

PLAN COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Members of the Plan Commission

From: Tom Vander Woude, Planning Director

Meeting Date: June 14, 2022

Agenda Item: PC Docket No. 22-007

Hearing: PUBLIC HEARING

Application Type: Development Plan

Summary: Paul Kats on behalf of Munster Church, Inc. requesting of a development plan to

permit the construction of an addition to the Munster Church, the construction of a new multipurpose accessory building, and associated site modifications at

214 Ridge Road.

Applicant: Paul Kats on behalf of Munster Church, Inc

Property Address: 214 Ridge Road

Current Zoning: CZ – Civic Zone

Adjacent Zoning: North: CD-4.A

South: CD-3.R2 East: CD-5 West: CD-4.A

Action Requested: Approve development plan

Additional Actions Required: Findings of Fact

Staff Recommendation: <u>Approve with conditions</u>

Attachments:

- Munster Church Building Addition, 214 Ridge Road plan set dated 2022.06.06
- Munster Church photometric plan prepared by KSA Lighting & Controls dated 2022.05.26
- Munster Church addition Exterior Elevations and Floor Plan prepared by Rohn Associates dated 2022.06.03

- Munster Church accessory building Exterior Elevations and Floor Plan prepared by Rohn Associates dated 2022.06.03
- Munster Church accessory building Exterior Renderings prepared by Rohn Associates dated 2022.06.03
- Comment response letter from Ted Rohn
- Comment Response letter from Don Torrenga dated 2022.06.03



Figure 1 Subject property.

BACKGROUND

Paul Kats on behalf of Munster Church, Inc. has submitted an application for approval of a development plan to construct a 13,350 square foot addition and a new 7,140 square foot multipurpose accessory building on the property of the Munster Church at 214 Ridge Road, the southeast corner of Hohman Avenue and Ridge Road. Along with the new buildings, Munster Church proposes to modify the site by narrowing the existing Ridge Road driveway, improving the landscaping along the Ridge Road frontage,

adding and relocating parking lot light fixtures, adding some parking lot landscaping, and installing a detention pond at the southeast corner of the property. The church proposes to demolish two existing single-family homes and two garages on the property.

The proposed addition will be constructed to the east of the existing church building along the Ridge Road Frontage. It will include a fellowship hall, offices, a conference room, classrooms, children's rooms, men's and women's bathrooms, and a large multipurpose room with a stage that can be used as a gym or as an auditorium. Detailed renderings and floor plans are included as attachments.



Figure 2 Rendering of proposed addition

The accessory building will be constructed along the east side of the property. It will include classrooms, space for a food pantry, offices, bathrooms, storage, and a workshop for the youth programs. Detailed renderings and floor plans are included in the attachments.



Figure 3 Renderings of proposed accessory building

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The subject property is located in a CZ- Civic Zone district and is subject to the specific development standards of that zone as well as the generally applicable standards of the zoning ordinance addressing parking, landscaping, site lighting, and stormwater. The applicants have applied to the Board of Zoning Appeals for multiple variances, which are described later in this memo. This project is located on an existing developed lot on which there are some legal nonconformities. The Munster zoning ordinance permits a Nonconforming Building, Improvement, or Structure [to] be Substantially Modified or Altered to decrease its nonconformity if the modification or alteration is in conformity with the relevant standards of this article. In other words, only the new buildings, additions, and lot alterations are required to comply the current zoning standards. The exception to this rule is landscaping, which is required to be installed in parking lots when certain improvements are made. In this case, it is required because of the cost of the project, the addition to the building, and the construction of a new building.

ZONING ANALYSIS

There are fewer standards for buildings in civic districts than commercial districts, the chart below includes only the standards which are applicable noting compliance and whether a variance is being sought.

Standard	Code Requirement	Proposed
Front Setback, Principal		
Frontage	0 ft. min, 50% of Lot Depth max	Between 10' and 30'
	1 may be 20 ft. higher than maximum	
	Height of any Adjacent Character	
Building Height	District, max.; others max 30 ft. max.	30 ft.
Building Height –		
Accessory Building	30 ft. max	24.5 ft.
	Main Entrance must be in Facade of Principal	
	Frontages. If shopfront Frontage at corner, Main	
	Entrance may be at Principal Frontage or at	
	corner. Main Entrance must be clearly	
	distinguishable from other parts of the Building	
	through the use of architectural design, elements,	
	and treatment, including its detail and relief and	Main entrance is
	use of architectural elements such as lintels,	located in the rear of
	pediments, pilasters, columns, and other	the building.
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Entrances	and details of the Building.	SEEKING VARIANCE
Location of Building at		Offset
Frontage	Parallel to Frontage Lines	SEEKING VARIANCE
Facade	Parallel to straight Frontage Line or to tangent of	Offset
Position	curved Frontage Line	SEEKING VARIANCE

