BLOOMINGDALE PLANNING BOARD

101 Hamburg Turnpike Bloomingdale, NJ 07403

Minutes Regular Meeting 7:30pm January 16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE TO FLAG

LEGAL

This is a Special Meeting of the Bloomingdale Planning Board of January 14, 2014 adequate advance notice of this meeting has been provided by publication in the Herald and News and also posted on the bulletin board at the Council Chamber entrance in the Municipal Hall of the Borough of Bloomingdale, Passaic County, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 seq.

FIRE CODE

Per State Fire Code, I, Edward Simoni, am required to acknowledge that there are two "Emergency Exits" in this Council Chamber. The main entrance through which you entered and a secondary exit to the right of where you are seated. If there is an emergency, walk orderly to the exits, exit through the door, down the stairs and out of the building. If there are any questions, please raise your hand now.

MEMBERS PRESENT (*denotes alternate)

Mark Crum	Bill Graf	*Robert Lippi
Bill Steenstra	Edward Simoni	*Barry Greenberg
James W Croop	Kevin Luccio	*Robert Voorman
Ken Fioretti	Rav Yazdi	

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED

Craig Ollenschleger – ex Richard Murek - ex

APPOINTING OF ALTERNATES

Comm. Greenberg seated for Comm. Ollenschleger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

-September 26, 2013

Motion made by Comm. Graf 2nd by Comm. Crum to approve minutes of 9/26/13 with amendments. Voice vote shows all in favor

-November 14, 2013

Motion made by Comm. Graf 2nd by Comm. Steenstra to approve minutes of 11/14/13 with amendment. Voice vote shows all in favor.

-December 12, 2013 – inclusive of transcript

Motion made by Comm. Steenstra, 2nd by Comm. Croop to approve minutes of 12/12/13 inclusive of transcript. Voice vote shows all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING OF APPLICATION #654

#654 Quick Check Corporation Block 30.01 Lots 32, 33 & 34

(Seated members: Simoni, Crum, Croop, Graf, Greenberg, Luccio & Steenstra)

See attached transcript

Motion made by Comm. Steenstra, 2nd by Comm. Graf to approve application #654 with amendments that have been set forth on the record. Roll Call shows 7-0 in favor or approval.

PENDING APPLICATIONS

#650	Raymond Lombard	Block 43 Lot 13	145 Glenwild Ave
#652	Cybelle Guerrero	Block 7 Lot 17	291 Macopin Road
#656	Glenn Kramer	Block 75.01 Lt 5	28 Ridge Road

BILLS

<u>Anthony Sartori</u> – Retainer for January \$600, Meeting attendance 1/14/14 \$450, Meeting attendance 1/16/14 \$450

<u>Darmofalski</u>- Meeting attendance 12/05/13 \$360, Meeting attendance 12/12/13 \$480,

*App #655 Coviello \$240, *App #654 Quick Chek \$600, *App # 656 Kramer \$600, *Delford Gardens(water line) \$120

North Jersey Media- Legal ad 2014 calendar \$45.21, Legal ad Resolution App #653 Gerber \$36.49

NJPO- 2014 Membership Dues \$360

(*Escrow)

Motion made by Comm. Greenberg, 2nd by Comm. Crum to pay bills as listed. Voice vote shows 11-0 in favor.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Motion made by Comm. Croop, 2nd by Comm. Luccio to open meeting to public discussion. Voice vote shows all in favor.

Motion made by Comm. Greenberg, 2nd by Comm. Luccio to close meeting to public discussion. Voice vote shows all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Comm. Luccio, 2nd by Comm. Steenstra to adjourn meeting at 9:21pm. Voice vote shows all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Neinstedt, Secretary Bloomingdale Planning Board

	Page 1
1	BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE STENOGRAPHIC. PLANNING BOARD TRANSCRIPT OF
2	REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS 101 Hamburg Turnpike
3	Bloomingdale, New Jersey Thursday, January 16, 2014
4	Commencing at 7:36 p.m.
5	X
	IN RE:
6	APPLICATION NO. 654 :
	QUICK CHEK CORPORATION, :
7	Applicant. :
8	Block 30.01 Lots 32, 33, and 34 132 Hamburg Turnpike,
9	X
10	BEFORE:
11	EDWARD SIMONI, CHAIRMAN MARK CRUM
12	JAMES W. CROOP KEN FIORETTI
13	BILL GRAF BARRY GREENBERG
14	ROBERT LIPPI KEVIN LUCCIO
15	RICHARD MUREK BILL STEENSTRA
16	ROBERT VOORMAN
17	Anthony Sartoni, Esquire, Board Attorney
	Thomas Boorady, Engineering Consultant
18	Barbara Neinstedt, Board Secretary
19	
20	
21	TRANSCRIBED BY AND BEFORE:
	ToniAnn Acquaro, Professional Court Reporter, and Notary
22	Public of the State of New Jersey.
23	
24	
	Job No. 1787986
25	

Page 2	Page
1 APPEARANCES:	1
2 AZRAK & ASSOCIATES, LLP	2
3	3
Counsel for the Applicant Quick Chek Corporation	4 MS. NEINSTEDT: Let's get on with Application
4 (27 T) 1	5 No. 654, Quick Chek Corporation.
627 Turnpike 5 Pompton Plains, New Jersey 07444	6 Once again, let the professionals present their
6 BY: FREDERIC F. AZRAK, ESQUIRE	7 application. Try not to interrupt them. I know
(973) 839-9062	8 sometimes it's difficult. Unless if you see something
7 frederic@azraklaw.com	9 glaring or you feel that something was missed in prior
and 8 WOLFGANG ROBINSON, ESQUIRE	10 testimony, let's try not to go backwards too much, if
wolfgang@azraklaw.com	11 your satisfied, and try to stay focussed on the
9	12 testimony given here tonight.
10	13 Mr. Azarak?
11 12	MR. AZRAK: Thank you very much, Mr.
13	15 Chairman.
14	16 Happy New Year to the entire Board. We
15	17 appreciate your time again in scheduling these meetings.
16 17	18 Frederic F. Azrak, A-z-r-a-k, Azrak and
18	19 Associates representing Quick Chek.
19	Tonight we have some revisions that we have
20	21 proposed based on comments by the Board, your engineer
21	22 And we would like to do that very quickly and show you
22 23	23 what we have done in order to meet those comments. And
24	24 I would like to do that with Mr. Olivo, who has already
25	25 been sworn in at the last meeting and finished his
Page 3	Page
1 INDEX:	1 testimony, just to bring him up because most of the
EXPERT WITNESS PAGE	2 changes are related to traffic.
CHARLES OF NO. BE Same full Employed as 5	3 MR. SARTONI: Mr. Olivo, will you come
CHARLES OLIVO, PE, Stonefield Engineering 5	4 forward, sir?
THOMAS TREWEEKE 13	5 Mr. Olivo, will you state your full name and
JOHN MCDONOUGH, PP, Licensed Planner 19	6 spell your last name for the record?
6	7 THE WITNESS: Certainly. Good evening, Mr.
PUBLIC COMMENT 7	8 Chairman, members of the Board. Charles Olivo, O-l-i-v
RICHARD FOURNIER 47	9 as in Victor -o.
8 9	10 MR. SARTONI: And your address for the
EXHIBITS:	11 record, sir?
10	12 THE WITNESS: 75 Orient Way, Rutherford New
11 APPLICANT'S DESCRIPTION PAGE 12 Exhibit 18 Revised Site Plan, dated 6	13 Jersey.
January 2, 2014	MR. SARTONI: You were previously sworn; is
Exhibit 19 Curriculum vitae of John 19	15 that correct?
McDonough, PP	16 THE WITNESS: That is correct.
15 Exhibit 20 Three-pages of color 23 photographs	17 MR. SARTONI: And you recognize that you
photographs 16	18 remain under oath.
17 (Exhibits retained.)	19 THE WITNESS: I do.
(Exhibits retained.)	20 MR. AZRAK: May I proceed?
19	21 MR. SARTONI: Yes.
20 21	22 EXAMINATION BY MR. AZRAK:
22	Q. Mr. Olivo, there have been recommendations
23 24	24 that were made and issues that were presented at the
25	25 prior two meetings. We have now revised the plan and

