

COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT TILGHMAN HOLDINGS

MAJOR PLAN 2024-102

Planning Commission, August 8, 2024

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TO: PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: David Manhardt, AICP, Director of Community Development

SUBJECT: COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT TILGHMAN HOLDINGS

MAJOR PLAN 2024-102

PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN REVIEW

DATE: July 26, 2024

COPIES: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, T. PETRUCCI, D. MANHARDT, L. HARRIER, J. ZATOR,

ESQ., J. ALDERFER, ESQ, A. TALLARIDA, S. PIDCOCK, APPLICANT, SUB. FILE 2024-

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Location and Intent

An application to further develop the property located at 4750 West Tilghman Street. The plan includes the expansion of the enclosure of an existing covered area, and the establishment of additional uses on the 8.5 acre tract. The property is zoned Highway Commercial- Special Height Limitation (HC-1). The owner and applicant is Tilghman Holdings LLC.



Previous Township Consideration

The Boad of Commissioners granted conditional approval to waive certain review and approval requirements of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) for the project entitled *"Tilghman Street Store Renovations"* at their June 6, 2018 meeting.

At their October 6, 2021 meeting, the Board of Commissioners extended the timeframe to satisfy all conditions until June 6, 2022.

This project is now resubmitted as a Coordinated Land Development Plan in 2024.

Reviewing Agencies Comments Summaries

Township Engineer

The comments of the Township Engineer are contained in Mr. Anthony Tallarida's review dated August 1, 2024. His comments pertain to waiver requests, zoning issues, impervious coverage, parking, traffic, and additional Township policies.

Township Water & Sewer Engineer

The comments of the Township Water and Sewer Engineer are contained in Mr. Jason Newhard's review dated August 1, 2024. His comments pertain to water usage and a sewer planning module.

Township Geotechnical Consultant

The comments of the Township Geotechnical Consultant have not been received at this time.

Public Works Department

The comments of the Township Public Works Department are contained in Mr. Herb Bender's review dated July 31, 2024. His comments pertain to impervious calculations.

Public Safety Committee

To date the Public Safety Commission has yet to review the current submission.

Landscape and Shade Tree Commission

The Landscape and Shade Tree Commission reviewed the plans at their July 22, 2024, meeting and determined the plan was acceptable.

Parks and Recreation Board

The Parks and Recreation Board has yet to review the current submission.

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

The comments of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission have not been received at this time.

Lehigh County Conservation District

The comments of the Lehigh County Conservation District have not been received at this time.

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Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

The comments of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation have not been received at this time.

Lehigh and Northampton Transit Agency (LANTA)

The comments of the Lehigh and Northampton Transit Agency have not been received at this time.

South Whitehall Planning Document Review

The comments of the South Whitehall Township Planning Document Review are contained in Mr. Christopher Strohler's review dated August 2, 2024. His comments pertain to plan recording requirements and consistency with the Township Comprehensive Plan.

