NOTICE

A meeting of the City of Evansville Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on the date and at the time stated below in City Hall, 31 South Madison Street, Evansville, Wisconsin 53536. Notice is further given that members of the City Council might be in attendance. Requests for persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made by calling City Hall: (608)-882-2266 with as much advance notice as possible. Please silence cell phones and electronic devices during the meeting.

City of Evansville **Board of Zoning Appeals**Regular Meeting **Monday, February 24, 2025, 6:00 pm**3rd Floor, 31 South Madison Street, Evansville, WI 53536

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call.
- 3. Motion to approve the agenda.
- 4. Motion to waive the reading of the September 28, 2023 minutes and approve them as printed.
- 5. Civility Reminder
- 6. Citizen Appearances
- 7. Action Items.
 - A. Public Hearing and review of variance application VAR-2025-01 for parcel number 6-20-228.1 (13828 W US HWY 14)* to allow a driveway width in excess of that allowed by Section 130-827(5) of the Evansville Municipal Code.
 - i. Initial Staff and Applicant Comments
 - ii. Public Hearing
 - iii. Board of Zoning Appeals Questions and Comments
 - iv. Motion
 - B. Public Hearing and review of variance application VAR-2025-02 for parcel number 6-20-228.1 (13828 W US HWY 14)* to allow a building to be located other than what is directed by Sec. 130-419(2)(b) of the Evansville Municipal Code.
 - i. Initial Staff and Applicant Comments
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 - iv. Motion
- 8. Motion to Adjourn

^{*-} Note: This parcel was annexed into the City of Evansville by adoption of Ordinance 2024-13. It has not yet received its new parcel number identifying it as being in the City.

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MINUTES

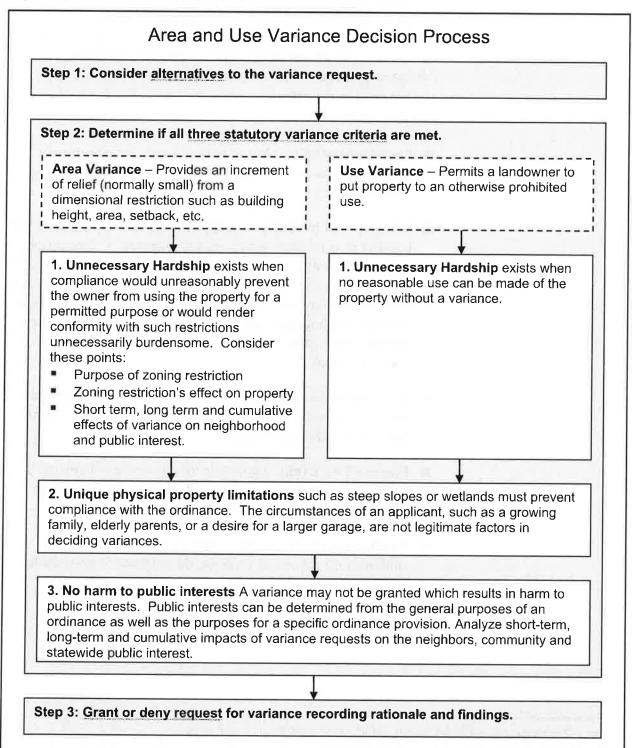
- 1. Call to Order at 6:00 pm.
- 2. Roll Call:

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Janice Turner	P	Colette Spranger, Community Development
		Director
Ken Updike	P	Norm Paulson, Resident
Sarah Krause	A	Dan Nipple, Resident
Jeff Vrstal	A	Jeremy May, Resident
Ry Thompson	P	Jeanette Jones, Applicant
Hughes	P	Matt Poock, Resident
Miller	P	Josh Kimball, Resident

- 3. Motion to approve the agenda by Thompson, seconded by Hughes. Approved unanimously.
- 4. <u>Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the July 7, 2020 regular meeting and approve them as printed by Hughes, seconded by Thompson. Approved unanimously.</u>
- **5. Civility Reminder.** Turner noted the City's commitment to civil discourse.
- 6. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed. None.
- 7. Action Items.
 - A. Public Hearing and review of variance application VAR-2023-0283 for parcel number 6-27-249 at 206 S Madison Street to allow building setbacks less than is allowed by Section 130-768(3) of the Evansville Municipal Code.
 - i. Initial Staff and Applicant Comments. Spranger shared her staff report.
 - **ii. Public Hearing.** Spranger opened the public hearing at 6:44pm. Applicants advised the building was constructed in 1965. Applicants expressed allowing for drive-up pickup services would allow more privacy for the clients of the food pantry from the customers at the retail store. Public hearing was closed at 6:49pm.
 - iii. Board of Zoning Appeals Questions and Comments.
 - Turner expressed concern for the water flow on the slope, Jeremy May expressed downspouts could be used to direct it into the grass.
 - Commissioners pointed out that the rendering and the drawings presented do not match. Applicants clarified the renderings are being updated as they go along.
 - Hughes expressed the need for signage showing that the driveway is one-way.
 - iv. Motion. The Board of Appeals approves issuance of the variance to reduce the street side setback less than allowed by Section 130-768(3) of the Evansville Municipal Code. Setback is allowed to 1 foot of property line to accommodate an open-air canopy covering a half-circle driveway on this property, parcel 6-27-249, addressed at 206 South Madison Street. The variance is approved noting the following findings of fact and conditions:

- The variance will not cause a detriment to neighboring properties and is necessary due to an applicant presented hardship as a result of the building's long-standing non-conforming status in the B-1 zoning district.
- The granting of the variance does not suggest that a required street side yard setback be changed for all properties in the B-1 zoning district.
- The variance to the street side yard setback shall only apply to this canopy area along Liberty Street and not to any future expansion of the existing building.
- The granting of the variance is not contrary to the purposes set forth in the zoning code.
- The granting of the variance is not contrary to the public interest. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Hughes. Approved Unanimously.
- 8. Motion to Adjourn by Updike, seconded by Miller, passed unanimously.

Figure 25: Area and Use Variance Decision Process



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EVANSVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

STAFF REPORT – February 24, 2025

APPLICATION NUMBER: VAR-2025-01

Applicant: Kwik Trip

Parcel: 6-20-228.1¹ (13828 W US HWY 14²)

Prepared by: Colette Spranger, Community Development Director **Prepared for:** City of Evansville Board of Zoning Appeals

Description of request: The applicant is requesting a variance from the Evansville Municipal and Zoning Code for a driveway width in excess of what is allowed in the B-3 Community Business District. Driveway widths in all of Evansville's business districts are limited to 25 feet wide. The applicant is requesting two driveways of 35 feet each.

Background of Request

Kwik Trip is petitioning to open a fueling station and convenience store. The site is proposed to feature separate areas for gasoline and diesel fuels. Proximity to the approved but yet unbuilt soybean refinery plant is the primary driver for offering diesel fuel. Much of the anticipated traffic to the soybean plant is likely to be comprised of semi trucks, a fraction of which may visit the Kwik Trip site. A wide turning radius for those trucks is prompting the request for wider driveways.

Plan Commission is scheduled to review the Site Plan, Conditional Use Permit, and Rezoning Application at its March 4th, 2025 meeting. A public hearing for the applications was held on November 5th, 2024. Minutes from that meeting are included for review of this application. Specific concerns brought up by residents included:

- Impacts of increased traffic
- Pedestrian safety
- Appropriateness of location with regard to nearby housing.

There were also a number of residents expressing their support for the project, citing positive economic impacts or personal desire for the Kwik Trip brand.

An ordinance to finalize rezoning the parcel to B-3 Community Business from Agriculture will be reviewed by Common Council on March 11th. Any approval of site plans and conditional use permits will be contingent on approval of that ordinance.

For this application, the Board of Zoning Appeals need only determine whether the <u>driveway width</u>, rather than the size, appearance, and use of the entire site, is worthy of a variance.

Zoning Code Background

The City of Evansville recently adopted uniform driveway widths across its zoning districts. Most of the City's zoned commercial areas are already well established, which means ideal access management

¹ This parcel was annexed into the City of Evansville from the Town of Union on February 11th, 2025 by Common Council passing Ordinance 2024-13. At the time of writing, the documents recording that change were still being processed by Rock County and had not yet received its new parcel number.

² This was the site address pre-annexation. Future development on the site will be addressed as 680 East Main Street.

techniques for directing traffic cannot be easily implemented. This has resulted in commercial areas with numerous driveways that are close together and wider than what is necessary. Fixes such as shared driveways or interconnected parking lots are not likely to happen after the fact. In this case, the City chose to limit the width of driveways at the front property line. Narrower driveways slow down traffic and cut down on the pedestrian exposure to vehicular traffic. Because the land use pattern in the City is largely established, those wishing to repave their existing driveways will need to narrow them if they are in excess of 25'. For a site anticipating large amounts of semi truck traffic, the 25 foot width is too narrow to accommodate turns. Most of the allowed and conditional uses within the B-1, B-2, and B-3, and (to a lesser extent) the B-4 zoning districts are not ones that would generate large amounts of semi truck traffic. Therefore, a variance is the appropriate tool to use when considering wider driveways in these districts.

Required Findings: The Board of Zoning Appeals must consider the standards in Section 130-131 prior to making its findings. The six standards are as follows:

1	1. Site design and physical characteristics				
Cons	sideration	Staff Comments			
dı ve sı	existing topography, rainage patterns and egetative cover and the uitability of the proposed se in this regard.	A widened driveway will not impact topography, drainage, or vegetative cover at the finished site.			
ra th	vailability of water, sewer, all and other services and be utility requirements of the proposed site.	Site is adjacent to and will connect to public utilities. A widened driveway will not impact access to these utilities.			
av	Where public sewers are not vailable, the percolation haracteristics of the soil.	Not applicable.			
iı iı	Adequacy of the proposed internal circulation system, including safety considerations.	With regards to internal circulation, the widened driveways will enable semi trucks to enter the site without damaging curbs or ripping up vegetation.			
_	access to sites from the nternal circulation system.	No impact anticipated.			
	he costs of providing arious public services	No impacts anticipated.			
	appearance (how the area vill look).	Driveway width is typically not a perceptible feature when discussing appearance.			

