CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



January 23, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m.
CITY HALL KELLY CONFERENCE ROOM #155

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PETITIONS:

V-46-18 Monroe County Community School Corp. (MCCSC)

1400 S. Brenda Ave.

Request: Variance from front yard setback standards for an accessory structure.

Manager: Amelia Lewis

^{**}Next Meeting: February 6, 2019

BLOOMINGTON HEARING OFFICER

LOCATION: 1400 S. Brenda Ave. DATE: January 23, 2019

CASE #: V-46-18

PETITIONER: Monroe County Community School Corporation

315 E. North Dr., Bloomington

CONSULTANT: Springpoint Architects

213 S Rogers St., Bloomington

REQUEST: The petitioner is requesting a variance from front yard setback standards for an accessory structure.

REPORT: The property is located at the northeast corner of E. Hillside Drive and S. Henderson Street. The site is the location of Templeton Elementary School and is zoned Institutional (IN). Surrounding land uses are single family residences to the north and east and mixed use developments to the west and south.

The property has been developed with an elementary school. The school sits on the west portion of the site and there is a recreation field on the east portion of the site, with a parking lot to the north of the recreation field. There is a road that runs along the northern property lines of the school in a C shape. While some portions of the road are private, some are also city owned.

The proposed accessory structure would be an open structure measuring 640 square feet to be used as an outdoor classroom, or outdoor learning lab. The proposed location of the structure would be located adjacent to the sidewalk on the east side of S. Stull Avenue and to the west of the recreation field.

The proposed setback would be 4 feet from the right-of-way along S. Stull Avenue. For accessory structures adjacent to public right-of-way the setback is 35 feet (BMC 20.05.077(b)(2)(G)). The petitioner is requesting a variance from the required 35 foot setback.

CRITERIA AND FINDINGS FOR DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS VARIANCEFront Yard Setbacks for an Accessory Structure

20.09.130 e) Standards for Granting Variances from Development Standards: A variance from the development standards of the Unified Development Ordinance may be approved only upon determination in writing that each of the following criteria is met:

1) The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community.

PROPOSED FINDING: No injury is found with this petition. At the proposed location, the adjacent right-of-way functions more as a private drive to access the school. In addition, there is a sidewalk which separates the road from the accessory structure. The portion of the right-of-way affected is typically only used by school patrons.

2) The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the Development Standards Variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner.

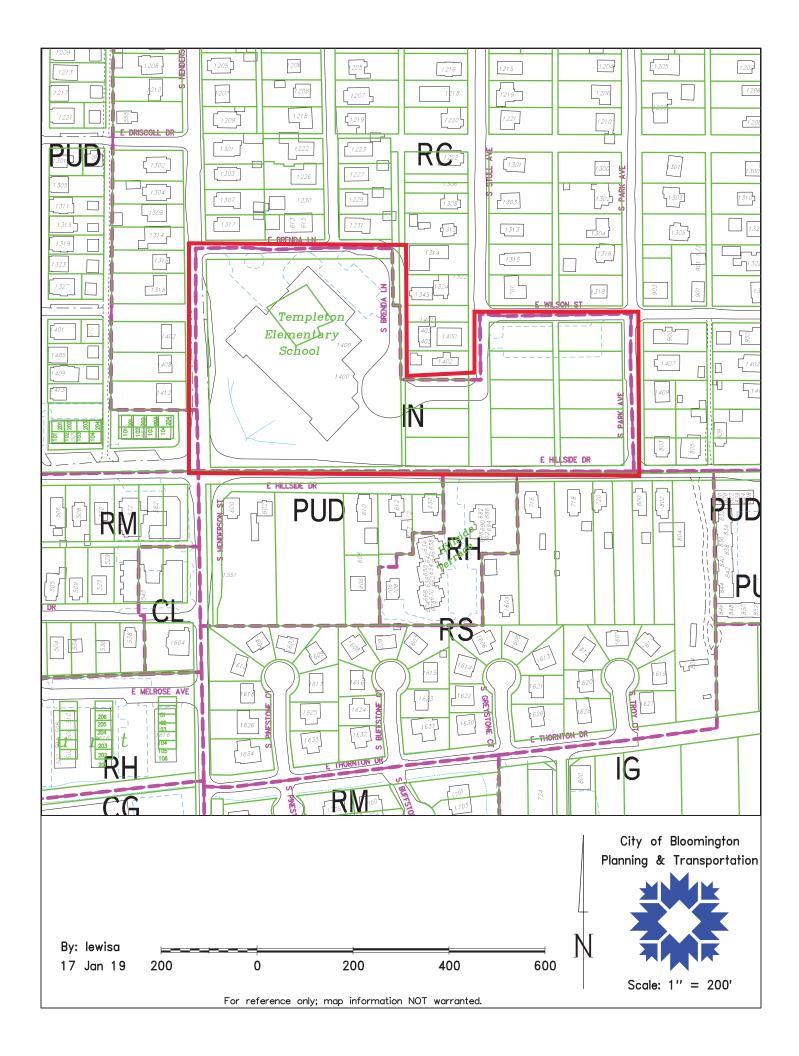
PROPOSED FINDING: No negative effects from this proposal on the areas adjacent to the property are found. While the proposed setback does not meet code, it is contained within the school site and will not affect adjacent property owners.