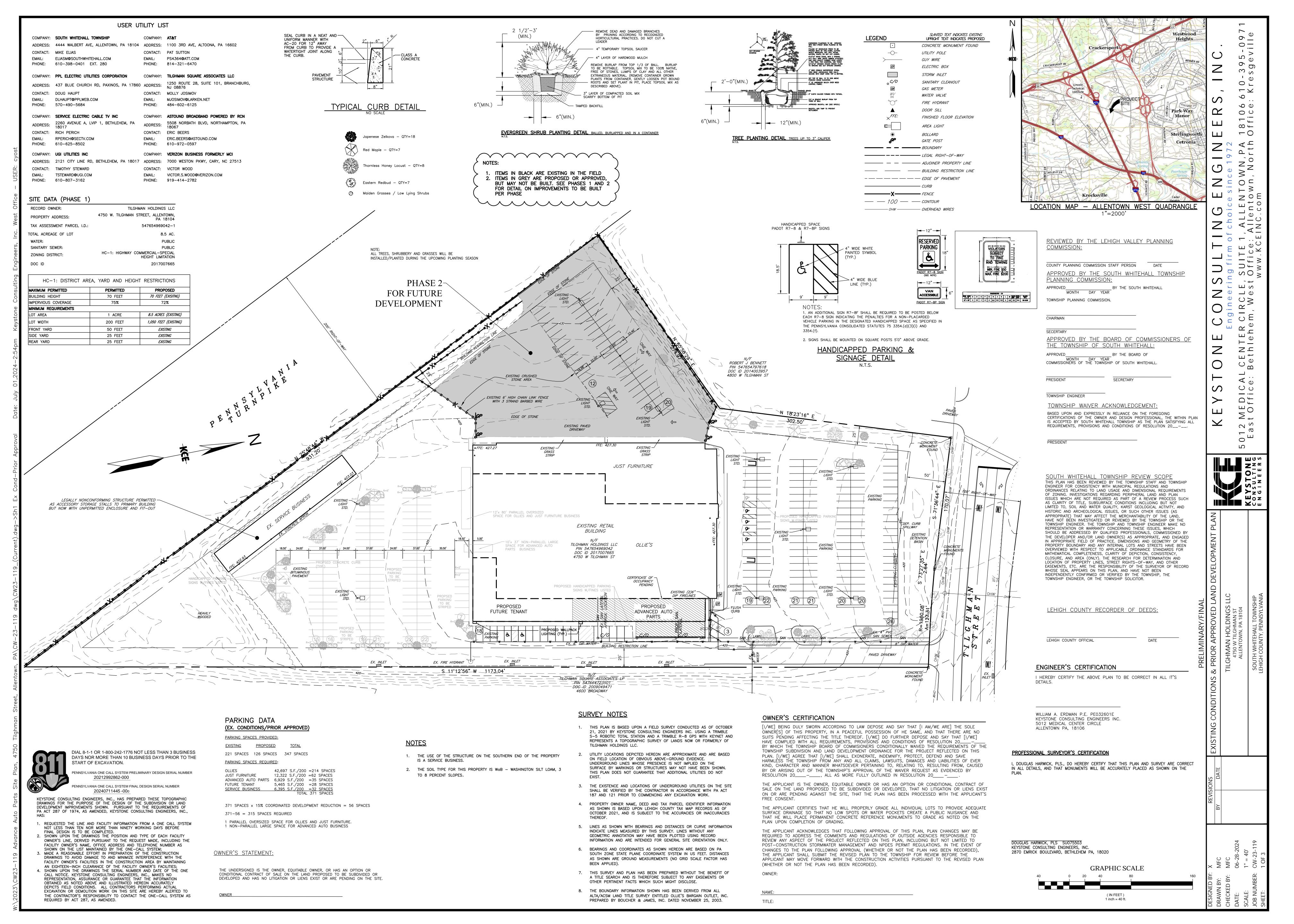
Community Development Department Recommendation

