

APPLICATION FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL

A	Application is hereby made for approval by the Board of Commissioners of the attached Land Development Plan.			
В	Name of Land Development: Flourtown Shopping Center			
	Location:	1842 Bethlehem Pike		
		Flourtown, PA 19031		
С	Name of Owner: Address:	Federal Realty Investment Trust AND Steven J Guttman & Donald Misner c/o Federal Realty Investment Trust		
	909 Rose Ave, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD			20852
	Phone #:	610-896-5870		
D	D Name of Applicant: Address: FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST 50 EAST WYNNEWOOD RD, SUITE 200 Wynnewood, PA 19096			
	Phone #:	610-896-5870		
Е	Name of Engineer, Surveyor, or Planner responsible for preparation of the plan			
	LANDCORE Engineering Consultants, PC; D. Alexander Tweedie, Pl			, PE
	Address: PO Box 3	7635 #56287, Philadelphia, PA 19101-0635		
F	Existing Zoning Class	sification:_S-District		
	Total Acreage: 9.5	New Non-Res. Floor Area: 4,550 (sq. ft)		
	Sewerage: Public			



LAND DEVELOPMENT

The applicant must complete the Application for Land Development Approval to follow and submit it to the Office of Community Development with the following information:

- A. Six (6) sets of stapled and folded plans.
- B. Prevailing application fees must be paid to Springfield Township at the time of application. Only checks or money orders will be accepted by the Code Enforcement Department. All application fees are deposited into the general revenue.
- C. Prevailing application fees and a completed Request for Review by the Montgomery County Planning Commission. All checks must be made payable to the Montgomery County Treasurer and submitted to Springfield Township at the time of application (see MCPC review form and fee schedule).
- D. A professional services agreement with the requisite financial security must also be submitted at the time of application. The financial security may be established at a financial institution of the applicant's choice. The Township will not accept cash or checks for escrow purposes.
- E. Required Stormwater management calculations.
- F. Subdivision and Land Development checklist.

A copy of the plans will be forwarded to all Township review boards as required. Comments from the review boards are due to be submitted to the Manager's Office within 60 days of the date of the application.

The applicant has the ability to waive the 90-day review period. If additional time is required, the applicant may consider granting an extension. All extensions and waivers must be done in writing.

Once the Planning Commission and all other review boards have completed their reviews, the Board of Commissioner will act on the plan at its next public meeting. Unless waived or an extension is granted, a decision by the Board of Commissioners must be rendered within 90 days as per the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning code (MPC).

REFER TO CHAPTER 95 "SUBDIVISION OF LAND" FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION MATERIALS AND PLAN REQUIREMENTS



	Intended Land Use(s) () Residential	# 01 Lo	ts	Units	Buildings
	(X) Commercial	1 Exis	st.	2	1
	() Industrial				
	() Office				
	() Other (Specify below	w)		Addada	
G	Does this application m Classification? () Ye special exceptions) Pa	s (x) N	o (if n	nts of the exist	ing Zoning of variances and/or
H	Is the property subject to (X) No (if yes, attach a		rances,	deed restriction	ons, etc.? () Yes
I	List additional material	submitted wi	th this a	pplication	
	1. Zoning Decision	n			
	2. Previous Reco				
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J	Springfield Township I	ee Schedule	(non-ret	fundable):	
	Checks should be made	payable to "	Springfi	ield Township	",
	Land Development Fe	ee Schedule			
		· Request/ ch Plan	Prelin	iinary Plans	Final Plans
	Residential	\$250	\$200 p	er D.U.	\$250 per D.U.
	Nonresidential 5	\$250	\$500	+ \$100 / acre	\$2,500 + \$150 / acre



K Escrow Fund

The escrow account shall be established based on the following calculations:

\$3,000.00 per acre or fraction thereof

	Total Escrow Amount	\$			
L	Springfield Township Application	n Fees	Springfield Township Montgoms y County Description		
	Waiver or Sketch Plan Fee	\$	MAR 1 5 2021		
	Preliminary Plan Fee	_{\$600}	_		
	Final Plan Fee	\$2,650	Community Davetopment Department		
	Total	_{\$} 3,250	Check # 27 7004		

M Montgomery County Planning Commission Fee Schedule Checks should be made payable to "Montgomery County Treasurer".

RESIDENTIAL LAND DEVELOPMENT

Number of Lots or Units	
(whichever is greater)	General Fee + Fee Per Lot or Unit
1 - 3	\$150 (flat fee)
4 - 20	\$180 + \$23 per unit
21 - 100	\$450 + \$21 per unit
101 +	\$1,060 + \$20 per unit

NON RESIDENTIAL LAND DEVELOPMENT AND CONVERSIONS

Gross Square Feet of New Building	General Fee + Fee for every 1,000 gross sq. ft. (round to nearest whole dollar)
1 - 3,000 sq. ft.	\$220 flat fee
3,001 - 25,000 sq. ft.	\$519 + \$27 for every 1,000 sq. ft.
25,001 – 50,000 sq. ft.	\$1,050 + \$23 for every 1,000 sq. ft.
50,001 - 100,000 sq. ft.	1,550 + 20 for every $1,000$ sq. ft.
100,000 + sq. ft.	2,580 + 15 for every 1,000 sq. ft.
Total \$ 654.00	Check #



N Signature

The undersigned represents that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, all of the above statements are true, correct and complete.