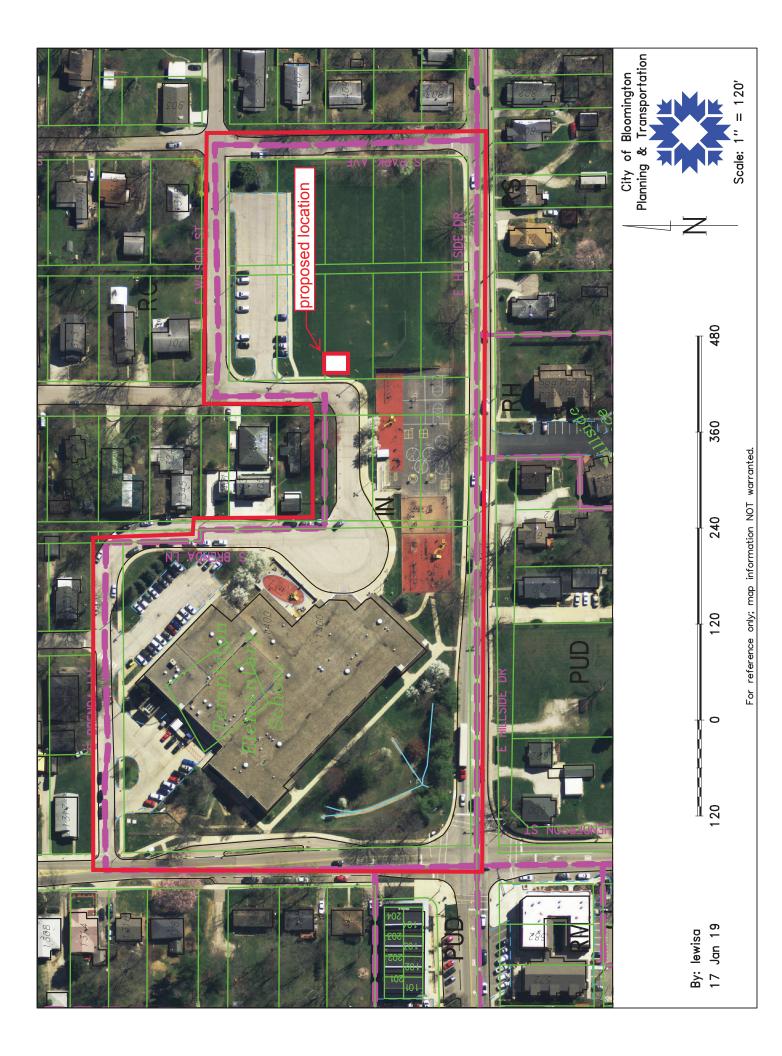
3) The strict application of the terms of the Unified Development Ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property; that the practical difficulties are peculiar to the property in question; that the Development Standards Variance will relieve the practical difficulties.

PROPOSED FINDING: Practical difficulty is found in the existing roadway that borders the school. At this portion of the road that runs adjacent to the school, it is considered public right-of-way and treated like other public roads throughout the city, though it is primarily used by school patrons. The variance would allow the proposed structure to be located closer to the sidewalk so as to not impede upon the existing recreation field or removing parking for teachers and parents. In addition, this location was chosen as standards for schools require buildings placed more than 500 feet from the school to have additional ramps and bathroom facilities. Because this facility is an open-air classroom, those additional facilities are not planned. This limits the available areas for the accessory structure to meet setback standards and stay within the 500 feet.

RECOMMENDATION: Based upon the written findings above, the Department recommends that the Hearing Officer adopt the proposed findings and recommends approval of V-46-18 with the following conditions:

- 1. This variance applies to this 640 sf accessory structure only.
- 2. The petitioners must obtain a building permit prior to construction.







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December 7, 2018 Amelia Lewis 401 N. Morton Street Bloomington, IN 47404 Suite #103

RE: Petitioner's Statement

Dear Ms. Lewis,

The Monroe County Community School Corporation is requesting a site variance in order construct a new outdoor learning lab. The setback variance is being requested because the outdoor learning lab cannot be placed in an alternate location on the existing site without substantial hardship to the school corporation. The outdoor lab will be serve multiple purposes including but limited to an outdoor classroom, shelter for the children on the playground and a covered area for parents to pick up their children after school. Additionally this area is used by neighbors of the school on weekends for recreational activities. Other locations on the site will require switchback ADA ramps and possibly restroom facilities if the distance is greater than 500' from the school.

Sincerely,

Chris Ciolli

Director of Building Operations

ARCHITECT'S PROJECT NO. 2018-49

MCCSC: TEMPLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OUTDOOR LEARNING LAB

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA 47401 1400 S. BRENDA LN.

October 8, 2018

ROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE BUILDING IS AN OPEN SHELTER THAT WILL BE LESED AS AN OUTDOC ALASSROOM. THE BUILDING WILL BE LOACTED AZONG THE RESTING SIDEWALK SOUTH OF THE OPMAUNITY PARKING LOTT, WEST OF THE BALLFELD, NORTH OF THE PAYRSBOUNDS.

CONSTRUCTION TYPE: V-B

JULDING NUMBER OF STORIES: 1

EDUCATIONAL, CLASSROOM AREA: 640SF / 20 NET = 32 OCC

ION 903.2.2: AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN GROUP E

AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLES SYSTEM SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR IN GRICUP E COCCUPANCIES AS 10. HIROGHICUT ALL GROUP E FIRE AREAS GRAZITES THAN 20,000 SQUANE FEET IN AREA 1. THROUGHICUT FLUENT POSITION OF EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS BELOW THE LIVEL OF DISCHARGE.

ECTION 907.2.3 FIRE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS IN GROUP!

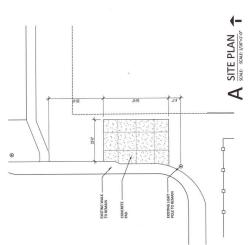
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JPANCY E: MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF BUILDING ABOVE GRADE PLANE: 1 STOR MAXIMUM OCCUPANT'S PER FLOOR AND TRAVEL DISTANCE: 49 75-FEET TRAVEL DISTANCE

LOCATION **PROJECT**

B LOCATION PLAN

scale: NTS



ELEVATIONS and SECTION A1 A2

FOUNDATION AND ROOF FRAMING PLANS

COVER DRAWING INDEX, LOCATION PLAN,

DRAWING INDEX

SITE PLAN, CODE REVIEW

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