Page 6 1 incorporated those and if you would just review very l like it, it will supercede. 2 quickly with the board those issues that we have MR. SARTONI: Thank you. 3 revised. 3 THE WITNESS: What I will do, I will start A. Certainly. These are new exhibits so I 4 with the bottom left of the exhibit and I will work 5 marked those for the record. 5 essentially counterclockwise through some of the changes MR. SARTONI: Are we on Exhibit 18; is that 6 that have been made. 6 7 correct? The first change is located on the driveway along 8 MS. NEINSTEDT: It's 18. 8 Bailey Avenue. There was conversation about making the 9 MR. AZRAK: Just for the record, there is one 9 movement, a right-turn movement to exit the site and 10 B exhibit and there is A1 through 17. 10 continue on Bailey Avenue better in terms of 11 accommodating vehicle traffic. What we have done is MR. SARTONI: Sir, you will mark that as A18 11 12 with today's date, Please. 12 modified what was originally a straight curb to provide 13 a radius there of 10 feet to guide a vehicle out of the 13 (Applicant's Exhibit 18 marked for 14 Identification) 14 site onto Bailey Avenue. 15 MR. SARTONI: Mr. Olivo, while that is being As you move northerly on Bailey Avenue, the next 16 change to this plan, there are two signs proposed 16 done, for the benefit of the public that may or may not 17 have been here previously, you were qualified in this 17 located on either side of the ingress-only driveway into the loading area. And those two signs, each sign would 18 proceeding to testify in connection with traffic 19 matters; is that correct? read proposed, "Delivery Vehicle Only Entrance," sign. 20 THE WITNESS: Yes, that is correct. 20 That would be on either side of the driveway, again, to 21 encourage delivery vehicles only, and have the patron 21 MR. SARTONI: You were testifying as a 22 vehicles of the store go on to use the driveway further 22 traffic engineer on behalf of the applicant. 23 THE WITNESS: Yes. 23 south on Bailey Avenue. 24 MR. SARTONI: Go ahead, sir. In addition to that, there was discussion with 25 regard to the interface of vehicles that are exiting 25 THE WITNESS: Referring to Exhibit A18, this Page 7 1 that aisle past the loading zone into the area of the 1 is a colorized version of the revised site plan which 2 has been provided within the Board's application set. 2 gas canopy and near the B&T Self Storage. 3 And this is, again, the version showing the changes that 4 have been made since the last time we were here. There 5 was some discourse about some modifications that would 6 create better maneuverability on the site, as well as

And what we have done as part of the 4 modification, working with Bohler Engineering, is extend 5 and formalize the area with a stop bar, very clear 6 pavement markings that channelize a vehicle into that 7 area. What that allows is for the driver's eye to 8 extend past that dumpster enclosure area. So it 9 essentially opens up that view shed to allow for 10 vehicles to recognize one another in that area of the 11 site. Just to the north of that, in the area of the 12

14 approximately 9 feet by 30 feet for U-Haul vehicles to 15 park in that area. And, again, that is just to the, 16 what I will call the north of the landscaped area and

13 self storage, there have been two stalls striped,

17 property line separating the Quick Chek property and the 18 self storage property.

Moving just to the east of that, there are now 19 20 two parking stalls proposed outside of the area which 21 has been shown at 600 square feet of office for the self

22 storage facility, one ADA stall with an accessible 23 space, and the ADA route shown into a flat landing area,

24 and then into a doorway with signage proposed that 25 identifies that building -- or that space as the office

3 (Pages 6 - 9)

Page 8

Page 9

11 give us the date?

18 exhibit in this proceeding?

14 2014.

15

16

17

19

22

24

23 A8?

7 accommodate parking for the self storage.

So what I will do is start at the bottom left --

10 can you give us what the exhibit is labeled and can you

13 "Site Plan" with the last revision date of January 2,

MR. SARTONI: Prepared by?

MR. SARTONI: Excuse me. Before you do that,

THE WITNESS: Yes. The exhibit is entitled

THE WITNESS: Prepared by Bohler Engineering.

MR. SARTONI: Is this replacing a previous

THE WITNESS: It would be. The previous

MR. SARTONI: Mr. Azrak, does A18 supercede

20 exhibit was A8, and that, again, was a colorized version 21 of the site plan prepared by Bohler Engineering.

MR. AZRAK: For our application, our 25 presentation, yes. For the Board, depending on how you

- 1 for the self storage. So one ADA stall and one regular 2 parking stall in that area.
- And those are essentially the changes made from
- 4 the last hearing to this hearing.
- 5 MR. AZRAK: Thank you. I have no further 6 questions.
- 7 Mr. Chairman, I would ask, we have submitted this
- 8 to your board engineer, and these were recommendations
- 9 that were worked on together. I don't know if it's
- 10 appropriate at this point to find out if there are any
- 11 other things that need to be addressed in that before I
- 12 move to my next witness.
- MS. NEINSTEDT: The next thing I was going to
- 14 do was ask Mr. Boorady and any of the board members if
- 15 they had any questions.
- MR. AZRAK: I appreciate it. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Mr. Boorady, first.
- MR. BOORADY: Yeah, I think this plan is a
- 19 big improvement. It does reflect what we have talked
- 20 about. I only have one minor comment, and that's if you
- 21 throw your eyes to the dimension that says "10 foot
- 22 arc."
- 23 CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Why don't you have Mr.
- 24 Olivo point it out for everybody?
- MR. BOORADY: Right, that is the Bailey
- Page 11
- 1 Avenue entrance and exit that exists today that is going
- 2 to be improved. And the 10 foot radius to the curb line
- 3 extends over the crosswalk, which might be an ADA
- 4 barrier, so it could have been just a drafting item, but
- 5 I would like to maybe stop that curb, so that the
- 6 sidewalk can continue on.
- 7 THE WITNESS: We should be able to
- 8 accommodate that.
- 9 MR. BOORADY: I just want to make sure
- 10 somebody walking from Hamburg Turnpike north or from
- 11 Bailey Avenue south towards Hamburg Turnpike can cross
- 12 the driveway and not have any barriers. It's just an
- 13 ADA traffic thing.
- Other than that, I think it reflects what my
- 15 concerns were and I have no other questions or comments.
- 16 MR. SARTONI: Mr. Azrak, can you stipulate on
- 17 behalf of the applicant that that change would be made
- 18 if the plan were to be approved?
- MR. AZRAK: Yes. I have already looked at
- 20 the staff and everyone and we will change that.
- 21 MR. GREENBERG: I just have one question
- 22 probably for our engineer.
- 23 Is there any issue that arises from the fact that
- 24 the handicapped space and the additional parking space
- 25 that is provided for the storage unit is half on one

- 1 piece of property and half on the another?
- MR. AZRAK: I could address that very
- 3 quickly. That is going to be part of the cross easement
- 4 access, so that will be a condition that will be
- 5 approved by your board attorney when we submit that.
- 6 That is why I haven't submitted it up to now, because we
- 7 are making changes. So I want one document to go in.
- 8 MR. BOORADY: If it helps to reenforce that,
- 9 the borough code permits what you are proposing. It is
- 10 Section 92-22, off-site facilities. It allows for
- 11 off-site parking within 1500 feet of a site so it is
- 12 actually permitted and encouraged by the code to share
- 13 parking facility.
- 4 MR. GREENBERG: So three commissioners'
- 15 parking spaces are off site.
- MR. SARTONI: I think the commissioner's
- 17 comment is well taken. And I think Mr. Azrak has stated
- 18 it will be covered in connection with the cross easement
- 19 agreement. I think we are fine with that.
- 20 MS. NEINSTEDT: Does anybody down here have
- 21 any questions?
- MR. CROOP: Just for the parking, that is all
- 23 striping, that isn't curbing there in front of the B&T
- 24 office?
- 25 THE WITNESS: That will be thermoplastic

Page 13

Page 12

- 1 striping.
- 2 CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Any other questions from
- 3 this side of the panel?
- 4 Okay. Mr. Azrak, can you bring in the next
- 5 witness?
- 6 MR. SARTONI: I need a motion to open it to
- 7 the public.
- MR. STEENSTRA: So moved.
- 9 MR. GREENBERG: Second.
- 10 CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Anybody from the public
- 11 wishing to come up and ask Mr. Olivo any questions on
- 12 what he just presented?
- 13 Seeing no one wishing to come up.
- 14 MR, STEENSTRA: I make a motion to close.
- 15 MR. GREENBERG: Second.
- 16 MS. NEINSTEDT: All in favor all.
- 17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
 - MR. AZRAK: Our next witness will be Mr.
- 19 Treweeke from B&T Storage.
- THOMAS TREWEEKE, after having
- 21 been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 22 MR. SARTONI: Would you state your full name
- 23 and spell your last name?
- 24 THE WITNESS: Thomas Treweeke,
- 25 T-r-e-w-e-e-k-e.

4 (Pages 10 - 13)

- 1 MR. SARTONI: And your address for the
- 2 record?
- 3 THE WITNESS: 126 Hamburg Turnpike.
- 4 MR. SARTONI: That's Bloomingdale?
- 5 THE WITNESS: Bloomingdale.
- 6 EXAMINATION BY MR. AZRAK:
- 7 Q. Mr. Treweeke, you are the owner of B&T
- 8 Storage; is that correct?
- 9 A. Yes, I am.
- 10 Q. And you operate B&T Storage personally, it's 10
- 11 your business?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. As a component to that, there is also a
- 14 U-Haul --
- 15 A. Franchise.
- 16 Q. -- business and franchise?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. How long have you been running the U-Haul? 18
- 19 A. U-Haul, about 15 years.
- Q. There used to be, correct me if I'm wrong, a

Q. As a result of that ceasing operations, how

Q. As part of your business with B&T Self

Q. And how do they pay for this, by the way?A. Most of them today pay auto pay. It comes

Q. So they are not coming to make payments?

A. At one time we had many people come in to

16 into the microphone? Can you repeat your last response?

18 done by auto pay so people don't have to come in. It's

Q. Have you been attending each one of the

And during that time, you've heard the

19 now taken out of the their checking account or their

22 meetings, the last two and -- obviously, this one, but

MR. SARTONI: Sir, if you would, would you 15 just move that microphone close to you and please speak

THE WITNESS: Most of our payments are now

- 21 moving company that used to operate years ago?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And that has ceased operating; is that
- 24 correct?

6 correct?

8

11

12

25 A. Yes. About five years ago.

A. It's decreased.

A. Yes, they do.

2 has the traffic, has it increased or deceased?

5 Storage, people rent these storage units; is that

10 out of their checking account or credit card.

13 make payments, but not anymore.

- 1 comments about the easement agreements that are going to
- 2 be put in place for your customers to come through the
- 3 main entrance, the driveway from Hamburg Turnpike --
- 4 A. Yes, I have.
- 5 Q. -- is that correct?
- 6 A. Yes, I have. Correct.
- 7 Q. You also, have you not, reviewed the site
- 8 plan and the amendments that were just presented here 9 tonight?
- 0 A. Yes, I have.
- 11 Q. Are you in agreement with the ones that
- 12 affect you?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And with regard to the number of people, how
- 15 many people will come on your site, do you think, on a
- 16 daily basis?
- 17 A. I would say ten to fifteen.
- 8 Q. And that is over a course of?
- 9 A. Seven in the morning to nine at night.
- Q. Alright. And employees, you're an employee
- 21 of the business --
- 22 A. My wife and I.
- 23 Q. -- your wife and yourself?
- 24 Are you there full time or --
- 25 A. Nine to one every day but Sunday.

Page 15

- ge 15
 - 1 MR. AZRAK: And that's all the questions I
 - 2 have for Mr. Treweeke.3 MS. NEINSTEDT: Thank you, Mr. Azrak.
 - 4 Start at this end. Anybody on the board have any
 - " C M " 1 0
 - 5 questions for Mr. Treweeke?
 - 6 Thank you.
 - 7 MR. GREENBERG: I do. I have just a couple
 - 8 questions.
 - 9 The U-Hauls that are there are mainly for the
 - 10 people who are renting the units to transport stuff to
 - 11 your facility?
 - 12 THE WITNESS: I would say fifty-fifty.
 - 13 MR. GREENBERG: And I see there is parking
 - 14 there for two units or two U-Haul trailers or whatever
 - 15 they are, trucks.
 - 16 THE WITNESS: Yes.
 - MR. GREENBERG: What is to stop you from
 - 18 extending the U-Haul business and having fifteen trucks
 - 19 and no place to park them? Is that your intention?
 - THE WITNESS: No, it's not. If anything, it
 - 21 has been going in the other direction. They have been
 - 22 transferring trucks to people on the highway. We have
 - 23 had fewer trucks over the years than we have had before.
 - 24 MR. GREENBERG: I'm just looking at this.
 - 25 There is not a lot of room to park there.
 - 5 (Pages 14 17)

Page 17

20 credit card.

23 the last two?

A. Yes, I have.

24

Page 18 Page 20 THE WITNESS: We have had a lot of vehicles 1 been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows: 2 on that property over the years. We used to run a MR. SARTONI: State your full name and spell 3 your last name for the record. 3 moving business. We don't anymore. MS. NEINSTEDT: Any other questions from the THE WITNESS: Hello, my name is John 5 Board members? 5 McDonough. That is M-c- capital D-o-n-o-u-g-h. Q. And your address for the record, sir? 6 MR. SARTONI: May I? CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Yes. A. My address is 101 Gibraltar Drive, Morris 8 MR. SARTONI: Is B&T Self Storage, is that a 8 Plains, New Jersey. 9 corporate entity? Is that a corporation? MR. SARTONI: You are representing, to short THE WITNESS: It's T. Treweeke Incorporated, 10 circuit this because we have some familiarity with Mr. 10 11 trading as B&T Self Storage. 11 McDonough, you are representing Mr. McDonough as a MR. SARTONI: I'm sorry, so it is your -- T. 12 licensed professional planner to present professional 12 13 Treweeke, you said? planner testimony, sir? 14 14 THE WITNESS: Incorporated. MR. AZRAK: I am. 15 MR. SARTONI: You will be presenting 15 MR. SARTONI: Who are the principals or the professional planning testimony, sir? 16 owner of that corporation? 17 THE WITNESS: Myself and my wife. 17 THE WITNESS: That is correct. 18 MR. AZRAK: I will just let him identify it. 18 MR. SARTONI: And the U-Haul, you call it the 19 U-Haul business, is that part of the same operation or 19 EXAMINATION BY MR. AZRAK: Q. This is your curriculum vitae; is that 20 is it a separate entity? 21 THE WITNESS: No. Well, we don't own U-Haul. 21 correct? 22 MR. SARTONI: You are a franchise? 22 A. Yes, it is correct. 23 O. And this is marked as A19? 23 THE WITNESS: Yeah. 24 MR. SARTONI: You are a franchisee? 24 25 MR. SARTONI: Mr. McDonough, you were 25 THE WITNESS: Yes. Page 19 Page 21 MR. SARTONI: And it's yourself and your wife I recently qualified before this Board as an expert 1 2 witness in the field of professional planning; is that 2 that operate that also? THE WITNESS: Yeah. 3 correct, sir? 3 4 MR. SARTONI: I have nothing further. 4 THE WITNESS: Yes, I was. MR. SARTONI: And at that time, you set forth 5 MS. NEINSTEDT: Seeing no one else on the 6 on this record that, of course, you were licensed in the 6 Board wishing to ask questions, I need a motion to open 7 to the public. 7 State of New Jersey. THE WITNESS: That is correct. License 8 MR. STEENSTRA: So moved. 9 MR. CRUM: Second. remains valid and in good standing. CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Anyone in the public 10 MR. SARTONI: I was going to say that that 10 11 wishing to come forward to ask Mr. Treweeke questions 11 license remains in full force and effect? 12 THE WITNESS: It does. 12 about the testimony. 13 CHAIRMAN SIMONI: I was beginning to think he 13 Seeing no one come forward, I need a motion to 14 was a board member. 14 close. 15 MR. CROOP: So moved. 15 MR. AZRAK: Now your posture just qualifies 16 you. That's good. I like that, Mr. Chairman. MR. CRUM: Second. 16 Q. Mr. McDonough, you were hired by Quick Chek

6 (Pages 18 - 21)

18 to review the site plan and the proposed application; is

Q. And would you please describe to the Board

A. Absolutely. What we do is take a look at 24 existing conditions, proposed conditions, and then, of

25 course, the zoning criteria that apply to the property

21

23

19 that correct?

A. Yes, I was.

22 your methodology and what you do?

24 Identification.)

17

18

19

21

23

CHAIRMAN SIMONI: All in favor?

20 will be John McDonough, our professional planner.

MR. AZRAK: My last witness, Mr. Chairman,

And while he is setting up, I would like to mark

(Applicant's Exhibit 19 marked for

JOHN MCDONOUGH, after having

BOARD MEMBERS: Ave.

22 as A19 his curriculum vitae.

1 in question. To the extent that the applicant is

- 2 seeking site plan approval and subdivision approval
- 3 here, along with variance relief, we apply the statutory
- 4 criteria towards that relief that the applicant is
- What I would like to do is start with a look back 6
- 7 at the property in question, and the surrounding area.
- 8 We heard a lot of testimony about the particulars of the
- 9 site itself. And certainly when we are dealing with a
- 10 variance situation, neighborhood compatibility is a key
- 11 part of that test. So, the photographs that I show will
- 12 help to photo document my findings with respect to the
- 13 neighborhood and the site itself.
- 14 I have another handout. I think we need another
- 15 sticker.
- MR. AZRAK: We would like to mark that, Mr. 16
- 17 Chairman, as A20.
- THE WITNESS: And, Mr. Chairman, for the 18
- 19 record, A20 is going to be a three part exhibit. It's
- 20 going to be 11-by-17 in size. Each board member will
- 21 get a copy. We stapled together three sheets. The
- 22 first page will be an aerial photograph, the second and
- 23 third sheets are ground photographs that were actually
- 24 taken by myself.
- 25 Who gets the sticker copy?
- Page 23
- MR. SARTONI: I do. 1
- MS. NEINSTEDT: Mr. McDonough, would there be 2
- 3 an extra copy for Mr. Fioretti? MR. SARTONI: I need an extra copy from you,
- 5 also.

4

- Mr. Fioretti is seated right in the first row. 6
- (Applicant's Exhibit 20 marked for
- 8 Identification.)
- O. Please continue.
- A. So A20, again, we will start with the first
- 11 page which is an aerial photograph that was downloaded
- 12 from the Bing website. For orientation purposes, north
- 13 will be straight up. What we have done is we outlined
- 14 the property in question with yellow, we added some
- 15 labels as well, which I will explain.
- But we can see that we are here in the south end 16
- 17 of town, near the Butler border. We have Hamburg
- 18 Turnpike as the main thoroughfare in this particular
- 19 photograph. And we can see that at this junction along
- 20 Hamburg Turnpike, we've got a number of businesses, that
- 21 are concentrated.
- As we work our way to the north, we start to 22
- 23 transition to more residential-type uses, as we work our
- 24 way on to Bailey Avenue.
 - Now, the site is at the junction of a business

- 1 district, we are here in the B1 and we abut the R10
 - 2 district as we work our way back onto Bailey Avenue. So
 - 3 that does trigger some zoning relief that the applicant
 - 4 will need. Again, essentially a function of an existing
 - 5 condition, with respect to the location of the driveways
 - 6 and the buffer along that common boundary line. And we
 - 7 will elaborate on that as we go.
 - But the property itself is a huge lot with
 - 9 respect to your zoning here in town. And that is
 - 10 important from a planning standpoint as we look at
 - 11 things such as signage, and bulk criteria as we go
 - 12 forward. It is 21 times the zoning requirement, so it's
 - 13 conceivable that this site could be subdivided 21 ways
 - 14 for commercial uses, which is an important thing, again,
 - 15 to consider as we look at the signage package and the
 - components that the applicant is proposing here.
 - We have somewhat of a hodgepodge of uses along
 - 18 the property. We have the Quick Chek on the lower
 - 19 left-hand corner, which has actually been there for
 - 20 forty years. We've got the auto garage. We've got the
 - 21 storage facility, which you can see transitioning to the
 - 22 back, as well.
 - And we do show the proposed subdivision line
 - 24 also, which triggers another somewhat interesting
 - 25 variance to the extent that we are creating a lot that
 - Page 25

Page 24

- I does not front on the public street. And that is a
- 2 requirement that comes directly out of the land use law.
- 3 It is somewhat of a unique control in the land use law
- 4 and it's a variance that we call a planning variance,
- 5 because it comes right out of the statute and not out of
- 6 a municipal ordinance. We will elaborate on the
- 7 jurisdiction for that, as well, as we go forward.
- In terms of the site itself and what is proposed
- 9 here, we are going to unify the hodgepodge of uses,
- 10 particularly along the front of the property with a
- 11 single concentrated use. Again, I will refer back to
- 12 A10, which is the board on the easel to the right, that
- 13 this is going to project a nice unified image of the
- 14 site, certainly in comparison to what you will see in
- 15 the surrounding photographs as we go onto the next page.
- On Page 2, in the upper left-hand corner is a
- 17 view of the existing Quick Chek store to be renovated.
- 18 Again, bearing in mind, this is something that is now
- 19 40 years old in your community, certainly being upgraded
- 20 by virtue of the facelift that the applicant is
- 21 proposing here and the improvements associated with it.
- Frame No. 2, we have transitioned over to the
- 23 self storage office in the front of the site, that is to
- 24 be removed. Also, interestingly, associated with the
- 25 Ouick Chek facility is a cleaning facility, as well, a

1 dry cleaner facility, that is going to be eliminated --

- 2 not a dry cleaner, a laundromat that is going to be
- 3 eliminated, as well. So that is another upgrade at the
- 4 site that eliminates this hodgepodge that we are talking
- 5 about.
- 6 Frame No. 3, we see a view of the existing
- 7 garage. That is to be removed and then associated with
- 8 the garage, we got the storage area in the front for
- 9 repair vehicles as part of the inventory of vehicles
- 10 waiting for maintenance. We have got some signage
- 11 associated with the front of the site, and the uses that
- 12 are there now. We are going to improve that package, as
- 13 well, as you will see when we talk about the site
- 14 upgrades.
- Frames 5, 6, 7, and 8 give us a sense of the
- 16 surrounding neighborhood context.
- 17 Frame No. 5, looking over on the other side of
- 18 Hamburg Turnpike, we have a sheet metal facility, we
- 19 have a tavern restaurant, a contractor facility.
- 20 Frame No. 6, panning to the right of the prior
- 21 view, we can see an auto parts business on the other
- 22 side of Hamburg Turnpike.
- And in Frame No. 7, as we transition further
- 24 along the turnpike, we see that we have a liquor store,
- 25 before finally transitioning over to Bailey Avenue where
 - Page 27
- 1 we have got that residential component.
- And interestingly, the buffering that you see in
- 3 the right-hand portion of the photograph is going to
- 4 remain as proposed under this development. So that
- 5 protection will stay in place. Notwithstanding the fact
- 6 that from an analytical standpoint, we have a zero-foot
- 7 buffer between the subject property and the adjacent
- 8 property. And again, that is an existing condition that
- 9 is not being altered.
- That's the background upon which we frame our
- 11 conclusions. We also have a nice foundation of
- 12 testimony from experts that have gone before me.
- When we are dealing with the relief that the applicant is seeking for here, the focus is going to be
- 15 more on the deviations under the conditional use
- 16 standard, as opposed to the use itself. The first form
- 17 of relief that the applicant will be seeking from your
- 18 B1 zone is, in fact, a conditional use variance.
- 19 And that's a D3 variance under the statute, to
- 20 allow the two driveways that come off of Bailey Avenue
- 21 essentially to remain in their present configuration,
- 22 which are nonconforming with respect to the requirement
- 23 for a gasoline station. And that would be 25 feet -- or
- 24 less than 25 feet from the residential buffer, or the
- 25 R10 buffer on Bailey Avenue and less than 25 -- 50 feet,