In the event the applicant wishes to have the review by the Township discontinued, the applicant will notify the Township immediately, in writing, and processing of the review will be terminated upon receipt of such written notification to the Township, it being understood that all bills accrued to date of termination will be paid.

3.3.2021

DATE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT



April 20, 2021 Revised April 21, 2021

Mark Penecale, Planning Director Springfield Township 1510 Paper Mill Road Wyndmoor, PA 19038

Reference:

1890 Bethlehem Pike - Flourtown Shopping Center

New Development Proposal

Dear Mark:

My office is in receipt of various documents related to the proposed introduction of a new bank and restaurant to the Flourtown Shopping Center property. The project is bisected by the municipal boundary delineating both Whitemarsh Township and Springfield Township. We have been in contact with the professional staff in Whitemarsh Township to assure to the best of our ability that our reviews and interests are aligned. The information reviewed is as follows:

- 1. Landcore Engineering Consultants, P.C. A 13-sheet set of plans dated March 4, 2021 and bearing no revision date at this time.
- 2. Landcore Engineering. A Stormwater Management Report dated March 4, 2021
- 3. F. Tavani and Associates Traffic Engineers Drive through queue investigation
- 4. Landcore Engineering- Sewer Planning Exemption request dated March 4, 2021
- 5. Springfield Township correspondence from your office dated October 27, 2020, indicating that our zoning hearing board granted a variance for the number of parking stalls in the shopping center.

In general, the plans propose the construction of a new building to house a 2,450 square-foot bank with drive-through, as well as a new 2,100 square-foot restaurant. This work is to occur upon existing paved parking surface and will require the reconfiguration of certain parking lot driveway aisles and entrance experience. Several major topics were revealed during our site observations and plan review.

Approvals / Permits / Reviews - Any approval the board would grant this application must be conditioned the applicant securing the following approvals, permits, and reviews.

PA DEP – Sewage Facilities Planning

Threshold Issues – The following topics represent the most important aspects of the application from our perspective:

1. Traffic Circulation – It is my understanding that the traffic circulation patterns within the shopping center have been the subject of discussion for many years. The introduction of the new

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uses and the reconfiguration of the parking lots will impact these discussions. The new intersection that I have labeled as "Point of Interest A" on the attached sketch, as well as the five perpendicular parking spaces that back on to this driveway, need to be investigated with greater scrutiny.

- 2. Pedestrian Connectivity Pedestrian connectivity from the existing parking lot, as well as from the existing sidewalks on Bethlehem Pike, should be investigated for the shopping center in general, as well as for the new uses. During our site investigation, we observed many people walking throughout the center and out to Bethlehem Pike.
- 3. Stormwater Management While the proposal does not increase the amount of impervious cover on the property, we would ask for the developer's cooperation to seek improvements to the watershed, including volume reductions and water quality improvements.
- 4. Landscaping We thank the applicant for taking this opportunity to introduce additional landscaping into the parking lot. The very barren areas will be improved. However, we would ask that the developers also use this opportunity to expand the scope of landscape enhancement in the southeast corner of shopping center.

General Review:

- This application creates an opportunity to improve the balance of the shopping center aesthetically.
 As an example, the frontage of the Wells Fargo Bank should have the river rock replenished and landscaping refreshed.
- 2. This application will trigger inspection of the public portion of sidewalk that will be identified for repair.
- 3. This application will trigger the conversation regarding the maintenance of the loading areas behind the supermarket with regard to collection of trash, proper maintenance of landscape buffers and shielding of light fixtures.

Subdivision Ordinance Review:

Section 95-7.1 – The application is supplemented by a traffic impact analysis. However, this analysis is limited to the stacking provisions of the drive-through bank teller window. The traffic study must be expanded to deal with several issues as follows:

- 1. The reconfigured parking lot creates a definitive exit and entrance driveway to the southwest side of the newly proposed restaurant. The plan calls for five parking spaces to back into this new significant thoroughfare. I would suggest the spaces should be removed as they represent dangerous traffic conflict.
- 2. The new configuration of drive aisles creates a fairly significant intersection to the southeastern side of the proposed restaurant and existing parking lot traffic pattern. The traffic study should speak to methods to control traffic, organize a traffic pattern and improve safety at this now key intersection.
- 3. The existing turning radii onto north bound Bethlehem Pike must be improved to accommodate the truck traffic.

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- 4. It is my understanding that significant discussions have occurred in the past with regard to the traffic pattern and the balance of the shopping center. I believe this application triggers an obligation to revisit the circulation pattern in front of McDonald's, McDonald's delivery vehicles and the general traffic pattern associated with the Movie Tavern.
- 5. The two-way traffic pattern in front of the Movie Tavern and Dollar Tree should be evaluated for safety improvements for both pedestrians and drivers; at a minimum all paint markings in the facility should be refreshed. Existing deteriorated asphalt paving should be repaired. Consideration should be given to narrowing the driveway in key locations to service traffic calming improvements. Landscape islands, similar to those found in Ambler Borough, can create defined drop-off areas and reduce the speedway conditions that are currently present. These landscape bump outs can serve as pedestrian refuge, narrowing the crossing of traffic pattern from parking spaces to the retail stores.
 - a. Chapter 95-10 This portion of our code identifies the requirements for improving streets abutting the proposed land development. The section speaks to not only paving width, but also to right-of-way width. The ordinance obligates a minimum of a 70-foot right-of-way and a 50-foot cartway. Sheet 3 of 13 of the plan set should clearly identify the existing legal right-of-way, the obligated ultimate right-of-way, as well as the obligated cartway paving width for the frontage of the property.
 - b. Chapter 95-11.I (3) Our code obligates the developer to provide significant parking area landscaping. The existing parking facility for the shopping center falls short of these obligations. The board of commissioners must weigh the nonconforming status of the parking facilities versus an obligation to improve the property to meet current regulations.