	2. Site location relative to public road network			
Co	onsideration	Staff Comments		
a.	Convenient access to a public road network (safety of access points).	The proposed site features a driveway each on County Highway M and East Main Street/US Highway 14. WisDOT still controls access along part of the property. They is requiring a left turn lane for eastbound traffic on US Highway 14/Main Street.		
b.	Visibility from the proposed road and the need for visibility.	Visibility will be an issue with the driveways. A wider driveway increases the amount of time pedestrians have to interact with vehicular traffic. Staff is proposing that sidewalks, particularly at the driveways, be located at the property line. Currently sidewalks are about 5 feet from the curb when the property line ranges 20 to 30 feet from the roadway on both East Main/US Highway 14 and County Highway M. This will provide distance between pedestrians and the road and provide more time for vehicles to slow down as they enter the site. Sidewalks should be kept level for the pedestrian, and clearly marked so motorists can easily see that they are crossing a sidewalk. This may be accomplished by striping or using a colored concrete for sidewalk construction.		
C.	Access; the location is to provide access primarily by right-hand turning movements.	Staff is considering restricting driveway access along County Highway M to be right-in, right-out only as way to restrict cross traffic from the shared Piggly Wiggly/Family Dollar driveway and from motorists aiming to avoid the County Highway M/US Highway 14 intersection by cutting across Kwik Trip's long, unencumbered parking lot.		

	3. Land Use	
C	onsideration	Staff Comments
a.	Compatibility with existing or proposed uses in the area.	The City's Future Land Use category for this undeveloped land is Walkable Business. Land uses to the south are industrial or planned industrial commercial; land uses to the east are commercial. Directly north the site abuts the backyards of a number of residences and a City-owned retention pond.
b.	Relation to any existing land use plan.	Prioritzing pedestrian safety and connectivity would keep the proposed use in line with the City's Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan. One such policy is "Build commercial and mixed-use structures to the sidewalk and face entrances towards pedestriar traffic to promote walkability."
C.	Relation to existing or proposed development at nearby interchanges.	The driveways are located as far as possible from the County Highway M/US Highway 14 signalized intersection so as not to negatively impact traffic.
d.	In reviewing an application for a zoning district change to a business district, the plan commission and city council shall consider whether the proposed zoning district change likely will result in increased vehicular traffic on nearby local streets in areas of existing residential development and whether such increased traffic will have an adverse impact on the existing residential development.	The applicant has applied for rezoning, which is being reviewed by Plan Commission on March 4 th . Driveway widths are the same across residential and commercial districts, so this is not an applicable consideration.

4. Traffic	
Consideration	Staff Comments
a. Amount of daily and peak hour traffic to be generated, related to site size. Traffic shall be sub-classified as to arterial, collector and local streets.	 East Main Street/US Highway 14 is an Arterial street. County Highway M is a Major Collector Street. The site is expected to yield 4,113 trips per day. AM Peak (7 to 8 am): 276 trips per hour PM Peak (4 to 5 pm): 298 trips per hour 20% of the trips are likely to be "pass-by" trips, or those who stop at Kwik Trip en route to their actual destination. Each "trip" is one-way, so 276 trips per hour is equivalent to 138 vehicles coming to and leaving the site. Each driveway is anticipated to handle 50% of the proposed trips. The traffic analysis performed by Kwik Trip (and included in this evening's packet) built off one developed for the CHS Oilseed
b. Amount of traffic generated	Processing Plant, which is estimated to add 3,036 trucks per week when fully operational and averaging 45 trucks during the typical weekday hour. The Kwik Trip traffic analysis assumes the oilseed plant is fully operational. Average daily traffic counts were last performed by WisDOT in
relative to existing and anticipated ultimate generated traffic in the area.	2023. US Highway 14 was estimated to have 7,500 daily trips. County Highway M was estimated to have 2,700 daily trips.
c. Expected composition of site- generated traffic by vehicle types.	2 of the 22 fueling stations are for diesel vehicles. Assuming that a similar percentage of hourly trips are distributed between cars and semi trucks, about 9-10% of the hourly traffic could be semi trucks, or 12-13 trucks per hour.
d. Effect of site-generated traffic on the operation of the area.	The traffic analysis including the fully operational soybean oilseed plant makes it difficult to separate Kwik Trip's impact on its own. A straight reading of average daily traffic counts and the provided analysis indicate that the amount of traffic could easily double what is already there.
	Staff would like to remind decision makers and the public that the existing intersection at County Highway M and US Highway 14 was improved in the late 2000s in anticipation of an ethanol plant that was never built. Average daily traffic counts have also dropped over time. The intersection is designed to take on more traffic than it currently experiences.
	The traffic analysis measures intersection functionality and congestion experience by the user, defined by Level of Service (LOS) ranging from A to F. The traffic report indicates that the addition of new driveways and increased traffic does reduce the LOS in several areas from a B to C. Level of Service C is defined as stable operation with periodic back-ups. An average delay at a signalized intersection lasts 20-35 seconds.

e. Safety and convenience of future users.	As is normally required when development occurs on undeveloped land, Kwik Trip will need to extend sidewalk to the edge of its property along County Highway M.
	Staff is requesting that a condition be added to this variance. There is a small sidewalk connecting Deanna Drive to County Highway M. Kwik Trip extending its sidewalk to only the edge of its property leaves a gap of 300 feet between sidewalks, which would require users to walk on the unimproved gravel shoulder. This is consistent with City land use policy that "[connectivity be improved]by using trails and sidewalks to make walking easy and safe." A path is possible through the City-owned retention area, which has raised areas not typically covered by water. Rock County may also be willing to allow a sidewalk within its right-ofway along County Highway M, which is in its jurisdiction in this location.
	Exact locations or engineering on this path have not yet been developed. A condition of granting this variance would be to work with the City engineer and develop this connection at the same time sidewalk is being developed on its own.
	Safety is a concern in this area; earlier this month (February 2025) a pedestrian was hit while in the crosswalk coming home from Piggly Wiggly.

5. Community Effects		
Consideration	Staff Comments	
a. Immediate and long-range tax base.	Offering diesel at this location would be a benefit to users of the CHS oilseed processing plant and local trucking companies. Offering safe and convenient access from the road is a part of maintaining smooth and uneventful traffic patterns in this area.	
	This would be a significant investment and addition to the City's tax rolls, lessening the burden on residential taxpayers.	
b. Access to market or service area.	This site was chosen for the amount of current traffic in addition to the traffic anticipated from the oilseed processing plant.	
c. Relation to scenic or recreation values.	Not applicable.	
d. Relation to the public interest, the purpose and intent of this chapter and substantial justice to all parties concerned.	To be decided at the Board of Zoning Appeal's discretion.	
e. Compliance with the master plan's goals and objectives.	With respect to the planned land use of "Walkable Business", this variance can be accommodating for the applicant while maintaining and even improving existing conditions for pedestrians.	

6. Other Relevant Factors		
Consideration	Staff Comments	
a. Compliance with the Performance Standards in Article III of the zoning code.	No impacts anticipated.	
b. Additional impacts.	None.	

Board Consideration: The Board must determine whether exceptional circumstances are present and that there is an absence of detriment, as specified above, in order to grant the variance. Specific conclusions must be noted by the Board in the motion. Per Section 130-153:

"No variance to the provisions of this chapter shall be granted by the board of appeals unless it has considered the standards in section 130-131 and it finds that all the following facts and conditions exist and so indicates in the minutes of its proceedings:

- (1) Exceptional circumstances. There must be exceptional, extraordinary or unusual circumstances or conditions applying to the lot or parcel, structure, use or intended use that do not apply generally to other properties or uses in the same district, and the granting of the variance would not be of such a general or recurrent nature as to suggest that this chapter should be changed.
- (2) Absence of detriment. The variance shall not create substantial detriment to adjacent property and shall not materially impair or be contrary to the purpose and spirit of this chapter or the public interest.
- (3) Conclusions of law. The findings of the board shall be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law."

Staff conclusion: When considering the request against other properties and uses on other properties in the B-3 zoning district, staff is of the opinion that a variance is the appropriate tool to address this issue. It should be considered the variance runs with the land in perpetuity, which would allow the site to redevelop with the same exceptions granted regardless of use.

Staff recommended motion: The board can choose to approve, deny, or approve with conditions the variance request(s). If the board chooses to approve, the following motion can be used or modified:

The Board of Appeals approves issuance of a variance to allow a driveway in excess of what is allowed by the Evansville Municipal Code. This variance allows a 35 foot wide driveway when measured at the property line on annexed parcel 6-20-228.1, addressed at 680 E Main Street (formerly 13828 West US Highway 14). The variance is approved noting the following findings of fact and conditions:

- 1. 35 feet is wide enough to allow semi trucks to make safe and efficient turns while staying on pavement. This site will experience more semi truck traffic compared to the average business in the B-3 Community Business District.
- 2. Applicant to work with City (and County if necessary) on completing offsite sidewalk connections.
- 3. Sidewalk connections to be completed prior to site receiving its occupancy permit.

- 4. The variance will not cause a detriment to neighboring properties and is necessary due to a hardship of semi trucks having large turning radii, and the site receiving larger-than-normal amounts of semi traffic.
- 5. The granting of the variance does not suggest that driveway standards should be changed throughout the entire zoning district.
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EVANSVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

STAFF REPORT – February 24, 2025

APPLICATION NUMBER: VAR-2025-01

Applicant: Kwik Trip

Parcel: 6-20-228.1¹ (13828 W US HWY 14²)

Prepared by: Colette Spranger, Community Development Director **Prepared for:** City of Evansville Board of Zoning Appeals

Description of request: The applicant is requesting a variance from the Evansville Municipal and Zoning Code for placing a gas station/convenience store other than what is directed by allowed by Sec. 130-419(2)(b). That section states that "Any convenience store/food counter building shall be located within the building envelope closest to the street side or occupy the corner area of any lot it occupies. Gas pump areas shall not be located in any front yard area."

Background of Request

Kwik Trip is petitioning to open a fueling station and convenience store. The site is proposed to feature separate areas for gasoline and diesel fuels.

Plan Commission is scheduled to review the Site Plan, Conditional Use Permit, and Rezoning Application at the March 4th, 2025 meeting. A public hearing for the applications was held on November 5, 2024. Minutes from that meeting are included for review of this application. Specific concerns brought up by residents included:

- Impacts of increased traffic
- Pedestrian safety
- Appropriateness of location with regard to nearby housing.

There were also a number of residents expressing their support for the project, citing positive economic impacts or personal desire for the Kwik Trip brand.

An ordinance to finalize rezoning the parcel to B-3 Community Business from Agriculture will be reviewed by Common Council on March 11th. Any approval of site plans and conditional use permits will be contingent on approval of that ordinance.

For this application, the Board of Zoning Appeals need only determine whether the <u>building and canopy</u> <u>placement</u> rather than the size, appearance, and use of the entire site, is worthy of a variance.