- Page 28
- 1 I'm sorry, from the intersection of Hamburg Turnpike and2 Bailey Avenue.
- 3 So those are existing offsets that the applicant
- 4 is simply looking to utilize those driveways for the
- 5 convenience store and gas station access and egress for
- 6 this particular facility.
- Hand and hand with that we do have that planning
- 8 variance, which is the Section 35 variance to allow for
- 9 a lot that does not front on a public street.
- 10 Importantly, access is provided, and we will elaborate
- 11 on that, but that is really the purpose behind that
- 12 clause in the statute to have properties fronting on a
- 13 street is so that emergency vehicles can access them.
- 14 That access has always been there and will be there as
- 14 That access has always been there and will be there as
- 15 part of the cross easement agreement that you heard Mr.
- 16 Azrak talk about moments ago.
- 17 Additionally, besides the planning variance and
- 18 the D variance, we've got a C variance for the buffer to
- 19 the residential district; 10 feet is the separation that
- 20 is required. Zero feet is what is existing; zero feet
- 21 is what is proposed.
- There is also a parking variance, I believe a
- 23 remnant parking variance. As a result of the new
- 24 ordinance, 22-2013. We eliminated a number of variances
- 25 including the quantity, 32 spaces are being provided
- 27
- 1 which now conforms with the ordinance, and the stall
 - 2 size meets the ordinance requirement of 9-by-18, but we
 - 3 do have some stalls that have a bollard in there, I
 - 4 don't know if it has been resolved to the extent that we
 - 5 have determined, but I will put proofs in that regard as
 - 6 to maintaining a bollard within that 9-by-18 space.
 - 7 Additionally, we need a number of signage
 - 8 variances that are essentially a function of the use we
 - 9 have here as a gas station, which does require price
 - 10 indicators. Under the statute, those price indicators
 - 11 are required for this type of a land use. That does
 - 12 trigger some area-related variances and height-related
 - 13 variances associated with that signage package.
 - 4 Specifically, just to run down the relief
 - 15 associated with each: The Quick Chek sign is 20 feet
 - 16 tall, it's allowed to be 18 feet tall under the
 - 17 ordinance. The B&T sign is going to be 12 feet high,
 - 18 whereas 10 feet is what is allowed under the ordinance.
 - 19 The logo for Quick Chek is going to be 43.3 square feet,
 - 20 whereas, 12 square feet is what is allowed under the
 - 21 ordinance. The area for the B&T Storage is 20 feet, 22 whereas, 12 is allowed. And then, finally, the fueling
 - 23 area panel is going to be 76.6 square feet versus 24
 - 24 square feet. Those are all related to the free standing
 - 25 signs.

8 (Pages 26 - 29)

Page 29

With respect to the wall mounted signs, we have a couple of variances, as well. The Quick Chek area in

3 aggregate is 104.3 square feet versus 70 feet allowed

4 under the ordinance. B&T is looking for relief to allow

5 for 56 square feet, whereas, 49 square feet is allowed

6 under the ordinance. And the height of each sign is

o under the ordinance. And the neight of each sign i

7 slightly over the allowance for wall signs. Quick Chek

8 is going to be 4.6 feet versus 3 feet. And the B&T is

9 3.5 feet versus 2 feet.

Lastly, the canopies. We are looking to maintain 11 canopy signage on three sides given the three points of

12 visibility. Only one canopy sign is allowed under the

13 ordinance and the aggregate area would equate to 22.6

14 square feet, whereas 9 is allowed under the ordinance.

15 That is the relief package that the applicant is

16 seeking. We will start first and foremost with the D3

17 variance that I look for justifications under the

18 Coventry Standard. Again, when we point out that the

19 use, per se, is not at issue here, but it's purely the

20 deviations related to the driveway locations being less

21 than the offsets required under the ordinance.

And, typically, what the case law tells us here

23 is to focus on the problems that may be associated with

24 those deviations. One of which, I believe, has already

25 been addressed relates to privacy. And the fact that

Page 31

1 there is no physical change between what you have now

2 and what you will have under the proposal and again,

3 pointing back to the visual where you saw that nice

4 healthy row of evergreens maintaining the divide between

5 the driveways and the subject proposal.

6 In terms of noise, again, no physical change

7 between what is there now.

Glare is also a consideration with respect to the

9 driveway locations and the offsets, but you've heard the

10 testimony that the applicant the going to provide lights

11 with the cutoff associated with the fixtures and the

12 shielding that will provide for no spillage onto the

13 adjoining properties. So that is dealt with as well.

14 In terms of neighborhood character and the impact

15 of having these driveways where they are located, this

16 is a site that is zoned for activity, and as I look

17 under the requirements of the B1 district, this is a

18 zone that would permit or allow for 46 different types

19 of land uses here. So it is certainly an area that

20 contemplates some form of activity. The applicant, in

21 my opinion, is not proposing anything above and beyond

22 what may be delivered here, particularly if the property

23 were subdivided in a number of ways.

In terms of the zone itself, this is a

25 long-standing conditional use that has co-existed

1 without detriment in your community. That Quick Chek

2 has been there, and I think there is real-world proof

3 that it can exist without detriment.

4 In terms of the positive criteria, I see a

5 connection with Purpose A under the statute, the

6 promotion of the general welfare. Again, what we are

7 looking at here is a customary cohabitation of a

8 convenience sales, a retail sales, and a fuel sales use.

9 It goes back to the time of the general stores having

10 fuel pumps in the front. This is the modern or

11 contemporary version of that. And it is certainly what

12 I would call on par with a neighborhood commercial type

13 of use located along a collective roadway in your

14 community, so it serves both the motoring public and the

15 local public, as well. And in that regard it is

16 certainly promoting Purpose A, promotion of the general

17 welfare.

18 Essentially, what Quick Chek is looking to do

19 here is what 80 percent of its competitors do and that

20 is to have a convenience store with a fuel service

21 component tied to it. That's case here in the United

22 States where 80 percent of the gas does come from

23 C-store combinations.

Other purposes that we looked at, is Purpose I,

25 promotion of the desirable visual environment. Again,

Page 33

Page 32

1 moving the site more into harmony with both the

2 neighborhood behind it and that commercial corridor

3 along Hamburg Turnpike. We are looking at consolidation

4 of uses and certainly a cleaner architecture. You heard

5 through Mr. Cahill's testimony about over 140 plants

6 being pulled onto the site. So we have an architectural

7 improvement here, a landscape architectural improvement

8 as well. And that promotes a desirable visual

9 environment.

We also see the advancement of Purpose M, the

11 efficient use of land. The two uses, again, cohabitate

12 very well. It takes about three minutes to fuel up,

13 about three minutes to run into a convenience store, get

14 your basic items and leave. So there is certainly an

15 economy of scale associated with this addition to this

16 business.

17 Lastly, Purpose G is the provision for a variety

18 of uses in appropriate locations. I think we certainly

19 meet particularly suitability here by virtue of the fact

20 that that convenience store is already there, and we are

21 located along the prime corridor in your community.

22 That is the positive criteria.

23 The negative criteria, I believe we addressed

24 with those specific problems that may be associated with

25 the use. To the extent that from a conclusion

9 (Pages 30 - 33)

1 standpoint in terms of the use, I see no substantial

- 2 detriment in terms of public health, in terms of refuse
- 3 generation, waste generation, air pollution, water
- 4 pollution and the like. Certainly no substantial
- 5 detriment in terms of public safety.
- You heard a lot of testimony through Mr. Olivo
- 7 with respect to the traffic movements. And I think the
- 8 board asked good questions that have been addressed. It
- 9 was the response to your engineer's comments about the
- 10 B&T in the back, as well. I think that has evolved to
- 11 the extent that the entirety of the site will operate
- 12 safely and efficiently.
- So public safety, public health, public welfare
- 14 have all been addressed by this applicant as part of the
- 15 foundation that has gone before me.
- In terms of your zone plan and ordinance, I see
- 17 no substantial impairment to the 1996 Master Plan, the
- 18 reexamination that came in 2001, and 2007. In fact, I
- 19 see these improvements on par with the goals to, quote,
- 20 increase tax revenues, quote, create stable environments
- 21 with a balanced mix of land uses, quote, and lastly,
- 22 quote, enhance the appearance of commercial areas,
- 23 unquote, as goals in your master plan.
- The master plan certainly recognizes the retail
- 25 sector as a largest job generator in the borough,
- Page 35
- 1 particularly for youth and encourages the vast
- 2 utilization of what may well be underutilized sites.
- All said, from a use standpoint, I think the
- 4 statutory criteria under the Coventry standard are met.
- The bulk variances sort of file in line with
- 6 that. The fact that we have a parking stall that does
- 7 has a bollard associated with it, is typical with an
- 8 industry standard. That bollard is set all the way back
- 9 to the extent that it will not interfere with the
- 10 vehicle extending out into the aisle or interfere with
- 11 circulation. Certainly it is something we commonly see
- 12 in the industry and I think holding the benefits of the
- 13 application as a whole, weighing them against any
- 14 detriments, the balancing test under the C2 standard is
- 15 easily met here.
- In terms of the planning variance, the statute
- 17 provides under Section 35 that every lot must front on a
- 18 public street. To gain relief from that aspect, we have
- 19 Section 36, which specifically says that the board may
- 20 grant relief if the circumstances of the case do not
- 21 require the structure to be related to a street. And,
- 22 in particular, the board of adjustment can direct the
- 23 issuance of a permit subject to conditions that will
- 24 provide for adequate access for emergency vehicles,
- 25 including firefighting equipment, ambulances, and the

