lot. The lots associated with this Application are PIN 547751293913 1410 Ridgeview Drive, PIN 547752233175 1500 Ridgeview Drive, and PIN 547752368340 1504 Ridgeview Drive. A portion of 1500 and 1504 Ridgeview Drive is proposed to have a Lot Line Adjustment to dedicate the existing Ultimate Right-of-Way, which will total 16,237 SF / 0.37 acres.

The site is located within the R-3 Zoning District with frontage on Ridgeview Drive. Two (2) of the parcels, PIN 547751293913 1410 Ridgeview Drive and PIN 547752368340 1504 Ridgeview Drive, are owned by Jaffer Reachout Foundation and PIN 547752233175 1500 Ridgeview Drive is owned by Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat of PA. While currently under separate ownership, the owners of the parcels that are the subject of this application intend to subject their parcels to the PA Uniform Condominium Act 64 PA. C.S. 3101 ET. SEQ., and the consolidated property will be subject to a single Condominium Association.



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It is the intent of this submission to be placed on the agenda for the **January 11, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting**. Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at dpeters@bohlereng.com or at 610-709-9971.

Sincerely

BOHLER ENGINEERING PA, LLC

Don Peters, PE

DP/mb

cc: Susan Rockwell, LVPC (letter only)
Gulam Jaffer, Jaffer Reachout Foundation (email)
Cathy Baker, Jaffer Reachout Foundation (email)
Erich Schock, Esq., Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba (email)
Matthias Fenstermacher, Serfass (email)

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January 11, 2024
Via Email
(adamsg@southwhitehall.com)

South Whitehall Township 4444 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104

Attention: Board of Commissioners

Re: Lot Line Adjustment and Consolidation Plan Al-Ahad Islamic Center 1500 Ridgeview Drive South Whitehall Township Lehigh County, PA PAB220167.00

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of Jaffer Reachout Foundation, Bohler Engineering PA, LLC is hereby requesting the following Waivers and Deferrals associated with the Preliminary/Final Lot Line Adjustment and Consolidation Plan application for the above referenced project:

- 1. From SALDO §312-23(B)(19) which requires showing the locations, size and owners of existing buildings, sewer mains, water lines, etc., within 100 feet of the tract
 - In lieu of providing surveyed information, which would require obtaining access to adjoining properties a waiver is requested to accept the Plans as presented. We believe the information shown is adequate for the Township to review the plan for the purpose proposed.
- 2. From SALDO §312-23(B)(20) which requires showing the location, character, and elevation of any building within 100 feet of the tract.
 - In lieu of providing surveyed information, which would require obtaining access to adjoining properties a waiver is requested to accept the Plans as presented. We believe the information shown is adequate for the Township to review the plan for the purpose proposed.
- 3. From SALDO §312-23(B)(21) which requires showing the locations and widths of all sidewalks, trails, driveways, streets, easements, and right-of-ways platted or existing in the subdivision and within 400 feet of any part of the subdivision tract.
 - In lieu of providing surveyed information, which would require obtaining access to adjoining properties a waiver is requested to accept the Plans as presented. We believe the information shown is adequate for the Township to review the plan for the purpose proposed.
- 4. From SALDO §312-35(B)(35) which requires frontage improvements (i.e. right-of-way dedication, cartway widening, sidewalk, etc., if necessary) for a collector road.

In lieu of providing the improvements at this time, a deferral is being requested to consider frontage improvements with a future Land Development application. As mentioned in letter prepared by Gregg Adams, dated January 4, 2024, a Land Development is to follow the approval of the Lot Line Adjustment and Consolidation Plan. As such, he mentions "staff would be supportive of a 12-month deferral of the requirements of SALDO Section 312-35(b)(3)."



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Thank you for your assistance and should you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at dpeters@bohlereng.com or 610-709-9971.

Sincerely,

BOHLER ENGINEERING PA, LLC

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