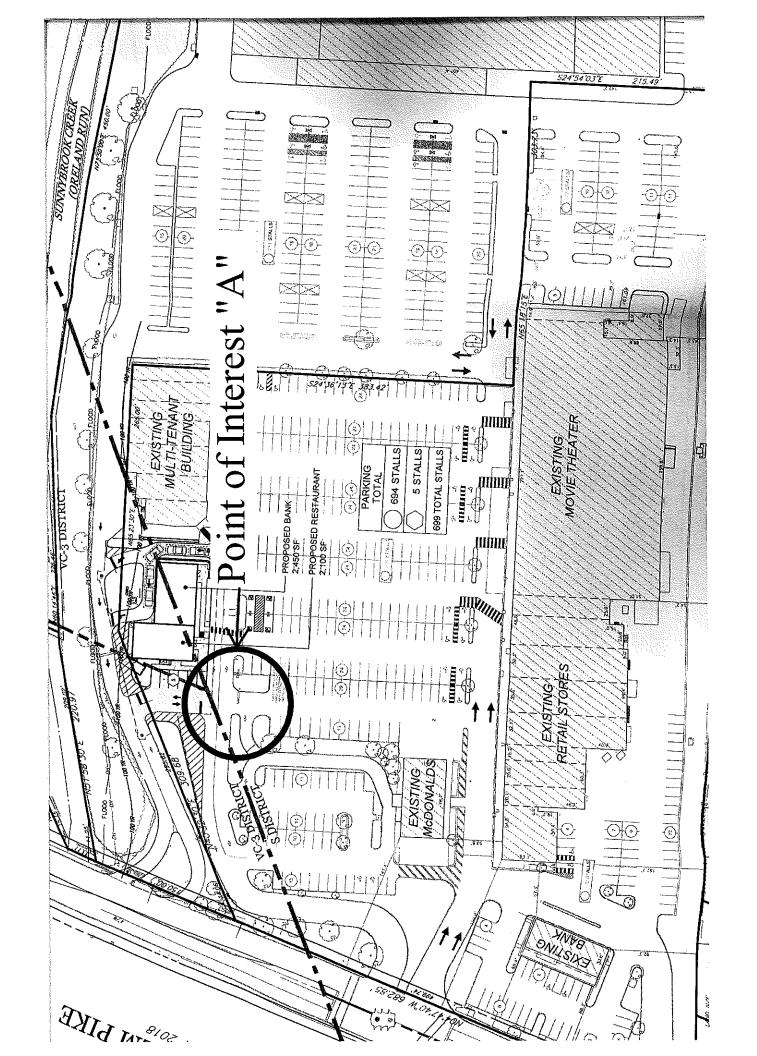
I look forward to the opportunity to discuss these opinions and issues in greater detail with the applicant and our elected officials in the coming days.

Singerely,

Imothy P. Woodrow, P.E. Interim Township Engineer Woodrow & Associates, Inc.

TPW/del

cc: A. Michael Taylor, Township Manager – Springfield Township
James J. Garrity, Esq., Wisler Pearlstine, LLP. – Township Solicitor
Alex Tweedie, P.E. – Landcore engineering
Krista Heinrich, P.E. – Whitemarsh Township Engineer
Charles Guttenplan, Director of Planning and Zoning – Whitemarsh Township
Craig Robert Lewis, Esq. – Kaplin Stewart





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Craig Robert Lewis, Esq. Union Meeting Corporate Center 910 Harvest Drive, P. O. Box 3037 Blue Bell, PA 19422-0765

October 27, 2020

Re:

Zoning Hearing Board Application #20-13 for the property located at 1842 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, PA 19031. Known as Parcel #520001903007, Parcel #520001904006 and Parcel #520001904105.

Dear Mr. Lewis,

This letter is sent to inform you that on Monday, October 26, 2020 the Zoning Hearing Board of Springfield Township approved the dimensional variance from Section 114-134. A. (6) of the Zoning Ordinance of Springfield Township to allow for the on-site parking to be reduced from the existing 713 parking stalls to 699 parking stalls.

The approval of this application was unanimous with one condition.

Condition: That noise mitigation be addressed to the satisfaction of the Springfield Township Board of Commissioners during the land development review process.

This approval will expire twelve (12) months from the date of this decision should the required land development application not be submitted. If there are any questions that you may have, please feel free to contact me at 215-836-7600, ext. 1114.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Penecale

Director of Planning & Zoning

Cc/ ZHB Members by way of email

ZHB Solicitor by way of email

Michael Taylor; Township Manager, Springfield Township



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Flourtown Shopping Center

James J. Garrity

LOCATION: 1874 Bethlehem Pike

Bonny S. Davis Treasurer / Tax Collector Dear Mr. Penecale:

Timothy P. Woodrow, PE

The Springfield Township Emergency Services Board is in receipt of plans for the addition of a new building to be occupied as a restaurant and bank. The building will be located between Mr. P's and the exit to Bethlehem Pike. The building will be located in both Whitemarsh and Springfield Townships. The Board had no objections to the plan and commented only that it appeared fire sprinkler systems were to be installed.