- 1 like. That is something that has existed with the
- 2 property since its inception, access to the rear for
- 3 those storage facilities will continue as part of this
- 4 application. And the fact that the frontage is being
- 5 cut off has no bearing whatsoever on the functionality
- 6 of this site and the access to the site.
- In fact, the access is going to be improved, by
- 8 the opening of what was formally the loading zone, which

Page 36

- 9 is now presently closed off to the extent that we do
- 10 have improved access to the back of the property, as
- 11 well. So I see that as a benefit towards the Section 35
- 12 relief also. So from a functionality standpoint, we are
- 13 actually improving access to the rear of the site.
- The D3 variance I dealt with, the planning
- 15 variance, the C variance.
- 16 And, lastly, in terms of the sign package, what I
- 17 will do is let Exhibit A10 speak for itself, that the
- sign package as a whole relates to the use as a whole,
- provides for clear and safe identification of the site
- 20 from multiple vantage points.
- You can certainly see that the signs that are
- 22 proposed, both on the building, the canopy, and the
- 23 free-standing sign are in harmony, they are on scale
- 24 with the massive scale of the site itself. These signs
- 25 are not going to appear overbearing, notwithstanding the
 - Page 37
- 1 fact that they are larger than the ordinance
 - 2 requirements. And, again, bearing in mind that we are
 - 3 looking at a consolidation of uses here. We are taking
 - 4 a very large site and limiting it to just a few signs on
 - 5 it. I believe that the master plan contemplates more
 - 6 signage at this location by virtue of the fact that
 - 7 there can be more lots and more businesses located along

 - So I will fold the signage relief with the
 - 10 benefits outweighing the detriments pulling down the
 - 11 benefits of the application as a whole and the need for
 - 12 clear and safe identification of the site as a
 - 13 justification.
 - I believe I have run down all the list of
 - variances, the C's, the D's, and the planning variance.
 - 16 In a nutshell, I think this is a good application from a
 - 17 planning standpoint. I think it meets the statutory
 - criteria. All of the relief that the applicant is
 - without substantial detriment to the public good or

seeking can be met. Clearly variances can be granted

- 21 without substantial impairment to the zone plan and
- 22 ordinance.
- 23 That's the end of my direct.
- Q. One last question. You were here when Mr.
- 25 Cahill testified as to those variances, as well?

10 (Pages 34 - 37)

Page 38 Yes. A. 2 Q. Do you agree with his analysis and 3 incorporate that, as well? A. I do. It's refreshing to have a foundation 5 below me when I give my planning proofs and I do rest 6 upon those proofs that have come before me. MR. AZRAK: I have no further questions. CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Thank you, Mr. McDonough. Q 10 MR. LIPPI: How long has this garage been 11 there? 12 THE WITNESS: I don't know the answer to 13 that MR. STEENSTRA: It's been this a long time. 14 15 I think the building was rebuilt sometime in the '60s. 16 MR. CROOP: There was an addition put on and 17 they rebuilt it in the mid '70s. MR. LIPPI: As a repair facility? MR, CROOP: Yes. 19 MR. LIPPI: Has anything been addressed as to 20 21 any hazmat that may or may not be on that property? THE WITNESS: I believe there has been. 22 23 MR. CROOP: That was strictly only ever a 24 repair shop. 25 there within the public view. And we have eyes on the MR. LIPPI: We don't know what is in the

Page 40 1 already. 2 MR. GREENBERG: Okay. But it's not on your 3 property. THE WITNESS: I didn't say that it was. MR. GRAF: Mr. McDonough, not to rehash the 5 6 testimony about what Mr. Cahill discussed at our last 7 meeting; however, will you give your thoughts on why the 8 outside seating has to be in the area where it is? And 9 why the applicant could not suggest moving it to 10 somewhere else away from Bailey Avenue? Just to summarize, and I'm sure perhaps you 12 remember, some of the discussion at the last meeting and 13 previous meetings were the great potential for being a 14 public nuisance there, especially to the residents of 15 Bailey Avenue. Not to repeat the whole thing, but is 16 there anyplace else on that site where you can see where 17 that outside seating could be placed? 18 THE WITNESS: What I like about the location 19 is that it is tucked in the corner. It is certainly 20 what I would call a defensible space, as opposed to an 21 area that may be hidden on the property. Planners like 22 to talk about exposed defensible spaces, where activity 23 can be seen. If this becomes a problem area, it is certainly

Page 39

1 ground. I didn't get to read every single bit of it, 2 but I am not actually part of the voting. But being in 3 the automotive business my whole life, things happen. 4 1, just for the safety and welfare of people that will 5 be there, I think that that could be an issue when you 6 tear down a building. MR. AZRAK: If I could just respond to that. 8 I was told by my client that all our due diligence has 9 been completed on the environmental. We have about 10 \$200,000 of environment cleanup that will be completed. 11 That is our responsibility and that will be done. MR. LIPPI: Okay. I just thought that would 13 be interesting, that's all. It's important in this day 14 and age. 15 MR. AZRAK: Absolutely. We agree. CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Any other questions from 16

17 the Board? MR. GREENBERG: I have one question. On Page 18 19 3 you have that picture and you are showing the 20 residential buffer that is going to remain. That is not 21 on your property, correct? THE WITNESS: Right. 22 MR. GREENBERG: So it's nice that you are not 23 24 taking down somebody else's plants.

THE WITNESS: That is an aspect that is there

1 street that can observe that. Again, you also know that 2 Quick Chek has a number of security cameras on the 3 property to monitor the activity on the site. And, as 4 stated, it's in Quick Chek's interest to maintain a 5 viable crime-free site. We are not looking for nuisance 6 activity on the site whatsoever? So, for those reasons, I think it's certainly an 8 appropriate location. It provides for convenience 9 seating. It doesn't interfere with the operation of the 10 site. It makes good use of what is otherwise somewhat 11 of an unusual shape, a triangular shape. But I think it 12 is put to good functional use. It's relatively small 13 scale, too. MR. GRAF: In that the applicant, even based 15 on our last meeting, the applicant has made no effort 16 whatsoever to even suggest moving it elsewhere, I 17 understand that is where you folks want to keep it, you 18 kind of made that very clear. However, in my mind, it does present a real 20 potential for public nuisance to the residents 21 especially on Bailey Avenue. And my view would be that 22 one should find another place for it on the site. For 23 instance, perhaps near the entrance to the store where

24 it can be more properly monitored, if that becomes

25 necessary, from the folks that are running the store.

11 (Pages 38 - 41)

Page 42 1 So, anyway, that is just my view. 2 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 3 MR. AZRAK: If I may just quickly comment. I 4 think the record supports Mr. Cahill's testimony as to 5 placing that somewhere else was problematic for the 6 traffic, for the parking. So, I don't think that it's 7 correct to say that Quick Chek refuses to do it. MR. GRAF: I don't think we ever heard 9 anything from Mr. Cahill in regard to why it couldn't be 10 moved sir. MR. AZRAK: And the record, obviously, is 11 12 there. My recollection of the record was that, that we 13 were looking at other areas on the other side of the 14 building and that interfered with the parking and would, 15 obviously, impact on the driveway space. So it was a 16 little bit of that, and that is part of the reason, if l 17 might say, it was there.

CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Thank you, Mr. Azrak. 18 19 Any other questions from the Board. 20 MR. CRUM: Excuse me. I know everybody has

21 talked about the seating. What if you removed it 22 completely rather than trying to find another place and

23 that eliminates any opportunity for loitering or 24 problems of that nature?

25 You are a convenience store where you are going

Page 43

1 to have a lot of customers coming and going. There is 2 not going to be a need for a lot of people to be hanging 3 around outside sitting down. They are coming and going. 4 So why not just remove it and make it easier, rather 5 than have this conversation, well, if you do it this way 6 or that way; take it out. MR, AZRAK: I hear you. I can only respond

8 by saying that all of the Quick Chek applications have 9 these components both inside and outside. And we found 10 no problems in any of the new stores that have been 11 opened since the seating has been permitted. And we 12 find that the customers actually look forward to it

13 because it's just part of the convenience that they look

14 for in Quick Chek. So all I can tell you is we've never

15 had a problem with it before.