Zoning Code Background

The City recently passed updates to its zoning ordinance to improve building placement along streets and preferred site design with regard to gas stations. Recently this resulted in some success with shielding the parking area at the upcoming Culver's and ensuring the building itself is the prominent feature of the site. The City has long used the Allen Creek Corridor Plan to guide design for new

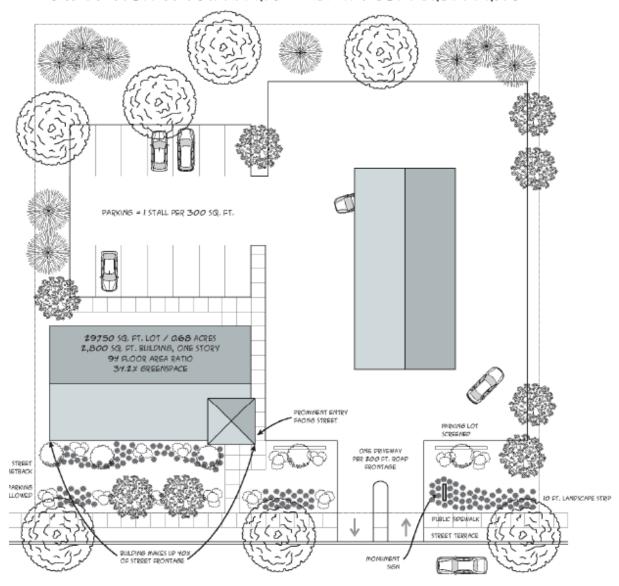
¹ This parcel was annexed into the City of Evansville from the Town of Union on February 11th, 2025 by Common Council passing Ordinance 2024-13. At the time of writing, the documents recording that change were still being processed by Rock County and had not yet received its new parcel number.

² This was the site address pre-annexation. Future development on the site will be addressed as 680 East Main Street.

development, and codifying it into the zoning ordinance is one tool the City can use to continue to improve streetscapes and prominent entrances to the City.

Below is the image City staff have used to convey this goal. It features a prominent entrance that faces the street, parking behind the building, and a canopy area that is set back into the property. Generous landscaping screens the fuel canopy area from the street, especially for pedestrians.

SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS - HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL AREAS



Required Findings: The Board of Zoning Appeals must consider the standards in Section 130-131 prior to making its findings.

1. Site design and physical characteristics				
Consideration	Staff Comments			
a. Existing topography, drainage patterns and vegetative cover and the suitability of the proposed use in this regard.	The natural topography of the site slopes from the west to the center of the property, where the applicant proposes one of two stormwater ponds, dropping from an elevation of 926' to 913'. The land then rises again where the existing home on the property rests, and then slopes down one or two feet and is relatively flat along County Highway M.			
b. Availability of water, sewer, rail and other services and the utility requirements of the proposed site.	Site is adjacent to and will connect to public utilities. Granting a variance would have no impact on this consideration.			
c. Where public sewers are not available, the percolation characteristics of the soil.	Not applicable.			
d. Adequacy of the proposed internal circulation system, including safety considerations.	Along the northern edge of the property there is a stretch of pavement over 600' long and about 25 feet wide with no barriers to thru traffic. In some instances, this pavement is almost 66 feet wide and leads to two parking areas and the diesel canopy. Traffic would be coming from both directions and would be unrestricted as cars and trucks navigate where to park. For reference, East Main Street is 36' from curb to curb.			
	At the November Plan Commission meeting, several commissioners noted that this area was likely to act a throughway avoiding the signalized intersection.			
	Staff suggested traffic calming measures such as bump outs or landscape islands, a drastic reduction or redirection of pavement, or enforcing the County Highway M driveway as right-in, right-out only. Shifting the fuel canopy further north and placing the store at the corner could offer a physical barrier to thru traffic in this location. Semi truck traffic will be oriented to the East Main Street entrance and will leave via the County Highway M driveway. Any traffic calming devices should consider safe and clear passage for these vehicles.			
e. Access to sites from the internal circulation system.	Diesel customers and gasoline customers are likely to stay separate, apart from entering and leaving the site. The two canopy areas are at opposite ends of the site and separated by design.			
	Wrap-around walkways surrounding the convenience store make it easier for motorists to approach the building's entrances.			
	There is a striped area along the pavement leading from the diesel canopy to the convenience store.			
f. The costs of providing various public services	No impacts anticipated.			

g. Appearance (how the area will look).

Part of the reasoning behind the City's zoning change was to encourage emphasis on building appearance, especially in areas considered to be entryways to the City.

In its application, Kwik Trip states:

"The parcel is subject to unique physical conditions, such as its shape and size, that limit the feasibility of locating gas pumps elsewhere on the property. For instance, the lot has irregular dimensions and is significantly constrained to the corner and the access locations are limited to be further away from the intersection. This leaves the front yard as the most practical and efficient location for the gas pump area."

Staff would like to note that a Kwik Trip store built in Fitchburg features the building on the corner with gas canopies recessed. While there are differences (the proposed store in Evansville is on a busier highway with a signalized intersection, the Fitchburg site includes a carwash but no diesel canopy) the two stores are nearly identical in size (~9,200 square feet) and take up similar acreage with the standard fuel canopy.



Site plan layout of Kwik Trip convenience store on a corner lot with fuel pump canopy behind, approved in Fitchburg.



Rendering of site approved in Fitchburg.

	2. Site location relative to public road network				
Co	onsideration	Staff Comments			
Convenient access to a public road network (safety of access points).	road network (safety of	The proposed site features a driveway each on County Highway M and East Main Street/US Highway 14.			
	WisDOT still controls access along part of the property. They are requiring a left turn lane for eastbound traffic on US Highway 14/Main Street.				
b.	Visibility from the proposed road and the need for visibility.	The site would be prominent at the corner as one enter or exits Evansville.			
C.	Access; the location is to provide access primarily by right-hand turning movements.	Staff is considering restricting driveway access along County Highway M to be right-in, right-out only as way to restrict cross traffic from the shared Piggly Wiggly/Family Dollar driveway and from motorists aiming to avoid the County Highway M/East Main Street intersection by cutting across Kwik Trip's long, unencumbered parking lot.			

	3. Land Use	
	onsideration	Staff Comments
a.	Compatibility with existing or proposed uses in the area.	The City's Future Land Use category for this undeveloped land is Walkable Business. Land uses to the south are industrial or planned industrial commercial; land uses to the east are commercial. Directly north the site abuts the backyards of a number of residences and a City-owned retention pond.
b.	Relation to any existing land	Land use policies for the City of Evansville include the following:
	use plan.	 Build commercial and mixed-use structures to the sidewalk and face entrances towards pedestrian traffic to promote walkability.
		 Make the front of the building "permeable" (i.e., no blank walls, use windows, doors, material changes and other amenities to keep the buildings interesting).
		 Require pedestrian amenities and functional landscaping in parking lots and adjacent to industrial development to improve safety and reduce the visual and environmental impact.
		Discourage parking lots in front of buildings, in favor of on street parking and shared driveway
C.	Relation to existing or proposed development at nearby interchanges.	The driveways are located as far as possible from the County Highway M/US Highway 14 signalized intersection so as not to negatively impact traffic.
d.	In reviewing an application for a zoning district change to a business district, the plan commission and city council shall consider whether the proposed zoning district change likely will result in increased vehicular traffic on nearby local streets in areas of existing residential development and whether such increased traffic will have an adverse impact on the existing residential development.	The applicant has applied for rezoning, which is being reviewed by Plan Commission on March 4 th . Any approvals given at Plan Commission will have a condition that Common Council must pass the rezoning ordinance, which formally zones the land from Agriculture to Community Business. Upon annexation, the land was zoned into the City as Agriculture, which the City uses as a holding district until a specific development or appropriate use is identified.

4. Traffic Generation	
Consideration	Staff Comments
a. Amount of daily and peak hour traffic to be generated, related to site size. Traffic shall be sub-classified as to arterial, collector and local streets.	 East Main Street/US Highway 14 is an Arterial street. County Highway M is a Major Collector Street. The site is expected to yield 4,113 trips per day. • AM Peak (7 to 8 am): 276 trips per hour • PM Peak (4 to 5 pm): 298 trips per hour • 20% of the trips are likely to be "pass-by" trips, or those who stop at Kwik Trip en route to their actual destination. • Each "trip" is one-way, so 276 trips per hour is equivalent to 138 vehicles coming to and leaving the site. Each driveway is anticipated to handle 50% of the proposed trips. The traffic analysis performed by Kwik Trip (and included in this evening's packet) built off one developed for the CHS Oilseed Processing Plant, which is estimated to add 3,036 trucks per week when fully operational and averaging 45 trucks during the typical weekday hour. The Kwik Trip traffic analysis assumes the oilseed
b. Amount of traffic generated relative to existing and anticipated ultimate generated traffic in the area.	plant is fully operational. Average daily traffic counts were last performed by WisDOT in 2023. US Highway 14 was estimated to have 7,500 daily trips. County Highway M was estimated to have 2,700 daily trips.
c. Expected composition of site- generated traffic by vehicle types.	2 of the 22 fueling stations are for diesel vehicles. Assuming that a similar percentage of hourly trips are distributed between cars and semi trucks, about 9-10% of the hourly traffic could be semi trucks, or 12-13 trucks per hour.
d. Effect of site-generated traffic on the operation of the area.	The traffic analysis including the fully operational soybean oilseed plant makes it difficult to separate Kwik Trip's impact on its own. A straight reading of average daily traffic counts and the provided analysis indicate that the amount of traffic could easily double what is already there.
	Staff would like to remind decision makers and the public that the existing intersection at County Highway M and US Highway 14 was improved in the late 2000s in anticipation of an ethanol plant that was never built. Average daily traffic counts have also dropped over time. The intersection is designed to take on more traffic than it currently experiences.
	The traffic analysis measures intersection functionality and congestion experience by the user, defined by Level of Service (LOS) ranging from A to F. The traffic report indicates that the addition of new driveways and increased traffic does reduce the LOS in several areas from a B to C. Level of Service C is defined as stable operation with periodic back-ups. An average delay at a signalized intersection lasts 20-35 seconds.

e. Safety and convenience of	In its application Kwik Trip states: "Due to the exceptional and
future users.	unusual circumstances of this parcel, including site constraints and functional considerations, the requested variance is
	necessary to allow for the practical and efficient operation of the gas station."

5. Community Effects	
Consideration	Staff Comments
a. Immediate and long-range tax base.	Offering diesel at this location would be a benefit to users of the CHS oilseed processing plant and local trucking companies. Offering safe and convenient access from the road is a part of maintaining smooth and uneventful traffic patterns in this area.
	This would be a significant investment and addition to the City's tax rolls, lessening the burden on residential taxpayers.
b. Access to market or service area.	This site was chosen for the amount of current traffic in addition to the traffic anticipated from the oilseed processing plant.
c. Relation to scenic or recreation values.	Accomplished through landscaping and sidewalk connections.
d. Relation to the public interest, the purpose and intent of this chapter and substantial justice to all parties concerned.	To be decided at the Board of Zoning Appeal's discretion.
e. Compliance with the master plan's goals and objectives.	With respect to the planned land use of "Walkable Business", this variance can be accommodating while maintaining and even improving existing conditions for pedestrians.

6. Other Relevant Factors				
Consideration	Staff Comments			
Compliance with the Performance Standards in Article III of the zoning code.	No impacts anticipated.			
b. Additional impacts.	None.			

Board Consideration: The Board must determine whether exceptional circumstances are present and that there is an absence of detriment, as specified above, in order to grant the variance. Specific conclusions must be noted by the Board in the motion. Per Section 130-153:

"No variance to the provisions of this chapter shall be granted by the board of appeals unless it has considered the standards in section 130-131 and it finds that all the following facts and conditions exist and so indicates in the minutes of its proceedings:

(1) Exceptional circumstances. There must be exceptional, extraordinary or unusual circumstances or conditions applying to the lot or parcel, structure, use or intended use that do not apply generally to other properties or uses in the same district, and the granting of the variance would not be of such a general or recurrent nature as to suggest that this chapter should be changed.

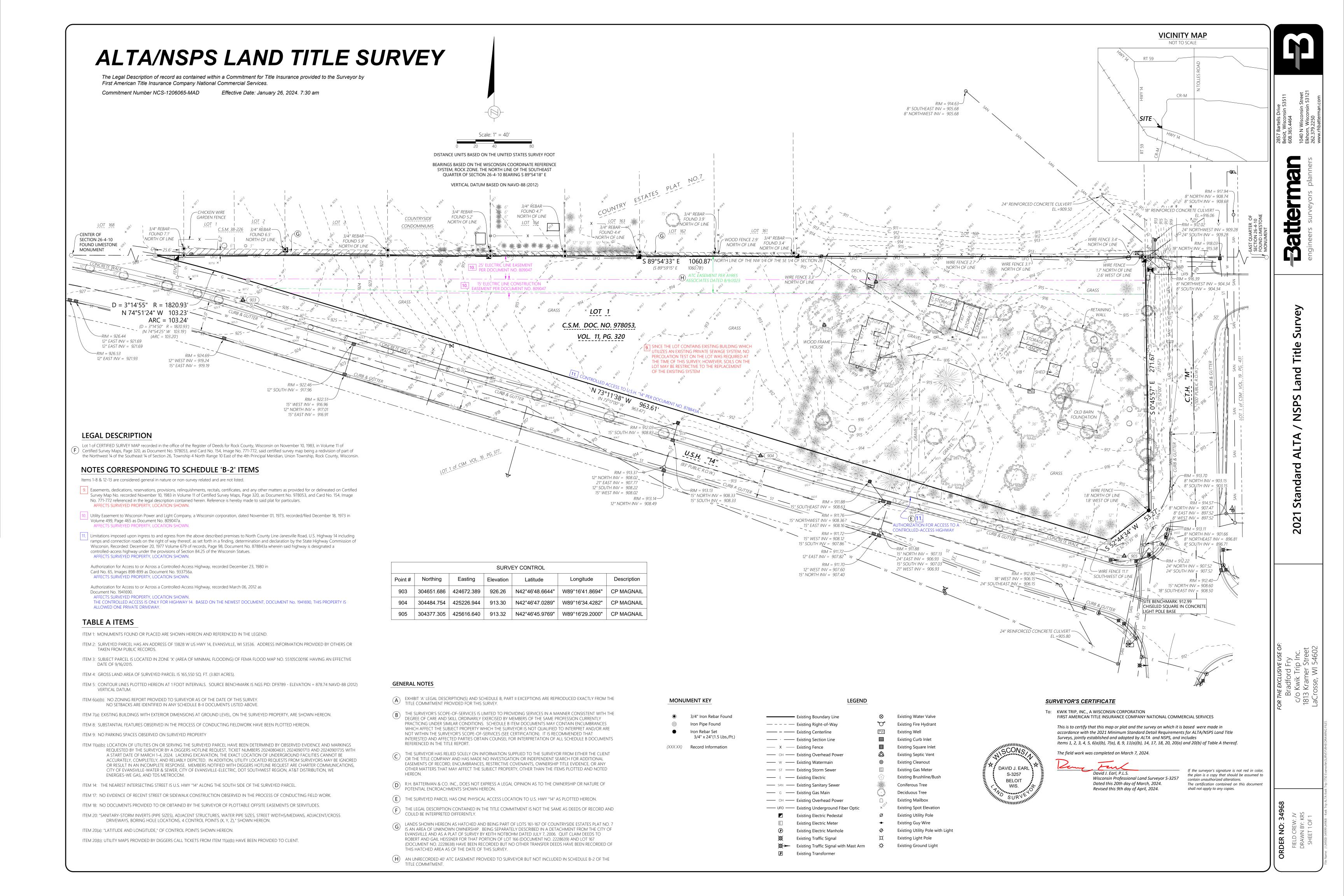
- (2) Absence of detriment. The variance shall not create substantial detriment to adjacent property and shall not materially impair or be contrary to the purpose and spirit of this chapter or the public interest.
- (3) Conclusions of law. The findings of the board shall be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law."

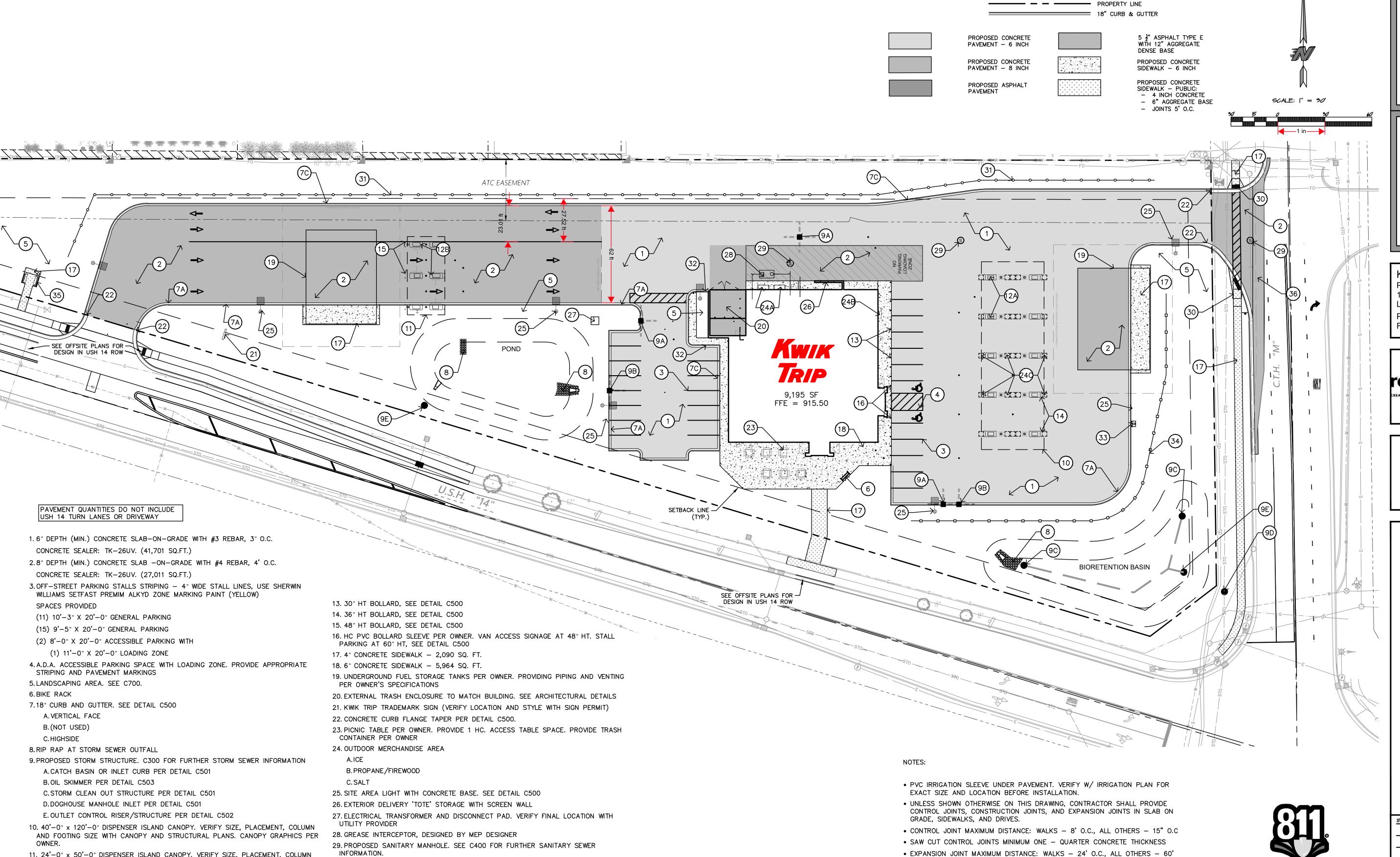
Staff conclusion: When considering the request against other properties and uses on other properties in the B-3 zoning district, staff is of the opinion that a variance is the appropriate tool to address this issue. It should be considered the variance runs with the land in perpetuity, which would allow the site to redevelop with the same exceptions granted regardless of use.

Staff recommended motion: The board can choose to approve, deny, or approve with conditions the variance request(s). If the board chooses to approve, the following motion can be used or modified:

The Board of Zoning Appeals approves issuance of a variance to allow for placing a gas station/convenience store other than what is directed by allowed by Sec. 130-419(2)(b) of the City of Evansville Municipal Code. This variance applies to annexed parcel 6-20-228.1, addressed at 680 E Main Street (formerly 13828 West US Highway 14). The variance is approved noting the following findings of fact and conditions:

- 1. The variance will not cause a detriment to neighboring properties and is necessary due to a hardship of irregular site dimensions.
- 2. The granting of the variance does not suggest that siting standards should be changed for gas stations/convenience stores.
- 3. The granting of the variance is not contrary to the purposes set forth in the zoning code.
- 4. The granting of the variance is not contrary to the public interest.





11. 24'-0" x 50'-0" DISPENSER ISLAND CANOPY. VERIFY SIZE, PLACEMENT, COLUMN AND FOOTING SIZE WITH CANOPY AND STRUCTURAL PLANS. CANOPY GRAPHICS PER

12. CONCRETE ISLANDS W/6" EXPOSURE WITH FUEL DISPENSERS. DISPENSER PER

OWNER.

a. 3'-6" x 7'-0" AT GAS CANOPY

b. 3'-6" x 8'-0" AT DIESEL CANOPY

30. PROPOSED CURB RAMP. SEE DETAIL C500.

32. CURB HEAD TAPER. SEE DETAIL C500.

35.BENCHES WITH TRASH CAN

31. PROPOSED PRIVACY FENCE (BROWN PVC 6FT TALL)

33. "FREE AIR" COMPRESSOR. PROVIDE SIGNAGE PER OWNER.

36.5 ½" ASPHALT TYPE E WITH 12" AGGREGATE BASE - 1,111 SQ. FT.