If there should be any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Baily

Fire Marshal

Cc:

Timothy Woodrow, PE Township Engineer

Michael Taylor, Township Manager

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> SCOTT FRANCE, AICP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 16, 2021

Mark Penecale, Director of Planning & Zoning Springfield Township 1510 Paper Mill Road Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania 19038

Mr. Charles L. Guttenplan, AICP, Director of Planning and Zoning Whitemarsh Township 616 Germantown Pike Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania 19444

Re: MCPC #20-0111-003

Plan Name: Flourtown Shopping Center

(4,550 sq. ft. pad site/shopping center on parcels totaling 23.65 acres.) Situate: North of Springfield Avenue/south of W. Valley Green Road

Springfield & Whitemarsh Townships

Dear Mr. Penecale and Mr. Guttenplan:

We have reviewed the above-referenced land development plan in accordance with Section 502 of Act 247, "The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as you requested on March 19, 2021. We forward this letter as a report of our review.

BACKGROUND

The applicant, Federal Realty Investment Trust, is proposing to construct an addition to the existing Flourtown Shopping Center, which would be located at the northwest corner of the property. As proposed, the building would include a 2,100-square foot restaurant and a 2,450-square foot bank with a drive-through lane. The property is located in both Whitemarsh and Springfield Townships, and the improvements are proposed in what is currently an existing parking area. The majority of the restaurant and a portion of the bank are in Whitemarsh, while a small portion of the restaurant and a portion of the bank building are in Springfield. The Whitemarsh portion of the shopping center is split zoned between the VC-3 Village Commercial District and the B-Residential Zoning District, though the proposed pad site development is

entirely in the VC-3 area. The portion of the proposed site in Springfield is in the township's Shopping Center (S) District.

As an existing shopping center, the site contains a parking lot which is primarily located in the Springfield portion of the property. The applicant has received a variance from the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board for the number of on-site parking spaces required. The applicant also received a number of variances related to parking requirements from the Whitemarsh Township Zoning Hearing Board. The submission includes documentation from F. Tavani & Associates-Traffic Engineering & Planning, who concluded that the proposed vehicle stacking capacity for the proposed drive thru facility for the bank is adequate. The property is served by public water and sewer, and the plan is dated March 4, 2021.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMPLIANCE

The Future Land Use element of the 2012 Springfield Township Comprehensive Plan identifies the Flourtown Shopping Center as a Community Mixed Use and Services area. In addition, the site is also identified as a Community Mixed Use Area in the Future Land Use Plan of the Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan, *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*. Community shopping centers, such as Flourtown Shopping Center, and commercial uses, such as the proposed restaurant and bank, are consistent with both land use designations.

The proposed development is consistent with the Whitemarsh Township Selective Comprehensive Plan Update, adopted in November 2020. The plan's and Future Land Use map envisions the shopping center and an area along Bethlehem Pike as a 'Mixed-Use Corridor'. The emphasis of this land use designation is to promote high-density walkable developments.

RECOMMENDATION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) generally supports the applicant's proposal; however, in the course of our review we have identified the following issues that the applicant and both Springfield and Whitemarsh Townships may wish to consider prior to final plan approval. Our comments are as follows:

REVIEW COMMENTS - SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

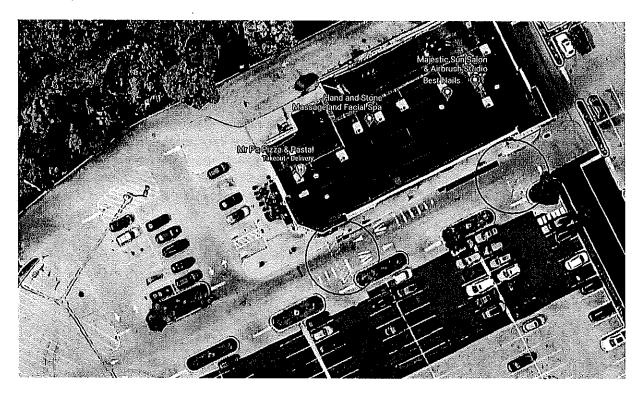
LANDSCAPING

- A. <u>Parking Lot Landscaping</u>. The applicant is proposing to convert four existing parking spaces to ADA accessible parking stalls near the front of the proposed building addition. The applicant should assess the health and condition of the existing trees and vegetation in the planting areas near the ADA parking stalls to ensure that the trees are healthy and no mitigation or replacement trees are warranted.
- B. <u>Street Trees</u>. Street trees are required per § 95-11.I (2) of the Springfield Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). The applicant is claiming no street frontage; as well, they

claim that they are exempt from the street tree requirement. However, in lieu of the required street trees, the township may consider contributions to the Township Landscape Fund per § 95-11.I (14).

PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES

A. <u>Internal Crosswalk Improvements</u>. The applicant is proposing additional crosswalks to connect the new building to the existing parking area. In addition to these new crosswalks, improvements should be made to the existing pedestrian features in the shopping center. For example, recent aerial imagery from Google Maps shown in the image below indicates that the existing internal crosswalks are faded. These and other similar areas should be examined and repainted as necessary.



B. <u>Enhanced Pedestrian Safety Measures</u>. In addition to the crosswalk connecting the proposed building to the existing parking area, the plan also indicates that a pedestrian crossing sign will also be installed. Given the proposed building's location on a main access drive leading to the traffic signal on Bethlehem Pike, additional pedestrian safety measures should be considered to prevent potential conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles entering/exiting the shopping center. This could potentially include a speed table, a flashing signal, or enhanced pedestrian lighting.

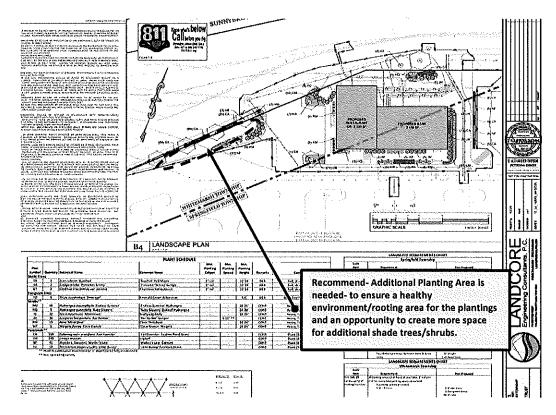
GENERAL COMMENTS

A. Fee in Lieu of Recreational Space. Due to the lack of available space remaining on-site for recreational amenities, as required under § 95-11E of Springfield's SALDO, the township may wish

- to consider asking the applicant to pay a fee in lieu of provision of recreational space, as provided for in § 95-11E.8.
- B. <u>Outdoor Dining</u>. Based on the plan, it doesn't appear that any outdoor dining is being proposed for the new restaurant. In light of the importance and popularity of outdoor dining during the COVID-19 pandemic, the applicant may want to consider adding space for outdoor seating at the proposed restaurant.

REVIEW COMMENTS - WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP

- A. <u>Pedestrian Safety</u>. As mentioned above, a principle access aisle which directs vehicles exiting the shopping center is directly adjacent to the building entrances where pedestrians will walk. This is a concern for both townships with each sharing portions of this access aisle. We recommend that both townships work cooperatively to ensure that a safe pedestrian environment in this area of the development is created to the greatest extent feasible.
- B. Landscape Improvements. A large area bordering the traffic aisle is shown being converted from a paved area into a landscape strip which is comprised +/- 4 ft. wide by 100 ft. and is planted with 4- Red Maples and several shrub groupings. The narrow planting strip is shown surrounded by a large paved area which appears is not devoted to any functional purpose other than pavement. We recommend that a larger planting area be developed in this area. This would allow for additional trees and shrubs to be planted and would create a more sustainable environment for the effective growth of the proposed tree and shrub groups. This area is noted below.



CONCLUSION

We wish to reiterate that MCPC generally supports the applicant's proposal to expand the existing shopping center through the addition of the proposed bank and proposed restaurant; however we believe that our suggested revisions will better achieve both Springfield and Whitemarsh Township's planning objectives for commercial development.

Should the governing body approve a final plat of this proposal, the applicant must present the plan to our office for seal and signature prior to recording with the Recorder of Deeds office. A paper copy bearing the municipal seal and signature of approval must be supplied for our files. Please print the assigned MCPC number (#20-0111-003) on any plans submitted for final recording.