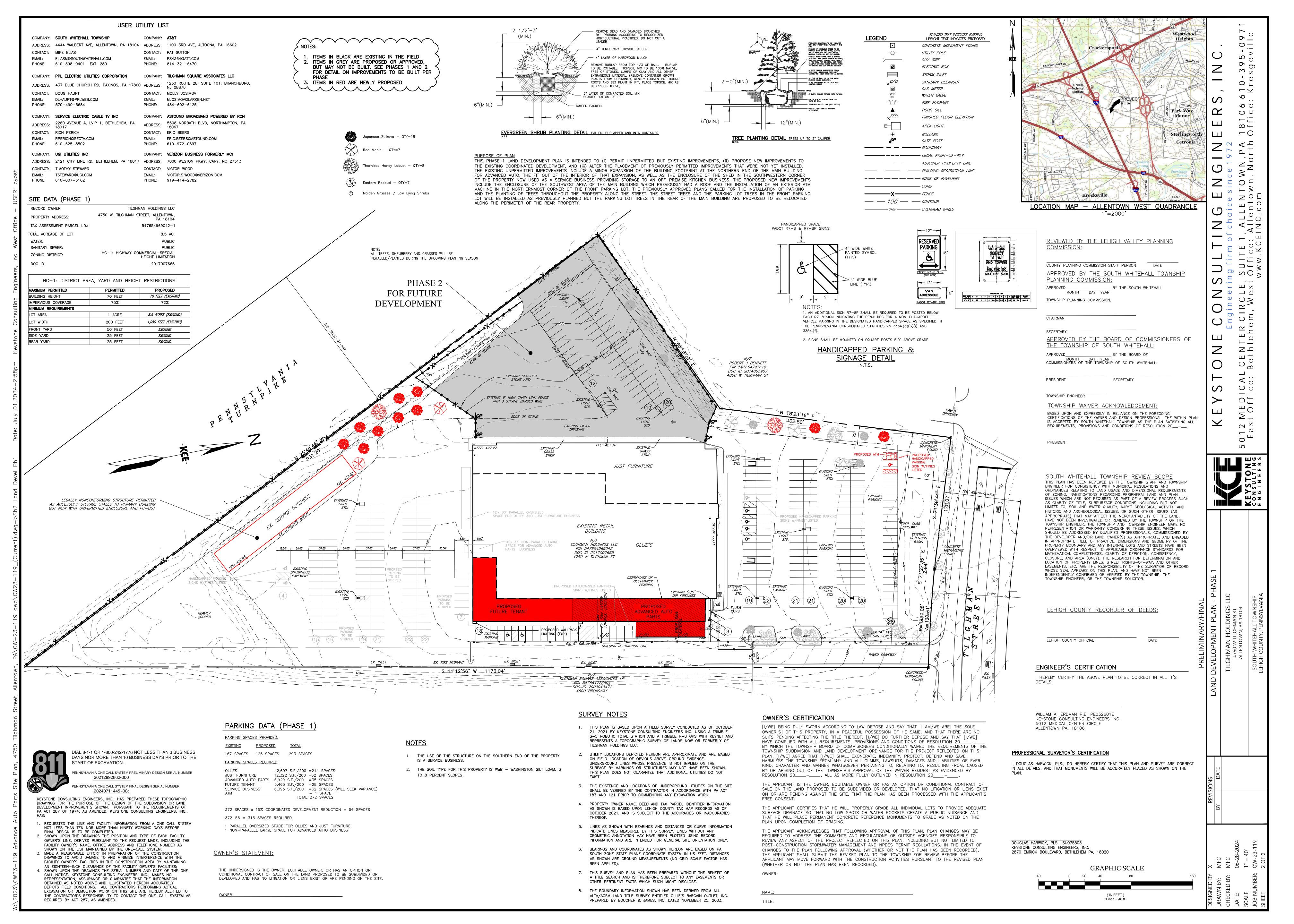
Conditions of the prior approval remain uncompleted. Additional impervious was added to the site without Township review or Approval, including stormwater review. It is recommended that the removal of the additional impervious coverage and restoration to an approved pervious surface be a condition of approval.

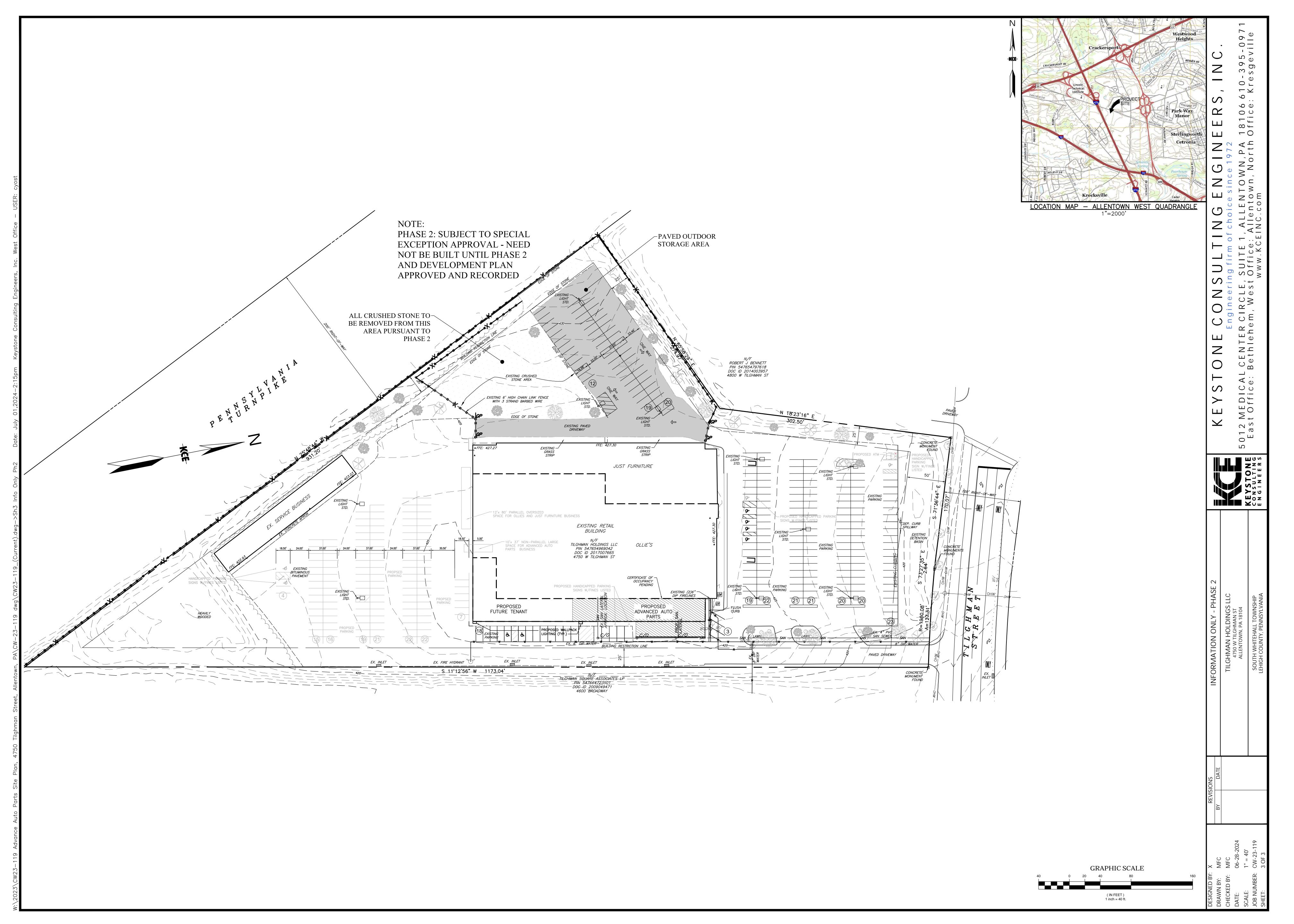
Planning Commission deadline to act on the plan: October 9, 2024

Board of Commissioners deadline to act on the plan: October 9, 2024

Site Plan







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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. David Manhardt, AICP via e-mail

Director of Community Development

South Whitehall Township

FROM: Mr. Anthony F. Tallarida, PE

Manager, Municipal Engineering Services

SUBJECT: South Whitehall Township

Tilghman Holdings, LLC – Phase 1

Major Plan #2024-102

Preliminary/Final Plan Review

DATE: August 1, 2024

COPIES: Mr. Thomas R. Petrucci, MPA

Township Manager

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

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Mr. Joseph J. Bennett Tilghman Holdings, LLC

Julie Wagner Burkart, Esq. Stevens & Lee

(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:

A two-Phase development on an $8.5\pm$ acre lot located north of the turnpike south of Tilghman Street and west of Tilghman Square Shopping Center. Only Phase 1 is proposed at this time;

Phase 1 includes:

Fitting out a portion of the existing Ollie's Building with a 12,350± square foot (sf) addition on the east side of the building;

Advanced Auto Parts (6,890± sf)

Future Tennant Space (5,460± sf)

ATM with proposed handicapped parking space;

Enclose the existing building in the southwestern corner of the site;

Updated landscaping;

Phase 2 (future phase) includes:

Outdoor Storage Area (permitted as a Special Exception Use);

Removal of existing crushed stone area.

HC-1 Highway Commercial – Special Height Limitation Zoning District;

TND - Commercial Retrofit Overlay District; and

Public Water and Public Sewer.

Waivers/Deferrals/Variances Granted:

No waivers granted to date, see waiver comment below.

Recommendation:

Engineering approval is not recommended at this time.

mjg/laf

Enclosures

THE PIDCOCK COMPANY

South Whitehall Township Tilghman Holdings, LLC – Phase 1 Major Plan #2024-102 Preliminary/Final Plan Review

August 1, 2024

REVIEW COMMENTS

A. Planning and Zoning

- 1. In a letter dated June 28, 2024, the Design Engineer has requested waivers from the following SALDO sections:
 - a. SALDO §312-12(a)(6) and §312-12(a)(7) Requiring Certifications of Central Water and Central Sanitary Sewerage Systems. We defer to the Township Utility Engineer and Public Works Department;
 - b. SALDO §312-12(a)(9) Requiring the submission of plans to PennDOT. We do not support this request (see Comment C.2 below);
 - c. SALDO §312-12(b)(15) and §312-12(b)(22) Requiring contour information to be proved within 400 feet of the tract and soil type limits on the site. Based on the information provided, we could support these requests;
 - d. SALDO §312-12(b)(37) Requiring the provision of a lighting plan. We defer to the Township Electrical Consultant;
 - e. SALDO §312-12(b)(38) and §312-12(b)(39) Requiring the provision of a drainage patterns map and soil erosion and sedimentation control plan. We reserve recommendation of these requests until Comment A.2 (below) has been satisfactorily resolved. Also, SALDO §312-26(a)(6) should be added to the waiver request letter;
 - f. SALDO §312-39 Requiring storm drainage. We reserve recommendation of this request until Comment A.2 (below) has been satisfactorily resolved; and
 - g. SALDO §312-39(e) Requiring soil erosion and sedimentation control. We reserve recommendation of this request until Comment A.2 (below) has been satisfactorily resolved.

In the event waivers are granted, a note should be provided on the Plan to include the dates of approval, the SALDO sections, and a brief description of the ordinance requirements.

2. Several zoning issues (e.g., required number of parking spaces, impervious surface, etc.) must first be resolved with the Zoning Officer/Zoning Hearing Board, SALDO §312-34(e)(2). We have undertaken a Preliminary/Final Plan review. Any zoning variances ultimately granted should be noted on the plans. As discussed with Township Staff, Phase 1 should include the removal of the stone area in the western parking lot or stormwater management facilities should be added. Also, clarify the extents of the buildings to confirm the parking calculations based upon building size. If necessary, the fences on the western parking area should be removed to allow parking in that area.

B. General

- 1. The following improvements along the property frontage are required along Tilghman Street per the SALDO: curb, sidewalk, etc. (SALDO §312-26(a) and §312-35(b) pertain), and should be shown on the Plans. Any improvements along Tilghman Street are to be reviewed and permitted by PennDOT;
- 2. Provide the following information on the Plan:
 - a. Complete horizontal curve information for the property boundary along Tilghman Street, SALDO §312-14(b)(4);
 - b. Curbing around the off-street parking facilities, SALDO §312-35(b)(3)(A)(i)(2) and ZO §350-48(o)(2)(E)(iii)(a)(5);
 - c. A Sheet Index in accordance with SALDO §312-14(b)(1);
 - d. Expand the Location Map to include the tract boundary/adjacent properties along with Municipal and Zoning District boundaries within 1,000 feet of the site, SALDO §312-12(b)(9)(A), §312-12(b)(9)(C), and §312-12(b)(9)(D);
 - e. A datum and associated benchmark, SALDO §312-12(b)(16);
 - f. Identify any rock outcrops, stone fields, closed topographical depressions, and other features of ground subsidence, etc. or note accordingly the absence of such features, SALDO §312-12(b)(18);
 - g. The manmade features listed in SALDO §312-12(b)(19) and §312-12(b)(20) within 100 feet of the site;
 - h. The location of sidewalks, trails, driveways, streets, easements, and right-of-way within 400 feet of the tract, SALDO §312-12(b)(21);
 - i. Reference monuments, SALDO §312-12(b)(27);
 - j. Addresses for the proposed tenant, SALDO §312-14(b)(6); and
 - k. An anticipated completion date of all public improvements, SALDO §312-14(b)(7).
- 3. We defer the review and approval of the "Purpose of Plan" Statement to the Township Staff;
- 4. Check the total floor area of Ollies (42,697 sf) and Just Furniture (12,322) listed in the Parking Data (Phase 1) as the plan appears to show areas of 44,100± sf and 18,200± sf respectively. Further detail regarding these footprints should be provided and the Parking Data may need to be revised as necessary, SALDO §312-12(b)(8)(I);
- 5. For clarity, identify the Upper Macungie Township/South Whitehall Township municipal boundary and its basis along the southern property line, SALDO §312-12(b)(21);
- 6. Clarify the 10' x 37' loading space to confirm its ability to be located with in the building footprint;
- 7. Expand the Project Narrative to include information noted in SALDO §312-12(b)(40); and

