

RESOLUTION
Township of Pequannock
Planning Board
In the Matter of the Pequannock Board of Education
Review of Capital Projects
Decided on April 18, 2016
Memorialized on July 18, 2016

WHEREAS, the Township of Pequannock Board of Education (hereinafter “Board of Education”) will be replacing an existing ground sign with a new Light Emitting Diode (LED) ground sign; and

WHEREAS, under the Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-31(a), the Board of Education before taking action necessitating the expenditure of public funds incidental to the location, character or extent of a project shall refer the action involving such specific project to the Pequannock Township Planning Board (Planning Board) for review and recommendation in conjunction with the Pequannock Township Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has filed an application with the Planning Board to replace its existing ground sign with a new LED ground sign in accordance with the MLUL; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board conducted a public hearing with respect to this matter wherein Peter Riffel, Director of Facilities for the Board of Education and John Janus, a representative of Butler Sign Company appeared on behalf of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board reviewed this matter in accordance with the MLUL to ascertain whether or not the development is consistent with the Master Plan for the Township of Pequannock and whether the Planning Board has any specific

recommendations as part of the application which might enhance the actual improvement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Janus described the proposed improvements which include the removal of the existing ground sign and replacement with an LED ground sign as indicated on a sign plan prepared by Butler Sign Company, dated March 30, 2016 and made a part of the record; and

WHEREAS, the existing ground sign is 38 square feet in area and the proposed LED ground sign is 44.3 square feet in area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education will comply with Section 189.013.070 Light Emitting Diode (LED) sign regulations including, but not limited to, the text and logo of the electronic messages being amber in color and there will be no display of animated signs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education represented that the maximum brightness levels for the electronic message board would not exceed 500 candelas per square meter; and

WHEREAS, the electronic message area will operate between the hours of 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ground sign will be located in the same area as the existing ground sign; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is proposing five (5) lines of copy with a static message that would change at intervals of approximately two to three minutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education agreed that it would keep the brightness within the ordinance limits; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education confirmed that the proposed use of the sign will be to inform the public of school activities and information to Township residents; and

WHEREAS, it is the Planning Board's duty when undertaking this review to ascertain whether or not the development is consistent with the Master Plan for the Township and whether the Board has any specific recommendations as part of the application which might enhance the actual improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board having reviewed the Master Plan determines that this project is consistent with the Master Plan and serves the needs of alerting the public of activities taking place at Pequannock Township High School; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board is satisfied that the sign location will not encroach upon any set back requirement or any site triangle needed to insure safety for the motoring public; and 1) in order to prevent any safety hazard, the Planning Board recommends that the Board of Education comply with the Township's LED Ordinance; and 2) that the sign message not change more frequently than two to three minute intervals; and 3) the entire message shall be displayed as opposed to having a scrolling message; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board subject to the aforementioned recommendations is satisfied that the proposed application is consistent with the Municipal Master Plan and its in the public interest and promotes the general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Township of Pequannock, State of New Jersey, that the Planning Board has hereby completed its review of the application submitted by the Board of Education and incorporates herein the recommendations set forth above regarding the proposed LED ground sign.

The undersigned secretary certifies the within Resolution was adopted by the Planning Board on April 18, 2016 and memorialized herein pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-10(g) on July 18, 2016.



Gerard Fitamant, Board Secretary

In favor:

Against:

Abstained:

Board Members Eligible to Vote: