

TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

July 17, 2024

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jonathan L. Bolton, Chairman
Robin Ruhmel, Vice Chairman
Paul Geissinger, Secretary
Jason Szewczak, Member
Ann Freyman, Member
Casey Zelena, Member

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL

Lee A. Rackus, Bureau Chief of Planning,
Zoning & Development
Frank Clark, Keystone Consulting Engineers
Jacob Oldaker, Esq., Township Solicitor

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:30 pm.

Mr. Bolton read the Fair Housing Statement as required.

A) SUBMISSION REVIEW:

1) 2033-23A – TRACTOR SUPPLY

3561 W. Columbia Street

Land Development

Zoning District: I

Original Submission Date: 11/30/23; Revised Submission Date: 5/29/24

90-Day Expiration Date: 3/20/24; Extension Expiration Date: 9/18/24

Revised plans submitted 5/29/24 for June meeting

2) 2048-24A – BETTER WORLD RECYCLING

250 Lehigh Valley Mall

Special Exception

Zoning District: C-2

Original Submission Date: 6/27/24

90-Day Expiration Date: N/A

Kimberly Kidd representing the applicant.

Mr. Bolton confirmed the applicant received comment letters from Ms. Rackus dated 7/15/24 and Lehigh Engineering dated 7/16/24.

Ms. Kidd noted that the donation boxes had been there for 5 years and didn't realize a permit was required until they were notified by Mr. Gittinger. Boxes are emptied every other day between 8 am and 4 pm (usually Monday, Wednesday & Friday), and the Lehigh Valley Mall has her contact number and if the bins are full, she is notified immediately come empty them. They take anything that is left outside the bin and recycle it, if not usable. They have 50,000 bins up and down the east coast and insurance coverage on all their bins.

Mr. Bolton entertained a motion recommending approval of the Special Exception contingent upon compliance with comments from KCE and the Township.

Motion by Ms. Ruhmel, second by Mr. Szewczak. Vote taken, 6-0 to approve.

B) DISCUSSION ITEMS:

SALDO Submission Requirements – Ms. Rackus will find out what the other agencies (WTA, CWSA, NBMA, etc.) require for plan submissions, as well as the restrictions on digital submissions and IT requirements

C) OTHER:

Approval of June 2024 Meeting Minutes. Minutes approved with modifications re: Whitehall Townhomes grading above pipe.

D) ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.