34.PROPOSED SPLIT RAIL FENCE ON TOP OF A BERM

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<u>LEGEND</u>

• DOWEL ALL EXPANSION JOINTS SHALL BE PLACED WHERE CONCRETE PAVEMENT

• THE HASHING IN THE "NO PARKING LOADING ZONE" AREA AND ANY OTHER

• LETTERING FOR ALL WORDING SUCH AS "NO PARKING LOADING ZONE" AND

AREA THAT IS HASHED, THE LINES SHOULD BE 5' SPACED OC.

• CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE JOINTING PLAN FOR OWNER REVIEW

THICKNESS CHANGE AND ALONG CURB AND GUTTERS.

CARWASH SHOULD BE 12" TALL.



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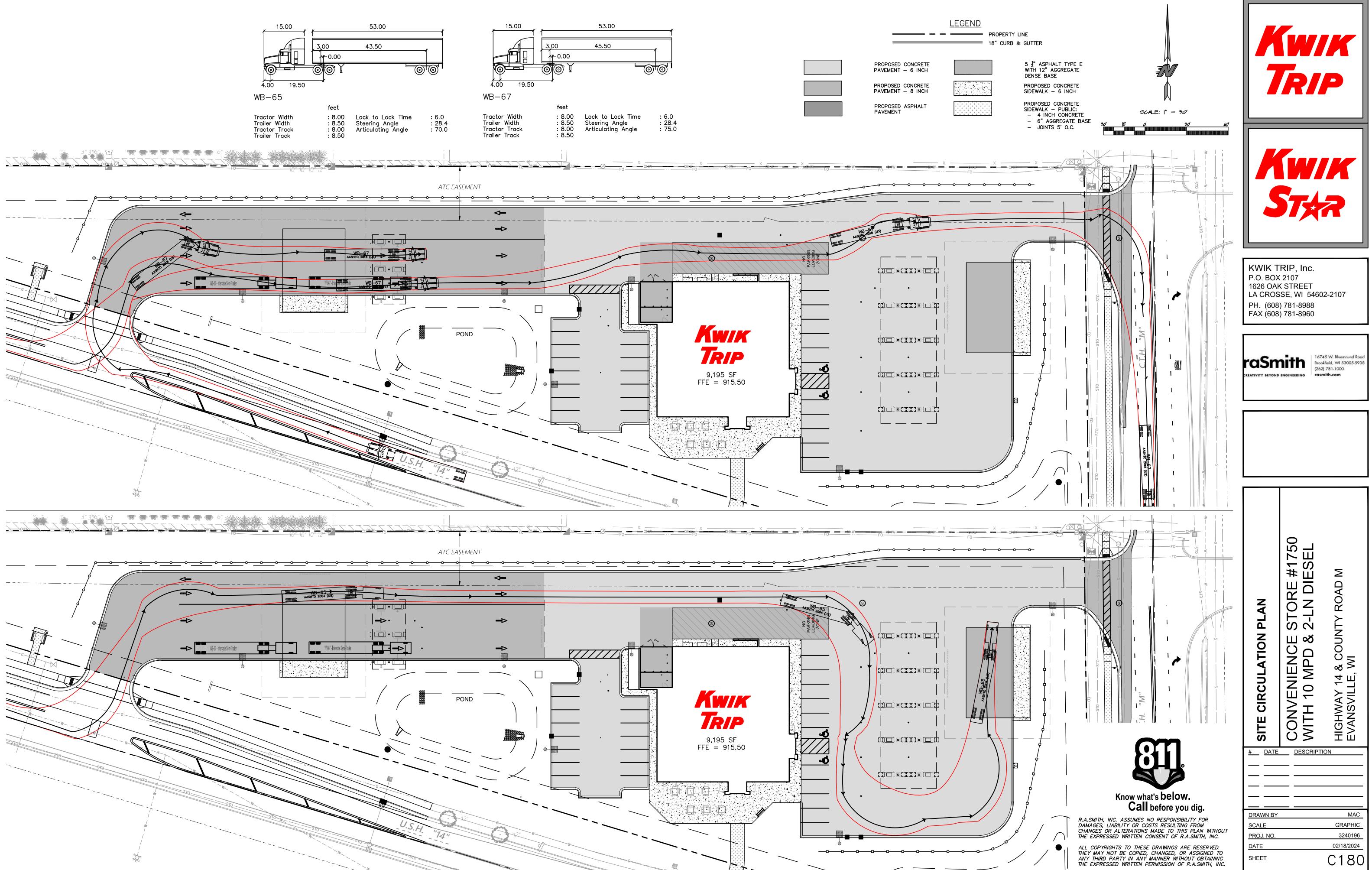
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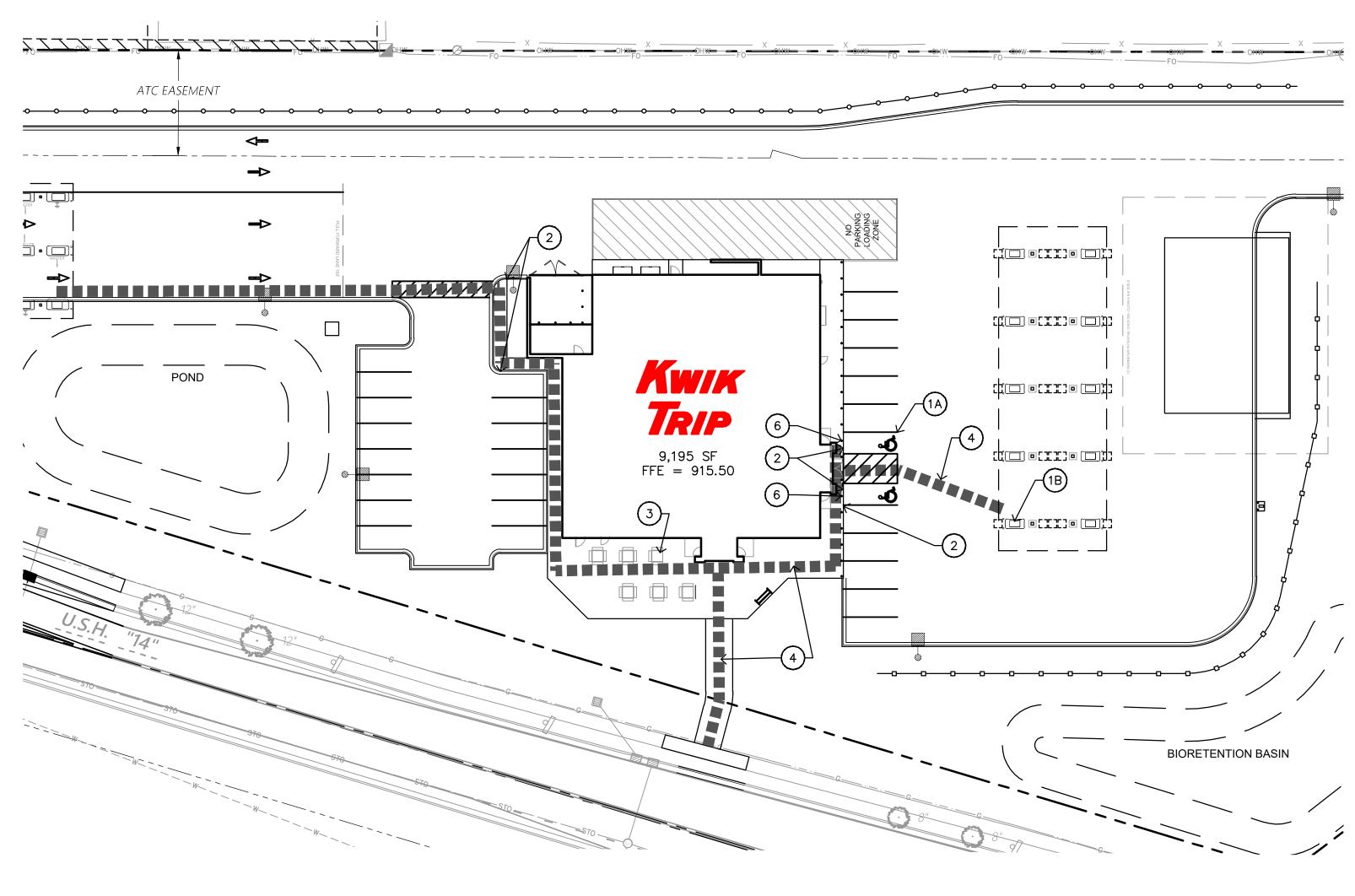
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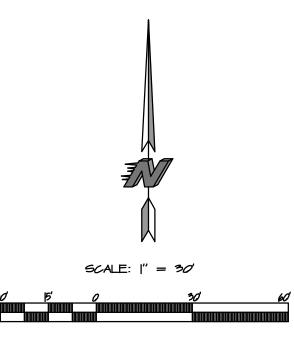
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B. ACCESSIBLE FUELING POINT AND DISPENSER AND VALET. VALET AND KEY
PAD ON PUMP SHALL CONFORM TO ADA REACH DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN IN
DETAIL. SEE NOTES FOR CONVENIENCE STORE ACCESSIBILITY.

- 2. PAVEMENTS FLUSH FOR ACCESSIBILITY.
- PICNIC TABLE W/ ACCESSIBLE PLACEMENT, PROVIDE TRASH CONTAINER; CONFIRM WITH OWNER FOR FINAL LOCATIONS.
- 4. ACCESSIBLE ROUTE TO STORE.
- 5. CURB RAMP.
- 6. ADA BOLLARD SIGNAGE.





AT LEAST 1 MPD (MULTI PRODUCT DISPENSER) COVERING ALL GRADES OF FUEL MUST BE ACCESSIBLE IN A 30"X48" CLEAR LEVEL FLOOR AREA (CLF).

ALL PUMP CONTROLS SHALL BE < 48"(2010 STANDARD). WINDOW WASHER, PAPER TOWEL DISPENSER, LITERATURE, FIRE EXTINGUISHER, EMERGENCY FUEL STOPS, ETC. BE ACCESSIBLE 30"X48" CLF SPACE AND WITHIN A FORWARD OR SIDE APPROACH REACH RANGE.

PROVIDE ISA(INDUSTRY STANDARD ARCHITECTURE) AT EACH ACCESSIBLE FUEL POSITION ON FACE OF PUMP.

PROVIDE ISA AT EACH ACCESSIBLE FUELING POSITION VISIBLE TO APPROACHING VEHICLES.

PROVIDE A SIGN AT EACH ACCESSIBLE FUELING POSITION WITH STORE TELEPHONE NUMBER, ADVISING AVAILABLE FUELING ASSISTANCE.

NOTES:

-REFER TO THE DOCUMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON "2010 ADA STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE DESIGN". CONTRACTOR SHALL REFERENCE CURRENT A.D.A. GUIDELINES AND LOCAL REGULATIONS FOR SITE ACCESSIBILITY. IN ALL CASES THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE PROVIDED ON SITE TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE TO ALL REGULATIONS.