Sincerely,

Aaron Holly, Community Planner aholly@montcopa.org - 610-278-3748

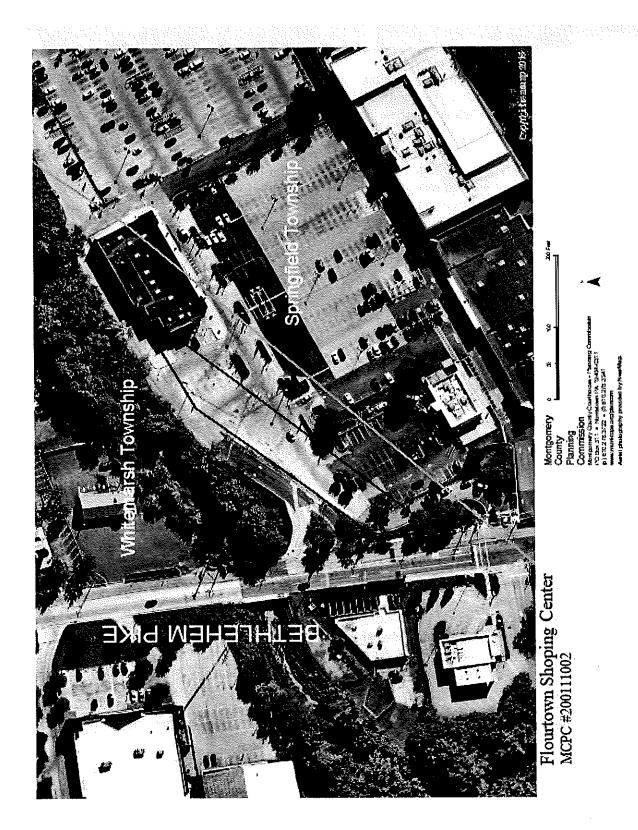
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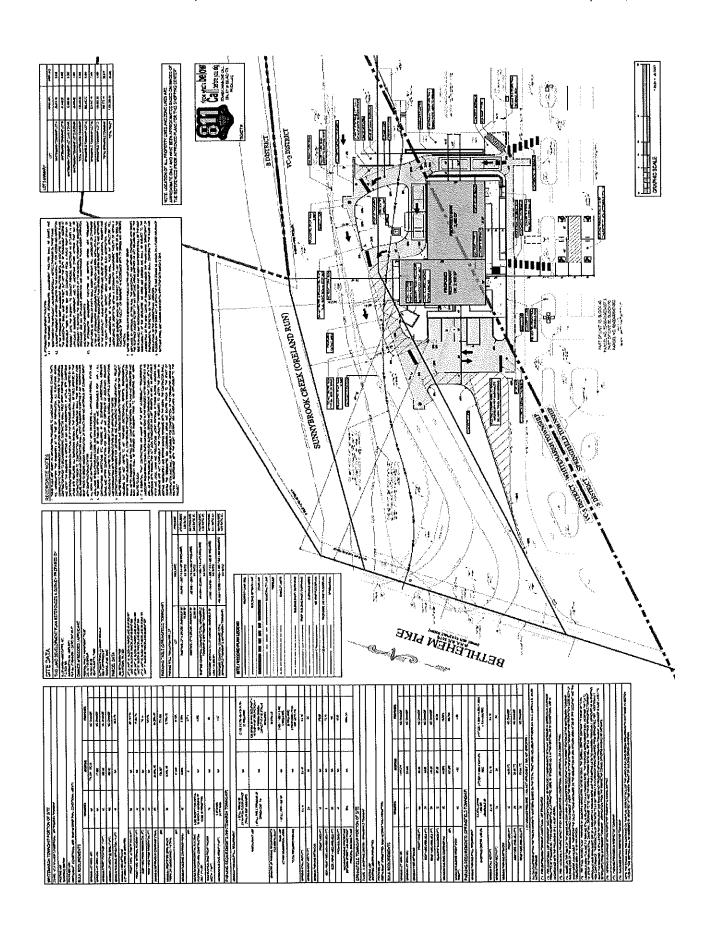
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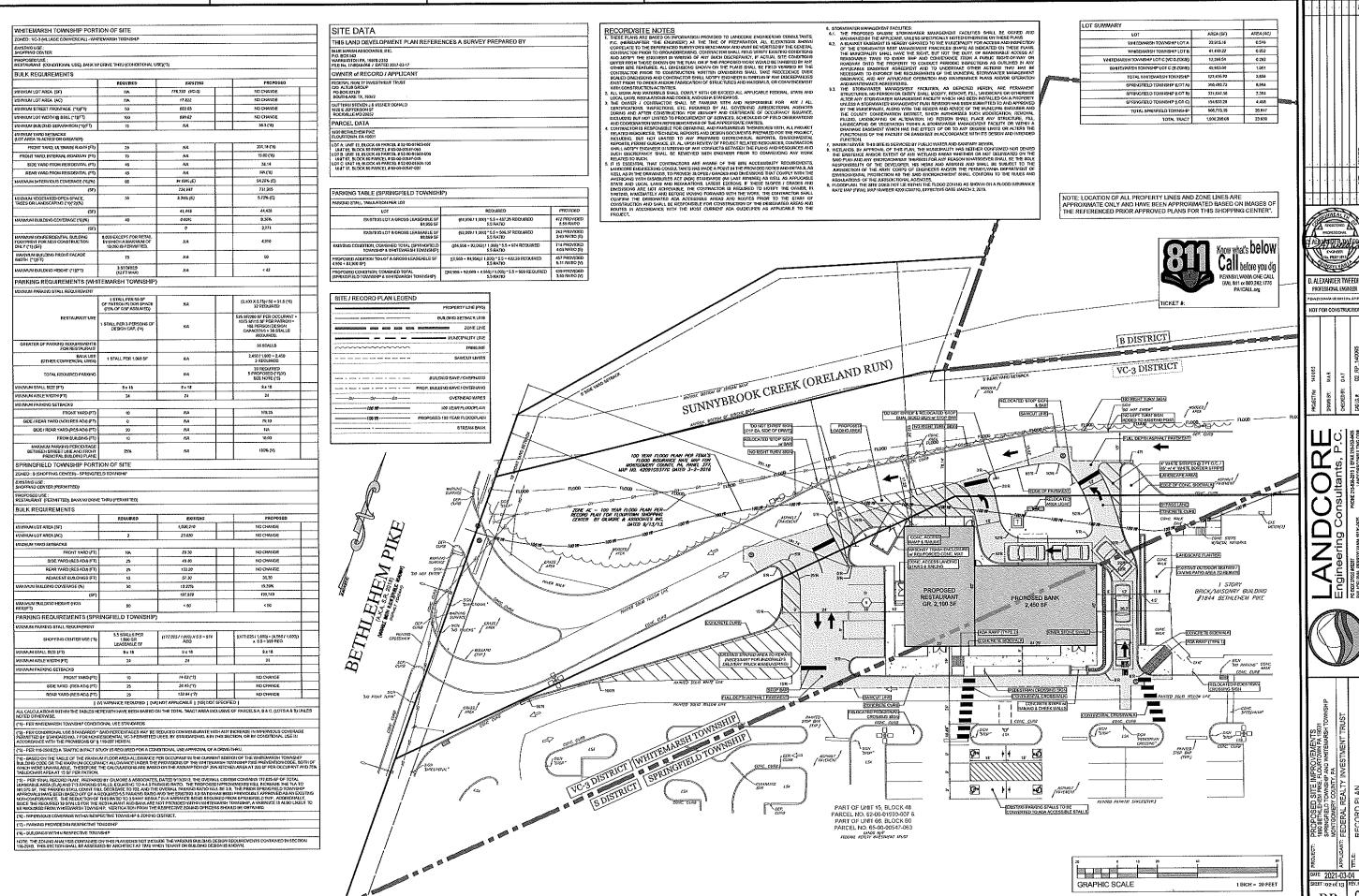
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c: Andrew Bottaro, Applicant
A. Michael Taylor, Springfield Township Manager
Amanda Helwig, Chair, Springfield Township Planning Commission
Robert Dambman, Chrm., Whitemarsh Township Planning Commission
James Hersh, WhitemarshTownship Engineer
David Sander, Esq., Whitemarsh Township Solicitor

