

PLANNING BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2021

Members present: Mark Schafron/*Chairman, Robert J. Swartz/Vice Chairman, Steve Cormier, Robert J. Bettez, Sr., and Paul A. Cormier/Members, and Trevor Beauregard/Director-City Planner*

Members absent: *None.*

Also present: Chris Coughlin-*Engineering, William Hannigan-Hannigan Engineering, Dawn Casavant-Heywood Hospital, Rozanna Penney-Heywood Hospital, Christine Martines Fucile-DCDP, and Members of Public (signed attendance sheet on file).*

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Mr. Schafron called the meeting to order at 8:53 p.m.

1. NEW BUSINESS:

Definitive Site Plan – Heywood Hospital Expansion

Mr. Schafron commented there are still some gaps in this plan, for instance, landscaping, as well as landscaping planting, and traffic signage. T. Beauregard replied he believes they are still working on a final plan set since there could be more feedback at future meetings.

T. Beauregard further spoke about a parking plan for the construction timeline, and noted in the past with construction for the hospital, the parking along Green Street was utilized, therefore need to plan for this. T. Beauregard added it is not permitted right now, but it has been permitted in the past during a construction phase, and needs to be addressed ahead of time. Mr. Hannigan said relative to construction vehicle parking, he would like to get together with the company lined up for the construction project to outline phasing. T. Beauregard emphasized he is talking about parking off site during construction, therefore, recommends contacting the Deputy Chief or Chief of Police so they are aware. In addition, would like the Planning Board involved as part of the final decision, if in fact there will be parking off site during the construction regarding employees, public, etc. Mr. Hannigan said during construction certain parts of the hospital are not going to be available during the day, so a shuttle service will be provided as the best option which will be mostly employees in order to save parking space for patients.

T. Beauregard spoke of snow storage on the landscape plan provided in the plan set, and noted a lot of snow storage was shown within the landscaped areas, and asked to be sure not to provide snow storage in landscaped areas that are making up the open space part of the design. It is not permitted, and will need to show the calculations. Mr. Hannigan thought adding snow storage areas that are temporary in nature, meaning within 48 hours, and then removed. T. Beauregard stated this will need to be shown on the plan the Planning Board will be approving.

T. Beauregard noted he does not have a problem with the current fencing, however, may want to look at fencing versus guardrail along with the vegetation. In addition, believes the guardrail may fit in better with the vegetation itself along the barrier on Woodland Avenue, at headlight height. Mr. Hannigan said he will be talking to the landscape architect, as well as the developer.

Mr. Schafron commented they are not in a position to vote on anything tonight.

S. Cormier noted the detention basin at the far end, and asked if this should be maintained as well. Mr. Hannigan said it is not really detention basin, and has no credit with the calculations, so in other words, could just eliminate it, and put Riprap pad, however, trying to add a little bit of extra safety relative to velocity reduction to prevent erosion going down the hill.

S. Cormier noted the site lighting plan and changing the light bulbs. Mr. Hannigan said during the neighborhood meeting, someone from the neighborhood brought up lighting was put in the area that exists for parking right now, and the first time the light bulbs went out, they were replaced with lights that were three times the brightness. Therefore, the proposed lighting will be LED, which last a long time, and when replacement is needed, it is replaced with a component that comes with the light, so it cannot be changed with just a bulb.

S. Cormier questioned if the service plan includes a section regarding spill or contamination. Mr. Hannigan replied not yet, since they are waiting for the peer review to come back for all the comments and will put together a whole package that will hopefully address everything from the Planning Board, as well as the ZBA.

S. Cormier reiterated construction hours be specified as well.

2. NEXT REGULAR PLANNING BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

R. Bettez/S. Cormier.
favor.

Vote – All in

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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