- KWIK TRIP STANDARD ENTRANCE DOOR IS AUTOMATIC SLIDING DOOR SYSTEM DESIGNED TO COMPLY WITH ALL ACCESS CODES AND LAWS.
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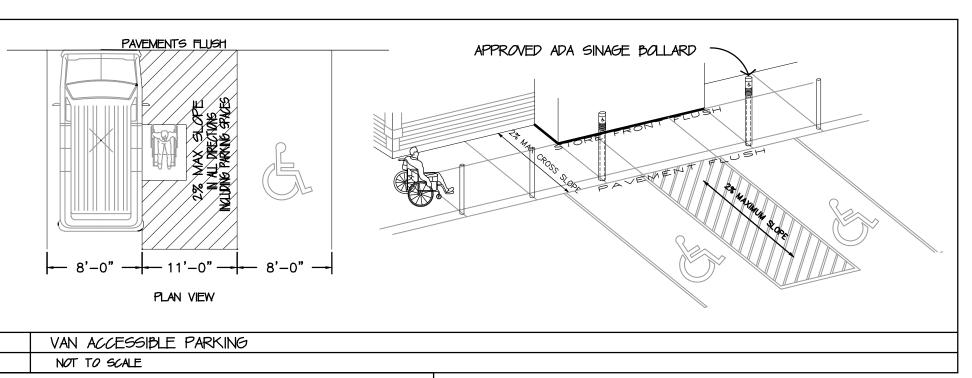
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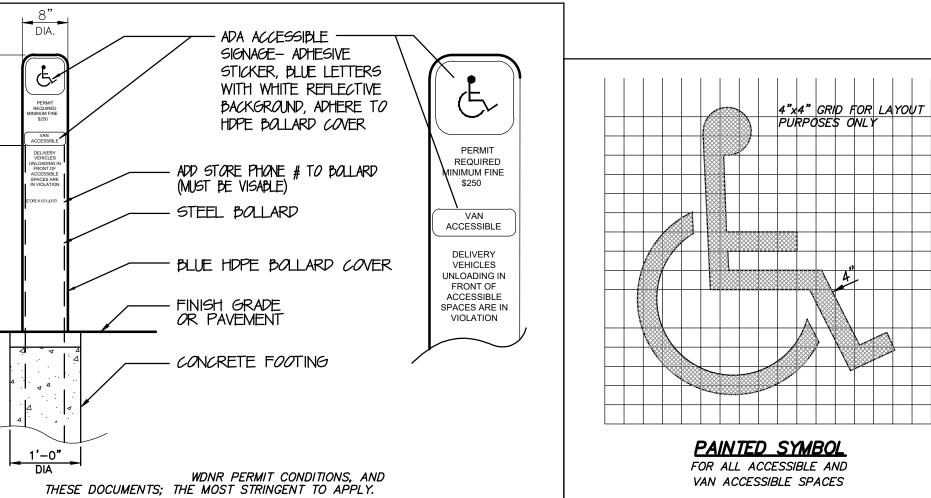
-NO OBJECTS OR DISPLAYS SHOULD PROTRUDE INTO THE MINIMUM CLEAR SPACE OF THE ACCESSIBLE ROUTES TO THE STORE ENTRANCE. THIS WILL INCLUDE SEASONAL DISPLAY VENDING AREAS AS WELL AS OTHER OUTDOOR STORAGE UNITS FOR PROPANE AND ICE, ETC.

-PER A.D.A GUIDELINES- CLEAR WIDTH OF ACCESSIBLE ROUTES SHALL BE 36" AND PERMITTED TO BE REDUCED TO 32" FOR A LENGTH OF 24".

- ACCESS ISLES SERVING WHEEL CHAIR LIFTS OR CHAIR ACCESS FROM VEHICLES ARE REQUIRED TO BE NEARLY LEVEL IN ALL DIRECTIONS TO PROVIDE SAFE TRANSFER OF WHEELCHAIRS TO AND FROM VEHICLES. THE EXCEPTION WOULD BE FOR DRAINAGE. MAXIMUM SLOPE FOR THE ACCESS ISLE IS 1:48. NO CURB RAMPS SHALL BE A PART OF THE ACCESS ISLE.

-IDENTIFICATION SIGNS SHALL INCLUDE THE INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF ACCESSIBILITY WITH THE DESIGNATION OF 1 "VAN ACCESSIBLE" IN EVERY 8 ACCESSIBLE SPACES ON SITE.



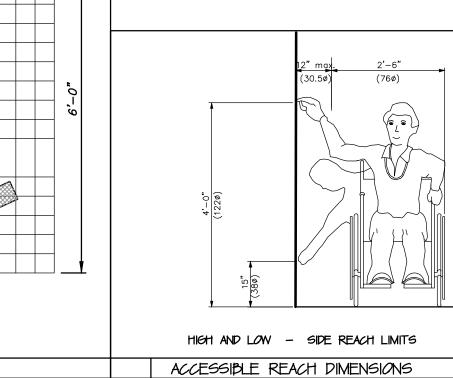


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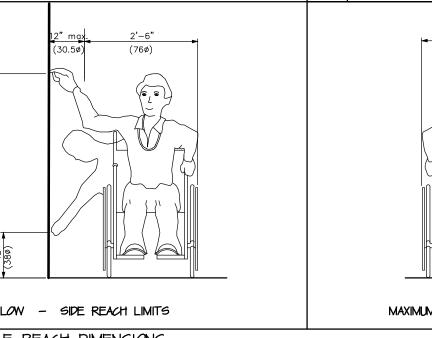
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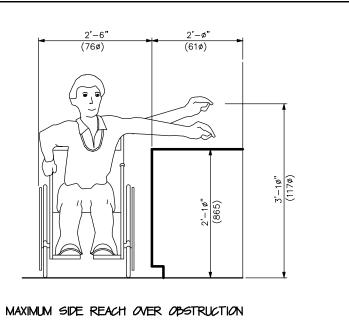
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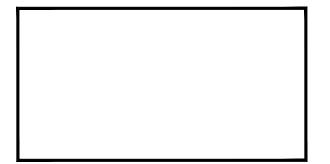
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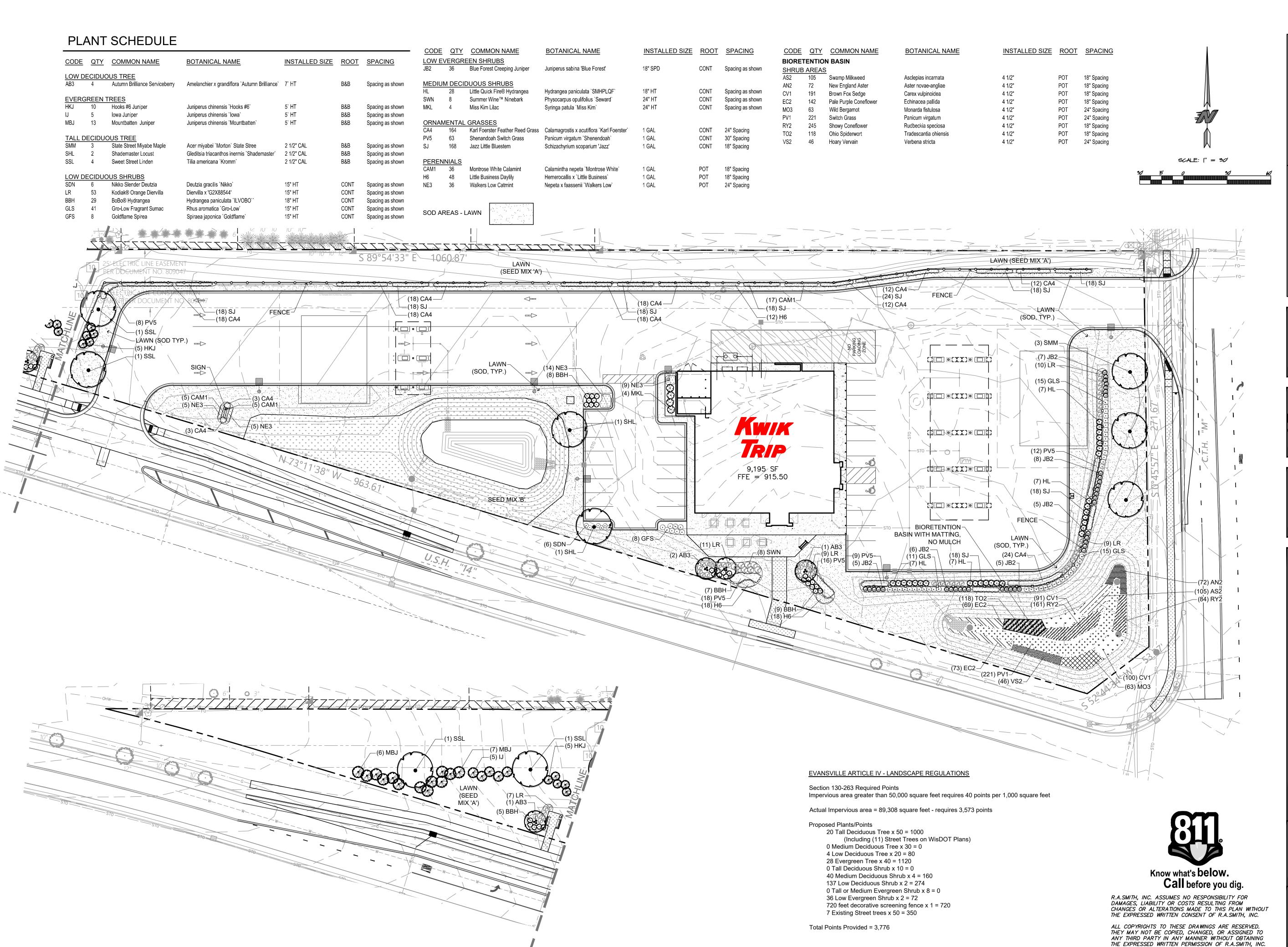
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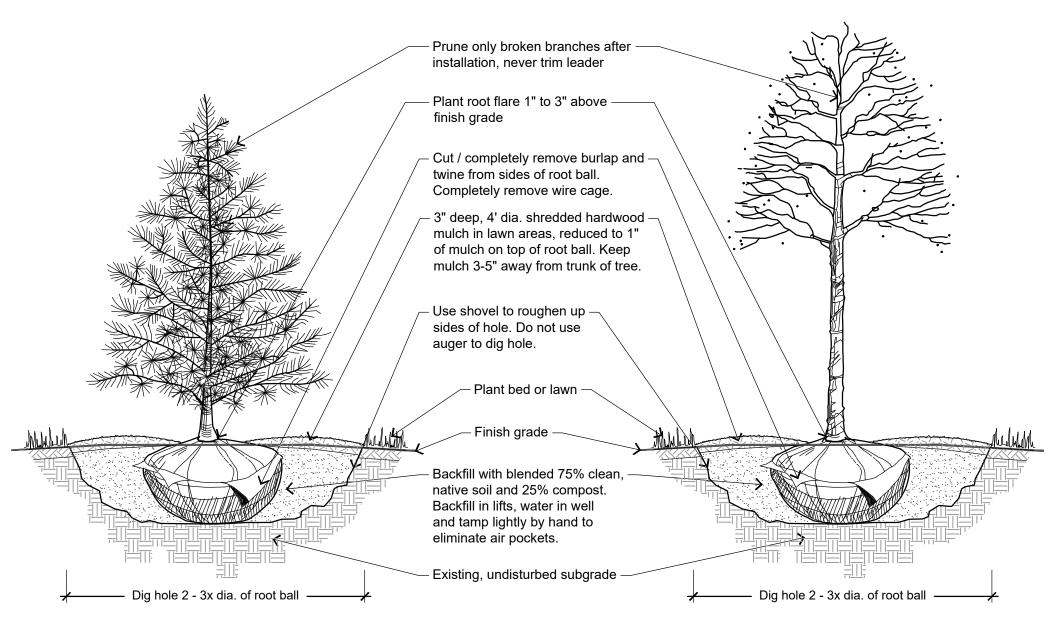
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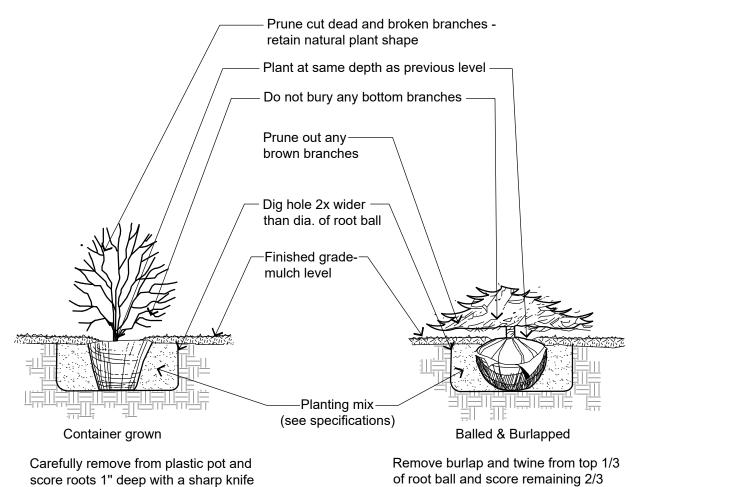
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PLANTING DETAILS