I think Mr. Cahill testified as to the cameras. 17 We put extras based on the comments that Mr. Graf had in

18 one of the meetings. We put an extra camera in that

19 areas, and he testified to that as well. The number of 20 cameras and the surveillance, the fact that we have a

21 manager on site twenty-four/seven with outside people,

22 with the gas, so there are people outside monitoring 23 this. There are people inside monitoring it. And we

24 feel that if that were a problematic issue with Quick

25 Chek, Dean Durling would not put up with it; that's all

1 I can tell you.

CHAIRMAN SIMONI: I think that maybe I'm 3 making it simplistic, but I believe if there is a

4 problem with the seating, it's bad for business and

5 Quick Chek will take care of it.

MR. AZRAK: I appreciate that comment and on 6 7 top of that we stipulated to a Title 39. So I mean, if

8 for some reason we are not doing our due diligence and

9 maintaining our store, which we maintain all stores,

10 that's why it's a great facility. We always have the

11 police issue. We are not encouraging; we will take care

12 of it ourselves, I just wanted that to be part of the

13 record.

14 CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Any other questions?

MR. SARTONI: Just for the record, Title 39 15

16 is the motor vehicle code, which allows the police to be

on the site, but not to suggest that they are going to

be policing, to use that terminology, people that will

be seated out there.

20 MR. STEENSTRA: Can I ask the engineer --

MR. BOORADY: Just real quick. There is no 21

22 seating inside?

23 MR. AZRAK: No, there is not. Not in this

24 facility. We felt we were not going to request that,

25 but in all of our other facilities we do have inside

Page 45

Page 44

I seating.

MR. BOORADY: But you do not in this 2

3 facility?

4 MR. AZRAK: No.

MR. STEENSTRA: Mr. Boorady, you may not know 5

6 the answer to this question, maybe you do, but I think

7 someone in the room probably does. You just built a new

8 facility down by William Paterson College.

MR. AZRAK: Yes, we did. I actually handled 10 that application.

MR. STEENSTRA: And that has outdoor seating? 11

MR. AZRAK: Yes, it does. 12

MR. STEENSTRA: With all of the college 13

14 students, has there been any problem there?

15 MR. AZRAK: No.

MR. SARTONI: Just so the record is clear, 16

17 Mr. Azrak, you are stipulating there will be no inside

18 seating?

19 MR. AZRAK: That's correct. And it would

20 show on the plan if we were presenting that.

CHAIRMAN SIMONI: One last time, any other 21 22 questions?

Seeing everybody on the Board satisfied, I need a 23

24 motion to open to the public.

25 MR. GREENBERG: So moved.

12 (Pages 42 - 45)

	Page 46		Page 48
l	MR. LUCCIO: Second.	1	that correct?
2	THE WITNESS: All in favor?	2	MR. FOURNIER: Yes.
3	BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.	3	CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Please be seated and make
4	CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Is there anyone in the	4	yourself as comfortable as possible. Just move that
5	public wishing to come forward to question Mr. McDonoug	1 5	microphone as close as you can.
6	on the presentation he has just given?	6	MR. FOURNIER: 1 just had a couple of quick
7	Seeing no one wishing to come forward from the	7	questions. I live basically across the street from the
8	public, I need a motion to close the public portion.	8	site and I was just wondering is this going to be,
9	MR. CRUM: So moved.	9	during commuter hours, is there going to be a tremendous
10	MR. LUCCIO: Second.	10	amount of traffic now, because it is pretty crowded as
11	CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Second Mr. Luccio.	11	it is. It's a little bit of the concern, not to mention
12	All in favor?	12	the fact that there is going to be a gas station built
13	BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.	13	across the street from me with all the signs and
14	MR. AZRAK: Prior to giving a very short	14	everything.
	summary of what has transpired here at the last three	15	For the record, Bloomingdale has not been able to
	meetings, I first want to make sure for the record that	16	support four gas stations over the years. There has
	all of our exhibits have been move into evidence. I		been two or three service stations that have just closed
	know that we have been identifying them, but I just to		down because of lack of people going there. I just
	make sure that is clear and that there are no objections		thought it would be a better site to be located like on
	to that.	Į.	a highway, like Route 23 or so, not quite so local.
21	And when it's appropriate I would like to make	21	And I just had a few concerns like that. I don't
	some comments and summarize.		know if they all have been covered.
23	MR. SARTONI: You need to open it to public	23	CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Mr. Azrak, would you like
	discussion.		to ask questions?
25	CHAIRMAN SIMONI: I need a motion to open the	25	MR. AZRAK: I have no questions of this
	Page 47		Page 49
1	public comment.	1	witness except to, I don't know if you were around when
2	•		the traffic expert testified, but he covered all of
3	MR, CRUM; Second.	1	those areas and concerns as to the number of cars that
4			would be traveling through this area and how they would
5	BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.	1	travel.
6	MS. NEINSTEDT: Once again, anyone in the	6	MR. FOURNIER: You may say that you don't
7		1	think it will increase the traffic flow, but I would
	Quick Chek application, please come forward.	1	think that would be the whole idea of putting the
9		1	service station there.
10		10	And just to get back to the picnic table, that
11	MR. FOURNIER: I just have a couple quick	1	will probably be used for people to smoke, because we
			always go for walks around there and that people always
12	MR. SARTONI: Do you have a comment	1	hang out there, smoking their cigarettes.
13		14	
14	2		witness. I appreciate his comments.
15		16	* *
16		1	to work at 129 Hamburg Turnpike so I watched this store
17		1	every day for the last four or five years. And I
18	•	1	personally don't believe the additional traffic will be
19	•	1	anything more. Actually, it may be improved from what
20	•		we see in the morning, because, obviously, you know the
21		3	Quick Chek driveway right now, you know how it comes ou
22	•	ì	and they back up. I'm sure you hear the horns blowing
23		1	
24		1	just like I do. MR. FOURNIER: There have been a few
25	MR. SARTONI: That's here in Bloomingdale; is	25	MIN. FOUNDER. THEIR HAVE DECH A TEW

Page 50 I accidents over the years. MR. CROOP: But with them moving the driveway 3 back to where the B&T entrance is away from the 4 building, it was testified to, it is really going to 5 improve the traffic flow because now everybody will be 6 able to get into the lot and find a place to park, plus 7 they are adding like another ten spots. So I think that 8 is really going to improve. THE WITNESS: The Quick Chek alone has always 10 been very busy. And it's a wonderful store, but the 11 fact of having a gas station across the street. MR. CROOP: As to your comment, I have worked 13 in the automotive field in Bloomingdale since 1975. And 14 most of the gas stations or repair shops that have moved 15 on or stopped selling gas, it generally was not for lack 16 of business. It was generally more to environmental 17 concerns, landlord concerns, because I was involved, not 18 directly with them, but I knew all the players in town 19 at all the times. And like I said, for most of them it 20 wasn't ---21 THE WITNESS: Them closing for lack of 22 business. 23 MR. CROOP: -- lack of business. 24 I am giving you the benefit of my experience.

1 everything that we've asked for, that is a pleasure and 2 that comes from experience of 38 years, being all over 3 and finding secretaries and attorneys and engineers that 4 sometimes don't have those abilities. So Bloomingdale 5 has that. I would like to thank them personally on 6 behalf of Quick Chek. Ouick Chek has been part of your town, as you 8 know, for 40 years. They believe in Bloomingdale, 9 that's the reason for the application that we filed. 10 They could have closed the store and moved elsewhere, 11 but they believe in the borough. 12 We believe that this proposal has shown that it 13 will rejuvenate older stores, consolidate, beautify 14 older sites. We are removing varied cars, trucks, other 15 uses as our planner has testified to and unifying those. 16 We are corrected loading and parking issues, we are 17 adding detention. We are adding a CDS unit, which now will clean the water, which is not presently on the 19 site. We are adding more employment opportunities to 20 the borough. We encourage that to be within the 21 borough, because then people know the people who are 22 being serviced. We are encouraging one-stop shopping. 23 We are adding services, expanding the C-store and all of 24 our services within the convenience store and adding a

25 gas component.