Attachments: Aerial Photo of Site Applicant's Plan







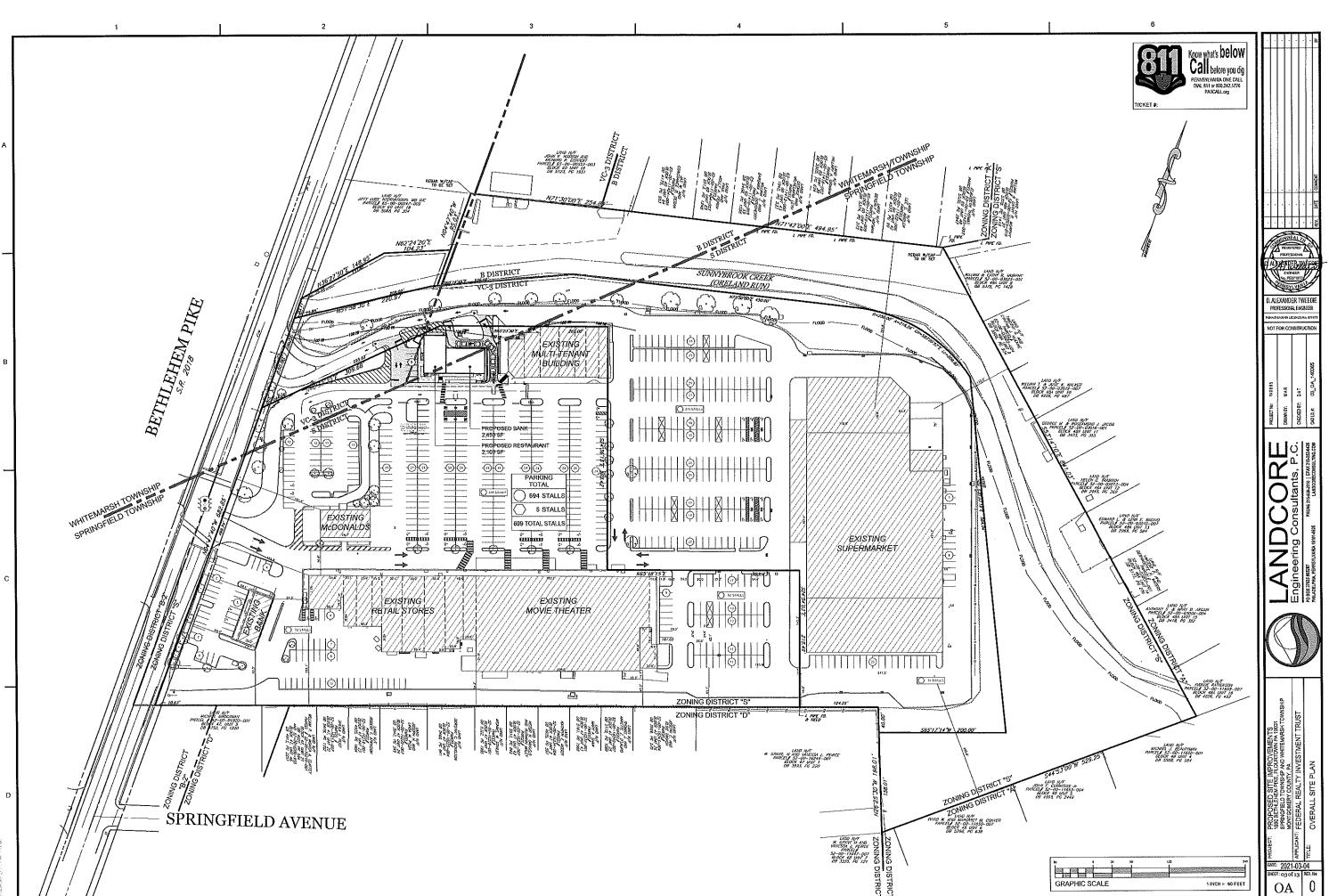
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ORDINANCE NO.