TREE PLANTING DETAIL

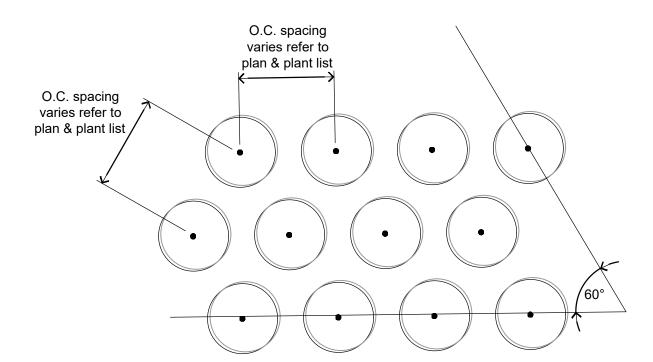
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Bedlines are to be cut crisp as per plan. a clean definition between turf and plant bed is required. Top of mulch to be flush with turf - Mulch

SHRUB PLANTING DETAIL

SHOVEL OR MECHANICAL CUT PLANT BED EDGE DETAIL





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PLANTING SPECIFICATIONS

DIVISION 1 - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

01 5 00 Substitution Procedures

1. Any potential plant substitutions must be submitted in writing to the general contractor and approved by the owner's representative or landscape architect prior to installation. All plants must be installed as per sizes and quantities shown on plant material schedule, unless approved by owner's representative or landscape architect. Any potential changes to sizes shown on plan and appropriate cost credits / adjustments must be submitted in writing to the general contractor and approved by the owner's representative or landscape architect prior to installation.

01 11 13 Work Covered by Contract Documents

- 1. Warranty and replacements: All plants (trees, evergreens, shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses and groundcovers) shall be warranted by the landscape contractor to be in healthy and flourishing condition for a period of <u>one calendar year after the date of acceptance</u>. This assumes the owner performs required maintenance (i.e. regular watering) after the landscape contractor's maintenance period has been completed. Landscape contractor shall inform owner when required maintenance has concluded. Only one replacement per plant will be required during the warranty period, except for losses or replacements due to failure to comply with specified requirements. Replacements shall be plants of the same variety specified on the plan and closely match adjacent specimens in size.
- 2. The landscape contractor is responsible for the watering and maintenance of all landscape areas at time of planting, throughout construction and until the substantial completion of the installation and acceptance by the owner. This includes all trees, shrubs, evergreens, perennials, ornamental grasses, turf grass and native seeding areas. Work also includes weeding, edging, mulching (only if required), fertilizing, trimming, mowing lawn areas, sweeping up grass clippings, pruning and deadheading.
- 3. Upon substantial completion of the project, landscape contractor is responsible to conduct a final review of the project with the owner's representative and the general contractor to answer questions and insure that all specifications have been met. The landscape contractor shall provide watering and general ongoing maintenance instructions (in writing) for the new plantings and lawn areas.

012 16 Work Sequence

1. Contractor responsible for contacting public and private underground utility locating service to have site marked prior to any digging or earthwork.

2. Contractor to verify all plant quantities shown on plant list and verify with plan. Report any discrepancies immediately to general contractor. Inform landscape architect and general contractor of date(s) when planting shall commence.

DIVISION 32 - EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

32 91 00 - PLANTING PREPARATION

32 91 13 Soil Preparation

- 1. Areas to be seeded: remove / kill off any existing unwanted vegetation prior to seeding with a glyphosate herbicide, applied only by a state certified applicator no sooner than 2 weeks prior to seed installation. Prepare seed bed areas to a maximum depth of 1 inch. Prepare the topsoil by removing all surface stones 1" or larger. Soil's surface should be loose and free of any soil clumps exceeding 1 inch in diameter. Do not fertilize native seeding areas.
- 2. Erosion control measures are to be used in swales and on steep grades, where applicable.
- 3. Plant bed preparation: the soil in all perennial, ornamental grass, annual and groundcover areas shall be amended with compost prior to plant installation. Spread a 2" layer of compost (per note below) on top of clean topsoil and rototill to a depth of approximately 8".
- 4. Compost shall be stable, and weed-free organic matter. It shall be resistant to further decomposition and free of compounds, such as ammonia and organic acids, in concentrations toxic to plant growth. The compost shall contain no pathogens or other chemical contaminants and meet the requirements of WisDNR S100 Compost Specification.

32 91 13.16 Mulching

1. All tree and shrub planting beds to receive a 3" deep layer of high quality shredded hardwood bark mulch (not enviromulch or wood chips). Mulch shall be uniform in size, color, quality and overall appearance. Mulch shall be free of debris, large wood chunks, soil, rocks, weeds, invasive plant parts or seeds and any other material injurious to plant growth. All perennial and ornamental grass planting areas to receive a 2" layer and groundcover areas a 1-2" layer of the same mulch. Do not mulch annual flower beds (if applicable). Do not allow mulch to contact plant stems and tree trunks.

32 91 19 LANDSCAPE GRADING

32 91 19.13 Topsoil Placement and Grading

- 1. The subsequent requirements regarding topsoil should be coordinated between the general contractor, grading contractor and landscape contractor.
- 2. Subgrade areas shall be graded to within 1", more or less, of proposed subgrade. Deviations shall not be consistent in one direction.
- 3. Topsoil shall be placed to meet proposed finished grade. Planting islands to be backfilled with screened topsoil (per note below) to a minimum depth of 18" by general / grading contractor to insure long term plant health. All other landscaped areas to receive a minimum depth of 6" of clean topsoil (per note below).
- 4. Topsoil shall be: screened existing stockpiled topsoil, existing in-place soil, or screened soil from an off-site source that will support plant growth, and meets the following requirements. Clean topsoil shall be free of rocks, coarse fragments, gravel, sticks, trash, roots, debris over 3/4" and any substances harmful to plant growth. It also must be free of plants or plant parts of any noxious weeds. Topsoil shall contain 3 to 5 percent decomposed organic matter and a pH between 5.5 and 7.0.
- 5. Planting beds and parking lot islands: Landscape contractor is responsible for ensuring that unwanted material (gravel, debris, roots and other extraneous material harmful to plant growth) has been removed from the topsoil and for the fine grading of all landscaped areas. The fine grading of planting beds and parking lot islands may require additional topsoil to bring to finish grade, allowing for mulch depth. Crown all planting islands and planting beds not adjacent to buildings, a minimum of 6" to provide proper drainage, unless otherwise specified. All other finished landscaped areas to be smooth, uniform and provide positive drainage away from structures and pavement.
- 6. Seeded areas: to receive a settled minimum depth of 6" of blended, prepared and non-compacted topsoil. Landscape contractor is responsible for excavation and removal of unwanted material (gravel, debris, roots and other extraneous material harmful to plant growth) to the specified depth, supplementing with additional topsoil (if necessary) and the fine grading of all seeded areas.

32 92 00 - TURF AND GRASSES

32 92 19 Seeding

- 1. Seed mix type 'A' for lawn areas use only a premium quality seed mix. Premium blend seed mix example (or equivalent): 50% blended bluegrass, 25% creeping red fescue, 25% perennial rye applied at 5 lbs per 1,000 SF or at recommended rates from supplier. Provide seed specifications to general contractor prior to installation.
- 2. Seed mix type 'B' for slopes of stormwater basin: Wisconsin DOT No. 10 seed mix: 40% Kentucky bluegrass 98/85, 25% creeping red fescue, 20% perennial ryegrass, 10% white clover & 5% red top applied at 1.5 lbs per 1,000 SF or at recommended rates from supplier. Provide seed specifications to general contractor prior to installation. Preparation of soil to be the same as for all other seeded turf grass areas.
- 3. Erosion control measures are to be used in swales and on steep grades, where applicable.
- 4. If straw mulch is used as a covering for seeding, a tackifier may be necessary to avoid wind
- 5. Methods of installation may vary at the discretion of the landscape contractor on his/her responsibility to establish and guarantee a smooth, uniform, quality turf and evenly seeded

6. An acceptable quality seed installation is defined as having:

- a. No bare spots larger than 1/2 square foot
- b. No more than 5% of the total area with bare spots larger than 1/2 square foot c. A uniform coverage throughout all areas

32 92 23 Sodding

- 1. Remove / kill off any existing unwanted vegetation prior to sodding.
- 2. Prepare the topsoil and sod bed by removing all surface stones 1" or larger and grading lawn areas to finish grade, allowing for thickness of sod.
- 3. Use only premium sod blend according to TPI (revised 1995) and ASPA standards. 4. Install sod uniformly with staggered joints, laid tightly end to end and side to side.
- 5. Roll sod with a walk behind roller and water immediately upon installation to a 3" depth.
- 6. Stake any sod installed on steep slopes or in swales, etc. 7. Landscape contractor is responsible to provide a smooth, uniform, healthy turf.
- 8. Landscape contractor shall repair and re-sod any eroded, sunken or bare spots (larger than $\frac{1}{2}$ square foot) until acceptance by owner.