Page 52

MR. FOURNIER: It was a little disconcerting 25 Page 51 1 all of a sudden having a gas station directly across the 2 street from you MR. CROOP: Absolutely. Understandable. 3 MR. FOURNIER: Thank you for your time. 4 CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Anyone else wishing to come 6 forward for public comment? 7 Seeing no one else wishing to come forward, I 8 need a motion to close the public comment. MR. GREENBERG: So moved. 10 MR. LUCCIO: Second. CHAIRMAN SIMONI: All in favor? 11 12 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye. 13 CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Mr. Azrak? MR. AZRAK: Thank you. I would just like to 14 15 first start off thanking the Board for your attention 16 and patience and your questions and your concerns. I 17 think ultimately it has now evolved into a really nice 18 site that the town can be proud of. I would also like to thank the Board 20 professionals, both your attorney and your engineer. 21 And very importantly we would like to thank your 22 secretary. It's nice to come into a town, and I can 23 tell you we are all over New Jersey and New York, to

24 come into a town and have the reception, your questions

25 answered on a timely basis, very competent responses to

Page 53 We are increasing the tax base, although you 2 can't use that to vote on it, although let's be real and 3 serious about bringing the use and improving it does 4 have that capacity. So we can't forget that. We have, through our professionals, shown the 6 proposed renovations, submitted the proofs necessary on 7 the subdivision, the site plan, conditional use 8 variance, bulk variance, the planning variance. And I would like to close with this: That Dean 10 Durling and Quick Chek made a commitment 40 years ago to 11 the borough and tonight we are asking that you also 12 recommit to us by approving this application. We thank you very much. 13 14 MR. SARTONI: Thank you, Mr. Azrak. CHAIRMAN SIMONI: It's that time for every 15 16 application that I ask for a motion for this application 17 as to whether to approve or not. MR. STEENSTRA: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion 18 19 to approve Application No. 654 with the amendments that 20 have been stated on the record in the last meetings. MR. GRAF: I'll second that, Mr. Chairman. 21 CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Any discussion? 22 With that, we will need a roll call vote to 23 24 approve Application No. 654.

MS. NEINSTEDT: Commissioner Croop?

1	Page 54 MR. CROOP: Yes.	1	Page 56
1		1	like to say. I guess I've sat here, probably one of the
2	MS. NEINSTEDT: Crum?		senior members of time sitting here and it's been a
3	MR. CRUM: Yes.		pleasure to deal with you. You have presented your
4	MS. NEINSTEDT: Graf?		case, all of you, very well. I know it gets contentious
5	MR. GRAF: Yes.		at times, I am sure you do, too, but we are beyond that.
6	MS. NEINSTEDT: Greenberg?	6	Thank you.
7	MR. GREENBERG: Before I vote, I just want to	7	CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Very well presented
	say I had an issue here with their creating a landlocked	8	application.
9	piece of property in the back, which it goes against	9	MR. SARTONI: Mr. Azrak, if I can impose on
10	everything in my brain to do that. But that being said,	10	you to get to exhibits to us. If I can see you for just
11	I think what we are doing is approving the site as much	11	a second?
12	as when a gas station comes in, granted it's a gas	12	Let's take a ten minute recess.
13	station plus a convenience store and that's an	13	(Hearing concluded 8:54 p.m.)
14	improvement, I think that is a major improvement to the	14	
15	site. So I think the pluses that are going into effect	15	
	here far outweigh the negatives, so for that reason 1 am	16	
	very happy to approve this.	17	
18	MS. NEINSTEDT: Luccio?	18	
19	MR. LUCCIO: Yes.	19	
20	MS. NEINSTEDT: Steenstra?	20	
21	MR. STEENSTRA: Yes.	21	
22	MS. NEINSTEDT: And Simoni?	22	
23		23	
	CHAIRMAN SIMONI: Absolutely, yes. MS. NEINSTEDT: The motion carries.	23	
24			
25	MR. CROOP: Mr. Chairman, when I came in here	25	
	Page 55		Page 57
	tonight, I just want to comment that Mr. Greenberg's	1 2	CERTIFICATION
2	statement is probably almost what I was going to say.	3	STATE OF NEW YORK)
3	When I walked into the room, I said, I hope their		: ss:
4	planner is on their A game tonight, and Mr. McDonough	4	COUNTY OF NEW YORK)
5	did a tremendous job in his presentation that I didn't	5	
6	even feel the need to ask him questions.	6	I, TONIANN ACQUARO, a Notary Public for
7	MR. AZRAK: 1 know he prompted you to say	7 8	and within the State of New York, do hereby certify: That the witness whose examination is
8	that. He has a client here.	i	hereinbefore set forth was duly sworn and that such
9	MR. CROOP: No, he didn't.	l	examination is a true record of the testimony given by
10	CHAIRMAN SIMONI: It is my hope that this	i	that witness.
11	development of this Quick Chek facility is the catalyst	12	I further certify that I am not related
	of that entire corridor that starts moving things along.		to any of the parties to this action by blood or by
	It is a beautiful plan. No plan is ever perfect. But		marriage and that I am in no way interested in the
	Quick Chek has been in the neighborhood, like you said,	15	outcome of this matter. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
14			my hand this 16th day of January, 2014.
14 15	for 40 years, and we wish you a lot of luck.	17	my hand this 16th day of January, 2014.
14 15 16	for 40 years, and we wish you a lot of luck. MR. AZRAK: We thank you very much.		my hand this 16th day of January, 2014.
14 15 16 17	for 40 years, and we wish you a lot of luck. MR. AZRAK: We thank you very much. MS. NEINSTEDT: I would like to make a	17 18	ToniAnn Acquaro,
14 15 16 17 18	for 40 years, and we wish you a lot of luck. MR. AZRAK: We thank you very much. MS. NEINSTEDT: I would like to make a comment. That picture has been sitting in my office	17 18 19 20	ToniAnn Acquaro, Professional Court Reporter
14 15 16 17 18	for 40 years, and we wish you a lot of luck. MR. AZRAK: We thank you very much. MS. NEINSTEDT: I would like to make a comment. That picture has been sitting in my office with all the other exhibits and it happened to be the	17 18 19	ToniAnn Acquaro, Professional Court Reporter and New York State Notary, 01AC6200255
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	for 40 years, and we wish you a lot of luck. MR. AZRAK: We thank you very much. MS. NEINSTEDT: I would like to make a comment. That picture has been sitting in my office with all the other exhibits and it happened to be the one right in front. And many people that were just	17 18 19 20 21	ToniAnn Acquaro, Professional Court Reporter
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	for 40 years, and we wish you a lot of luck. MR. AZRAK: We thank you very much. MS. NEINSTEDT: I would like to make a comment. That picture has been sitting in my office with all the other exhibits and it happened to be the one right in front. And many people that were just coming to the office said: Wow, that is really nice.	17 18 19 20 21	ToniAnn Acquaro, Professional Court Reporter and New York State Notary, 01AC6200255
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	for 40 years, and we wish you a lot of luck. MR. AZRAK: We thank you very much. MS. NEINSTEDT: I would like to make a comment. That picture has been sitting in my office with all the other exhibits and it happened to be the one right in front. And many people that were just coming to the office said: Wow, that is really nice. So we are going to hang it on the wall.	17 18 19 20 21	ToniAnn Acquaro, Professional Court Reporter and New York State Notary, 01AC6200255 My Commission Expires January 26, 2017
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	for 40 years, and we wish you a lot of luck. MR. AZRAK: We thank you very much. MS. NEINSTEDT: I would like to make a comment. That picture has been sitting in my office with all the other exhibits and it happened to be the one right in front. And many people that were just coming to the office said: Wow, that is really nice.	17 18 19 20 21 22 23	ToniAnn Acquaro, Professional Court Reporter and New York State Notary, 01AC6200255
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	for 40 years, and we wish you a lot of luck. MR. AZRAK: We thank you very much. MS. NEINSTEDT: I would like to make a comment. That picture has been sitting in my office with all the other exhibits and it happened to be the one right in front. And many people that were just coming to the office said: Wow, that is really nice. So we are going to hang it on the wall.	17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	ToniAnn Acquaro, Professional Court Reporter and New York State Notary, 01AC6200255 My Commission Expires January 26, 2017 (The foregoing certification of this transcript does not