8. The plan information is not sufficient to determine whether code-compliant accessible routes from the spaces to the buildings are provided. Building first floor elevations, locations and details of site handicapped ramps, and detailed accessible route grading from the proposed handicapped parking spaces to the applicable buildings are required for review. The Design Engineer should confirm the site plan complies with the code requirements. Any concerns of the Township Building Code Official (e.g., accessible routes), Public Works Department, and the Public Safety Commission should be addressed.

C. Traffic

- 1. Required and available sight distances should be provided for all driveways. The required sight distances should be identified with sight lines and the available sight distances labeled on the plans, SALDO §312-12(b)(24) and §312-35(a)(6)(F). Proposed trees should be kept out of the sight triangles;
- 2. Provide trip generation calculations for the current proposal. Confirm with PennDOT the acceptability of the continued use of the driveway accessing Tilghman Street, SALDO §312-36(c). Provide copies of all correspondence with PennDOT to the Township and our office;
- 3. Truck turning templates (trash, fire, and delivery) should be provided to demonstrate the ability of trucks to maneuver through the site (trash trucks to/from trash dumpster, fire truck around building, and delivery vehicles to designated loading zone or delivery area); and
- 4. The plans identify gates west of the Just Furniture store. The proposed site circulation pattern and gate operations should be clarified. Truck queuing at gates is a concern. The Township may wish to discuss provisions for truck 'early arrivals' and/or for truck drivers that otherwise must wait for site entry.

D. Policy and Information

- 1. Address any concerns of the Landscape and Shade Tree Commission, SALDO §312-12(b)(28) and §312-12(b)(36). We note that previously approved landscaped islands (Sheet 1) in the southern parking area have been removed from the current layout (Sheet 2);
- 2. The Township should determine whether open space, or fees in lieu thereof, will be required, and an appropriate note added to the plan to be recorded, SALDO §312-34(d) and §312-36(d);
- 3. Provide a note listing all required outside agency permits and approvals on a plan to be recorded. These Agencies/permits include, but may not necessarily be limited to:
 - a. LVPC, SALDO §312-12(a)(10) and §312-14(a)(6);
 - b. PennDOT, SALDO §312-12(a)(11) and §312-14(a)(7); and
 - c. PADEP, SALDO §312-12(a)(12) and §312-14(a)(8).

Copies of all correspondence, including all data submitted to outside agencies regarding required permits and approvals, should be provided to the Township and our office;

- 4. Provide the following notes on a sheet to be recorded:
 - a. The location of existing utilities is the responsibility of the Developer/Design Engineer and the locations of such facilities have not been reviewed by The Pidcock Company or the Township. The Developer/Design Engineer is responsible for confirming the location of all utilities and to avoid conflicts of the same with proposed improvements. Significant efforts to resolve such conflicts, including but not necessarily limited to redesign, construction delays, utility relocations, etc., may result if conflicts with existing utilities are encountered during construction; and
 - b. All construction within Township right-of-way shall be in accordance with Township Specifications and Standards for construction.
- 5. Discuss matters pertaining to the design of water distribution and sanitary sewerage systems with Public Works Department, SALDO §312-12(a)(6)(C) and §312-12(a)(7)(C);
- 6. Address any concerns of the Public Safety Commission. We have not reviewed and would defer to the Township Fire Marshal and emergency response personnel regarding the acceptability of emergency access and fire protection requirements;
- 7. Survey Notes 7 on Sheet 2 indicates that Plan has been prepared without benefit of a Title search and is therefore subject to any easements or other pertinent facts which such might disclose. The Township Solicitor should review the acceptability of this note;
- 8. We defer to the Township Electrical Consultant to review any proposed site lighting;
- 9. Remove the Owner's Certification and Waiver Acknowledgement for the waiver of the land development review process as they are not necessary. Also, remove the Owner's Statement as it appears to be duplicate;
- 10. Revise the Planning Commission signature block to be in accordance with SALDO §312-13(d)(2); and
- 11. Upon submission of plans for recording, all Statements and Certifications shall be signed and sealed/notarized as applicable, SALDO §312-12(b)(6) and §312-14(b)(2).