32 93 00 - PLANTS

1. All plantings shall comply with standards as described in American Standard of Nursery Stock - ANSI Z60.1 (latest version). General contractor or owner's representative reserves the right to inspect and potentially reject any plants that are inferior, compromised, undersized, diseased, improperly transported, installed incorrectly or damaged.

32 93 33 Shrubs

1. Shrubs shall be planted per planting details.

- 2. All shrubs to be pocket planted with a mix of 75% existing soil removed from excavation and 25% compost, blended prior to backfilling holes.
- 3. When hole is two-thirds full, shrubs shall be watered thoroughly and water left to soak in before proceeding.

- 32 93 43 Trees 1. Trees shall be planted per planting details.
- 2. Plant all trees slightly higher than finished grade at root flare. Remove excess soil from top of root ball, if needed.
- 3. An auger is not an acceptable method of digging tree planting holes.
- 4. Scarify side walls of tree pit prior to installation. 5. Once tree has been placed into the hole, is at the correct depth and vertical alignment and
- will no longer be moved; brace root ball by tamping soil around the lower portion of the root ball. Remove and discard twine / rope, burlap and support wire from the sides of root ball. 6. Backfill tree planting holes with 75% existing soil removed from excavation and 25%
- compost blended prior to backfilling holes, in six-inch lifts. Lightly tamp each lift using foot pressure or hand tools to settle backfill, support the tree and eliminate voids. Do not over compact or use mechanical or pneumatic tamping equipment. Discard any gravel, heavy clay or stones.
- 7. When hole has been backfilled to three-quarters of its depth, pour water around the root ball and allow to soak into soil to settle the soil. Continue backfilling until soil is brought to grade level.
- 8. Provide a 3" deep, 4 ft. diameter shredded hardwood bark mulch ring around all trees in lawn areas, reduced to 1" deep on top of root ball. Keep mulch 3" - 5" away from trunk of
- 9. Trees that are installed incorrectly will be replaced at the time and expense of the
- 10. Trees too large for two people to lift in and out of holes, shall be placed with sling. Do not rock the trees in holes to raise them.

32 94 00 - PLANTING ACCESSORIES

32 94 13 Landscape Edging

1. Edge all planting beds with a 4" deep spaded edge (shovel cut or mechanical). Bedlines are to be cut crisp, as per plan. A clean definition between lawn and plant bed is required.



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SHEET

City of Evansville Plan Commission Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 5th, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- **1. Call to Order** at 6:01pm.
- 2. Roll Call:

Members	Present/Ab sent	Others Present
Mayor Dianne Duggan	P	Colette Spranger (Community Dev. Director)
Alderperson Gene Lewis	P	Theresa Wetherwax, Sheb Heissner, Mark Heissner
Alderperson Abbey Barnes	P	Derek Blume, John Theilenhouse, Andy Phillips,
Bill Lathrop	A	Seth Schulz, Joe Geofrrion, Candice Kasprzak
John Gishnock	P	Jeff Meyers, Mary Fiske, Nick Haefs, Seth Waddell
Mike Scarmon	P	Jonathan Hollingsworth
Eric Klar	P	

- 3. Motion to approve the agenda, by Klar, seconded by Barnes. Approved unanimously.
- 4. <u>Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the October 1st, 2024 meeting and approve them as printed, by Klar, seconded by Barnes. Approved unanimously.</u>
- **5.** Civility Reminder. Duggan noted the City's commitment to conducting meetings with civility.
- 6. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.
- 7. Discussion Items.
- A. Review and Discussion on Site Plan Application SP-2024-04, Conditional Use Permit Application CUP-2024-06, and Rezoning Application RZ-2024-05 for a Kwik Trip Gas Station/Convenience Store on parcel 6-20-228.1
 - 1. Review Staff Memo and Applicant Comments

Spranger began by explaining that no action would be taken at tonight's meeting because an annexation petition had still not been submitted to the State Department of Administration. Thus, the City should not taken action regarding land uses in land still within the Town of Union. She then reviewed the staff report, noted deficiencies of the site plan against the zoning code. Most notably the building placement does not conform to the requirements set forward for gas stations, where the convenience store building must front the street it sits on. For a corner lot, this means the building should front the corner where streets intersect. To date the City has not received a site plan that meets this standard. Spranger noted the landscape plan submitted includes a number of woody evergreens in an area that is subject to an easement by the American Transmission Company (ATC). ATC has the right to remove trees and woody material without notice. The bulk of the site's landscape points are in that easement, which would otherwise be a benefit providing screening to neighboring residences. Another issue the site faces is

traffic, both internal and off site. The current site plan depicts a 30' wide driveway that is 600' long with no traffic control and multiple points of entry from the diesel canopy, a staff parking area, and the gasoline canopy. As a point of reference, Main Street in front of this property is 35' wide from curb to curb. Spranger is concerned this will become an unofficial thoroughfare for motorists wishing to avoid the intersection of County M and US Highway 14. A similar unofficial through street exists between Brown School Road and the shared driveway of Piggly Wiggly and Family Dollar. Finally, staff across City departments are concerned about the decreased level of service that additional traffic would bring to this intersection and the nearby driveways. As a matter of reference, the wait time for an average turn going southbound on County M from Piggly Wiggly increases almost 6 seconds per the traffic study that was provided. Similar delays occur at the westbound turn lane for County M and all directions of traffic for northbound County M

Nick Haefs, a Kwik Trip representative, noted that one of the parking areas was meant to be dedicated for workers. He had no other questions at that time.

2. Public Hearing

Mayor Duggan opened the public hearing at 6:35pm.

- John Thielenhouse, 637 Windsor Lane, wondered about traffic impacts on County M/Highway 14, noted that a bufferyard was required between this use at the neighboring residences, and requested an 8' fence. Later he asked if fences were required around the retention ponds.
- Derek Blume, Town of Union, noted that the site plan doesn't utilize the whole lot. Were other uses considered? And would the applicant consider splitting off that underused area? Kwik Trip representatives replied that the west side of the property sits slightly higher than the street corners, and that stormwater needs for the proposed uses would prevent other uses.
- Candice Kasprzak, 635 Windsor Lane, requested the CAD files from Kwik Trip.
- John Holingsworth, 631 Windsor Lane, asked if a fence/trees would be required.

Mayor Duggan closed the public hearing at 6:53pm.

3. Plan Commissioner Questions and Comments

- Mayor Duggan inquired about the process for annexation.
- Gishnock asked about eastbound left turns into the site on Highway 14. Kwik Trip representatives responded that DOT was requiring a dedicated turn lane of 100'. Spranger apologized for not including it in that night's packet; off site improvements had just been submitted to the City the day before. Gishnock requested that the fence be extended further west to the end of property and that the applicant utilize the western triangular corner for additional trees and/or a picnic area, as a way to personalize the Kwik Trip experience in Evansville. Gishnock agreed that the 30' wide drive would be a cut through and that some sort of traffic calming would be necessary to address it. He also suggested eliminating and relocating the parking stalls on the far eastern edge of the site plan, noting that they were far from the store's entrance. The building could then be brought closer to the street. He noted that landscape islands could be a method of calming traffic in the 30' wide driveway area.
- Barnes asked for clarification regarding the location of underground refueling tanks. Notes there is no dedicated truck parking. Agrees with Gishnock that the fence should be extended.
- Scarmon asked if sidewalk would be extended along County M to the north edge

of the property. Staff confirmed this would be required, along with curb and gutter along County M. Echoed Barnes's comment regarding truck parking, noting that the 30' wide driveway area might trigger unauthorized parking and idling diesel vehicles. Asked if there would be directional signage for trucks entering and leaving property, and if diesel traffic would be one way. Current set up has two way diesel traffic.

• Lewis appreciated the consideration to attempt to lessen the impact on neighboring properties regarding noises, lights, and other potential nuisances.

B. Review and Discussion for Conditional Use Permit Application CUP-2024-05 for a duplex in the R-1 Residential District One on parcel 6-27-358 (16 Jackson Street)

1. Review Staff Report and Applicant Comments

Spranger's comments on the application were that normally a duplex is not a complicated issue for the R-1 district, but this particular parcel does not have sewer service in front of the property along Jackson Street. An alternative connection will need to be identified for getting each unit of the duplex its own lateral. A previous suggested connection by the City Engineer was to run a "long lateral" in the City terrace adjacent to the public sidewalk. However, that plan only considered a single family residence and not a duplex. Each unit needs its own lateral. Municipal Services needs to make a decision regarding the City's preference for dealing with this situation, which would set precedent for future similar situations.

2. Public Hearing

Mayor Duggan opened the public hearing at 6:53 pm. Spranger read a comment from Betty Kober, 303 E Main Street, who expressed that she would prefer not to see a duplex be built on that property. Public hearing was closed at 6:54pm.

3. Plan Commissioner Questions and Comments

- Gishnock wondered if more lots could be created for new infill development on Jackson Street, and if setting a precent like this is necessary to promote infill development.
- Barnes asked if more lots could even be created on Jackson Street. Spranger replied
 that it was possible but would require neighbor cooperation for land divisions and
 likely another conditional use process, which meant such a situation was possible but
 not guaranteed.

C. Concept Plan Discussion – Capstone Ridge

Spranger summarized a submitted plan for a Planned Unit Development and replatting the Capstone Ridge subdivision plat. The prospective developers are interested in building multifamily units similar to Prairie Crossing. Staff was initially intrigued by the idea but after looking into City requirements for PUD and knowing that the developers wish to get started building in 2025, that perhaps another way of authorizing multifamily development without vacating City rights-of-way or months worth of work on PUD documents. The main issue of the plat is that the City's standard for stormwater is for infiltration ponds to hold two back-to-back 100 year rain events and the City Engineer is in doubt whether the existing ponds could handle more development. City staff is suggesting combining and deeding over lots for stormwater, keeping the roads laid out as is, and rezoning the bulk of the lots to R-2 zoning, which would allow duplexes by right. This would yield a similar number of units. The developers would still have to enter an agreement with the City and provide a letter of credit for improvements, but the

project would be more or less shovel ready with the approval of a rezoning and land divider's agreement.

8. Community Development Report

9. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, December 3rd,, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjourn. 7:38 pm