"U&O Decision Deadline and Extension of Zoning Relief Expirations"

AN **ORDINANCE** AMENDING THE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP CODE, CHAPTER 114 (ZONING), ARTICLE XV (ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT), SECTION 114-152 (USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMITS) TO REPEAL AND REPLACE SUBSECTION C. TO ADD A DEADLINE WITHIN WHICH A DECISION ON A COMPLETE USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT APPLICATION MUST BE ISSUED, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND TO FURTHER AMEND ARTICLE XV(ADMINISTRATION **AND** ENFORCEMENT), SECTION 114-155 (CONDITIONAL USE PROCEDURES) TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE EXPIRATION OF ZONING RELIEF IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND TO FURTHER AMEND ARTICLE XVI (ZONING HEARING BOARD), SECTION 114-165 (SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS AND VARIANCES) TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE EXPIRATION OF ZONING RELIEF IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township does hereby ENACT and

ORDAIN:

SECTION I. - Amendment to the Code.

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 114 (Zoning), Article XV (Administration and Enforcement), Section 114-152 (Use and Occupancy Permits) is hereby amended to repeal Subsection C. and replace it with the following new Subsection C.:

C. Issuance.

- (1) The Zoning Officer shall have 45 days after the receipt of the submission of a complete application for a use and occupancy permit to approve or deny a permit, subject to the following. In order to be considered to be 'complete,' an application for a use and occupancy permit must include:
 - (a) A fully completed application form, signed by a landowner, equitable owner and/or tenant with a valid lease. If the applicant is an equitable owner or tenant, a copy of the agreement establishing such property right shall be included with the application;
 - (b) A description of the proposed use, the existing use, and the historic use;

- (c) The required application fee established by Resolution of the Board of Commissioners, as amended from time to time; and
- (d) Any and all supporting documentation necessary to allow the Zoning Officer to properly evaluate the use and occupancy permit application, including but not limited to a plan of the property and structures thereon and information demonstrating compliance with the Township Building Code and Zoning Ordinance.
- (2) The Zoning Officer shall have 20 days to determine whether a use and occupancy application is complete. If it is determined that the use and occupancy permit application is incomplete, the Zoning Officer will notify the applicant within the 20 day period of the additionally required documents and/or items. The 45 day period within which the Zoning Officer has to issue a decision on the application will start anew upon the submission of the information necessary to complete the application.
- (3) The deadline within which the Zoning Officer must issue a decision may be extended upon the written, signed agreement of the applicant.
- (4) No use and occupancy permit shall be issued until the Building Inspector has certified that the proposed use complies with all the provisions of this Chapter and the Township Building Code and Subdivision of Land Ordinance.
- (5) Pending completion of a building or of alterations thereto, and subject to the provisions of this Section, a temporary use and occupancy permit may be issued by the Building Inspector for a temporary occupancy of a part or all of a building in lieu of a permanent use and occupancy permit, provided that issuance of such a permit has been approved by the Board of Township Commissioners, and provided further that such temporary occupancy would not in any way tend to jeopardize the life or property or create a health hazard. The issuance of such a temporary occupancy permit shall in no way prejudice the right of the Building Inspector to refuse to issue a permanent use and occupancy permit. The issuance of a use and occupancy permit shall not, in any way, be construed to relieve a contractor, builder or developer of and from any contractual or other liability, responsibility or obligation to any other person, firm or corporation.

SECTION II. - Amendment to the Code.

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 114 (Zoning), Article XV (Administration and Enforcement), Section 114-155 (Conditional Use Procedures) is hereby amended to add the following new Subsection F.:

- F. Unless otherwise specified by the Board of Commissioners, a conditional use approval shall expire if the applicant fails to engage in such use or obtain a building permit (if necessary) thereunder within twelve (12) months from the date of authorization thereof, except that such twelve (12) month period shall be tolled during the following:
 - (1) The diligent pursuit of any necessary land development and/or subdivision approval;
 - (2) Appeal of the relief granted by the Board of Commissioners, or the conditions thereof; or
 - (3) Any period for which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has declared a state of emergency lasting for a period of not less than 30 days.

SECTION III. - Amendment to the Code.

The Code of Springfield Township, Chapter 114 (Zoning), Article XVI (Zoning Hearing Board), Section 114-165 (Special Exceptions and Variances) is hereby amended to repeal Subsection D. and replace it with the following new Subsection D.:

- D. Unless otherwise specified by the Zoning Hearing Board, approval of a special exception or variance shall expire if the applicant fails to engage in such use or obtain a building permit (if necessary) thereunder within twelve (12) months from the date of authorization thereof, except that such twelve (12) month period shall be tolled during the following:
 - (1) The diligent pursuit of any necessary land development and/or subdivision approval;
 - (2) Appeal of the relief granted by the Zoning Hearing Board, or the conditions thereof; or
 - (3) Any period for which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has declared a state of emergency lasting for a period of not less than 30 days.

SECTION IV. - Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted even if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

SECTION V. - Failure to Enforce Not a Waiver.

The failure of the Township to enforce any provision of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the Township of its rights of future enforcement hereunder.

SECTION VI. - Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by the law.

SECTION VII. - Repealer.

All other ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania,	the Board of Commissioners of Springfield this day of, 2021.
	BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
Ву:	D.L.J.M. Ct. III. D. II.
	Baird M. Standish, President
Attest:	

A. Michael Taylor, Secretary