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.

THE PIDCOCK COMPANY

South Whitehall Township Tilghman Holdings, LLC – Phase 1 Major Plan #2024–102

Preliminary/Final Plan Review
List of Plans and Supplemental Information
Prepared by Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc. and
dated June 28, 2024, except as noted

- 1. Existing Conditions & Prior Approved Land Development Plan, Sheet 1 of 3 (cursory review only);
- 2. Land Development Plan Phase 1, Sheet 2 of 3;
- 3. Information Only Phase 2, Sheet 3 of 3 (cursory review only);
- 4. Project Narrative (undated);
- 5. Waiver Request Letter; and
- 6. Stevens & Lee letter dated July 1, 2024.

Township Water & Sewer Engineer Review			

Spotts, Stevens and McCoy

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August 1, 2024

Mr. David Manhardt, AICP Director of Community Development South Whitehall Township 4444 Walbert Avenue Allentown PA 18104

Re: Tilghman Holdings Coordinated Land Development

Proposed Future Tenant Land Development #2024-102 Review of Preliminary Plan SSM File 103400.0113

Dear Mr. Manhardt:

This correspondence is provided as a review of the Preliminary Plan for the above referenced project dated June 28, 2024. We have the following comments regarding the water and sanitary sewer utilities:

General Comments:

1. None at this time.

Water Comments:

- 1. Sheet 2 of 3: Please verify the domestic water line meter location and size.
- 2. Provide proposed water usage information for review and allocation calculations.

Sanitary Sewer Comments:

1. A sewage planning module may be required for submission to the PA DEP.

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

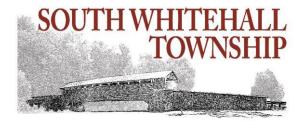
Manager, Construction Management Services

Environmental Engineering

jason.newhard@ssmgroup.com

cc: SWT, PW

Public Works Department Review	



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Manhardt, director of Community Development From: Herb Bender, Public Works Manager

DATE: July 31, 2024

Subject: Tilghman Holdings Coordinated Land Development

Major Plan 2024-102

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

1. Pidcock to review impervious Calculations

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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

FROM: Chris Strohler, Long-Range Planner

DATE: July 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Subdivision Plan Review

Tilghman Holdings LLC

Coordinated Land Development Plan 2024-102

Plan dated June 28, 2024

COPIES: Landscape and Shade Tree Commission, D. Manhardt, L. Harrier, A.

Tallarida, J. Alderfer, Esq., S. Pidcock, Applicant

At their July 22, 2024 meeting, the Landscape and Shade Tree Commission reviewed the above-mentioned plan and recommended the following:

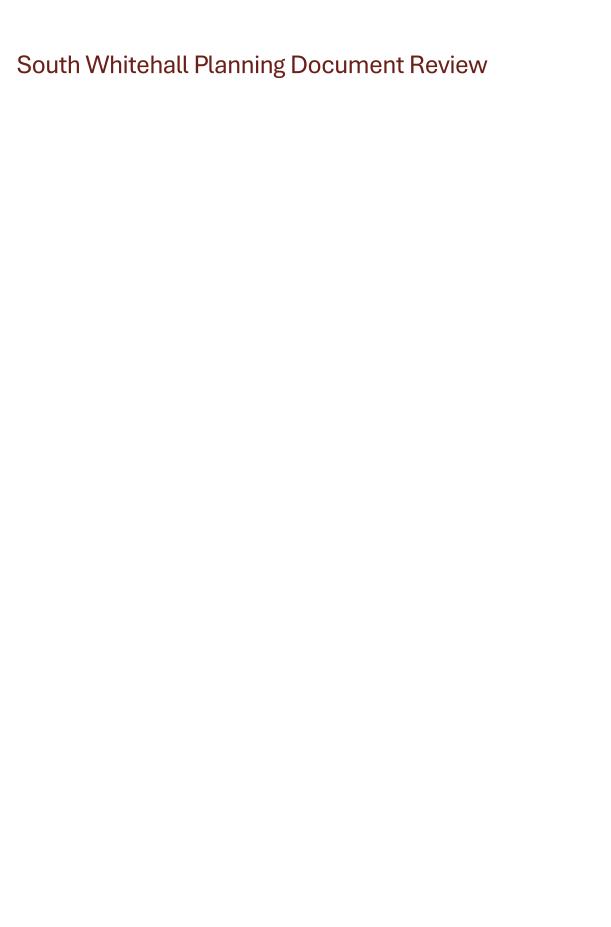
The plan is acceptable

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Strohler, AICP

Long-Range Planner - Community Development Department

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SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP

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August 2, 2024

Tilghman Holdings LLC Attn: Joseph Bennett 144 North 3rd Street Lehighton, PA 18235

RE: Coordinated Land Development Plan Tilghman Holdings LLC
Major Plan #2024-102
Request For Preliminary/Final Plan Review

Dear Mr. Bennett:

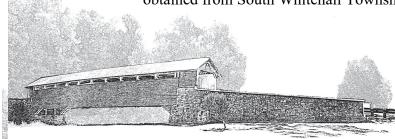
The purpose of this letter is to report on planning and non-engineering related comments that are to be addressed. My comments follow:

Open Space and Recreation

1. The plan will be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Board for a recommendation on how the applicant might best meet the Open Space and Recreation Requirements of Section 312-36(d)(4) of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

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.



Official Map & Comprehensive Plan

- 1. The Comprehensive Plan envisions the tract within a Business District Land Use Type. The goals of the Business District is to:
 - Incentivize infill and redevelopment
 - Incorporate residential to create mixed-use development
 - Encourage local connectivity to surrounding land uses
 - Encourage walkability and multiple modes of transportation
 - Encourage regional connectivity through transit and multimodal infrastructure and circulation.
 - Business District Land Use supports Suburban Center and Regional Employment Center place types.

This project proposes the redevelopment and further development of an already developed commercial parcel and is considered consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Your plan is scheduled to be reviewed by the Planning Commission on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the South Whitehall Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue. The meeting will also be livestreamed via GoToMeeting. To access the meeting through 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,

Christopher Strohler, AICP

Long-Range Planner, Community Development Department

Christopher Strohler

South Whitehall Township

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cc: T. Petrucci D. Manhardt L. Harrier J. Frantz H. Bender M. Elias S. Pidcock A. Tallarida J. Zator, Esq J. Alderfer, Esq

ENGINEER Sub. File #2023-107

Applicant's Correspondence **Project Narrative**

TILGHMAN HOLDINGS LLC

COORDINATED LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN (PHASE 1) PROJECT NARRATIVE JULY 2024

The project includes enclosing and fitting out a portion of the area of the existing building which was formerly a storage area with a roof and sprinkler system that served as outdoor storage for the prior building supply business and a minor expansion of the building footprint at the northern end of the building. Minor improvements consisting of parking lot striping, handicap parking spaces and signage are proposed for the existing parking areas. In addition, street trees will be planted along the Tilghman Street frontage of the property as well as locations throughout the rear and sides of the property as shown on the plans. Finally, an ATM machine will be placed at the northwest corner of the main parking lot.

Since previous proposals have been submitted for this property, is there a W-9 and Required Escrow Account Opening Information Form on file? In that regard, any remaining escrow funds can be transferred and used for this submittal. In addition, the \$50 submission filing fee was previously submitted (copy of the check enclosed).

Since the proposed modifications are very minor in nature, would the Township be willing to forego the formal review/approval process by the Lehigh County Conservation District with the understanding that E&S controls will be utilized at each location, where necessary, similar to the typical E&S detail utilized for the construction of single family homes (see waiver request letter)?