Façade Design Proportions	Must be based approximately either on (a) proportions that can be expressed as a fraction using whole numbers (e.g. 1:1, 2:1, 3:2, 4:3, etc) or (b) the following proportions: 1.414:1 or 1.618:1	Stated to be 1:4 on average SEEKING VARIANCE IF NECESSARY Windows and doors meet void area
Blank Walls	Not Permitted at Frontage	standard.
Facade Void Areas	20-60% of total Facade area	40%
Façade Openings	Windows and/or doors spaced ≤ 20 ft. apart. Square or vertical in proportion except for transoms and sidelights. Windows in the Facade and 1st and 2nd Lot Layers shall be single- or double-sashed, casement, awning, or fixed types. In Stories above first, Facade openings must be ≤ 50% of total Facade area.	Windows vertical. One story.
	Upper floor windows and other features must be	
Window Alignment	aligned with those of first floor	N/A The building addition has an east-west oriented roof over the multipurpose room that has a 5:12 pitch. The north-south oriented roof has a 10:12 pitch and a portion of the building has a flat roof.
Roof Type	Flat, Hip, Shed, Gable, Pitch 8:12-14:12	SEEKING VARIANCE
Off-Street Parking Location	P in 3rd Lot Layer only. Parking must be Screened from abutting properties by Building or opaque Wall Screen, Fence Screen, or Hedge Screen. Parking Lots NP	Existing west parking area is located in first lot layer. Screening is not possible without reducing parking.
Driveway/Vehicular Entrance Maximum Width	24' max in 1st Lot and 2nd Lot Layer	24' wide

Off-Street Trash Receptacle/Dumpster	Required and must be fully enclosed on 3 sides and enclosed on the 4th side with self-closing gate. Enclosure must be constructed of a material that matches the Principal Building.	No dumpster proposed.
Off-Street Loading, Storage, Utility Box & Service Meter* Locations	Permitted in 3rd Lot Layer only	Located in 3 rd lot layer
Heating and Air Conditioning Equipment, Utility, Service and	Permitted in 3rd Lot Layer; Permitted in 2nd Lot Layer if Screened from Frontage; not Permitted in	Escated in 5 localdyer
Mechanical Equipment	1st Lot Layer Around Civic Buildings Required for 100% of setbacks, except for sidewalks and driveways. Civic Spaces in setbacks must comply with Civic	Located in 3 rd lot layer 100% of setback is
Landscaping	Space standards	landscaped.
		Parking screened from frontage by building, except existing legal non-conforming west
	Parking, Loading Areas, Service Areas, Outdoor Storage, Drive-Throughs, Trash Receptacles/ Dumpsters, HVAC and other equipment Screened from Frontage, Civic Space and Adjacent	parking area. Screening required at south edge of parking area.
Screens	Property Rooftop Antennas and HVAC, Mechanical	SEEKING VARIANCE Renderings show no rooftop equipment
Screens	and other Equipment Screening	visible from ground.

The required spaces for the building addition and the existing church are calculated together and are based on the number of seats within the church: there are 409 seats requiring 136 parking spaces. The required spaces for the accessory building are calculated based on the capacity of that building: total occupancy is 166, requiring 50 spaces. A total of 186 spaces are required for the entire parcel. The proposed modifications to the parking area reduce the capacity from 228 spaces to 211 spaces.

The requirements for parking lot landscaping have been partially met with the addition of landsacaping along Ridge Road, three new landscape islands in the east parking area, and additional trees planted at the perimeter of the parking area. The applicant is seeking variances from the internal landscaping requirement and the tree planting requirements.

A complete lighting and photometric plan has been submitted with the development plan. The proposed lighting meets the Town's standards for average illumination as well as the fixture height and maximum color temperature of the light fixtures. Variances are being sought from the minimum illumination standard and the fixture type standard.

Stormwater plans for the project divide the lot into a north section that drains toward Ridge Road and a south section that drains to the south. The report submitted by Torrenga Engineering indicates a net reduction in stormwater runoff in the north section and small increase in the south section. A small detention pond is proposed at the southeast corner of the property to detain the increased runoff. Town Engineer Jill DiTommaso has yet to review the stormwater plan in detail so there may be some minor changes to the plan, which should be a condition of the approval.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING REQUESTED VARIANCES

The Development Plan for the project has been submitted to the Munster Plan Commission but cannot be approved as presented without the granting of the variances described below.

CIVIC ZONE BUILDING AND LOT STANDARDS

1. TABLE 26-6.405.B CIVIC ZONE STANDARDS Façade Position – required to be parallel to straight Frontage Line or to tangent of curved Frontage Line.

Required: The proposed building addition must be positioned parallel to Ridge Road **Proposed:** The proposed building addition is positioned on a straight east-west line.

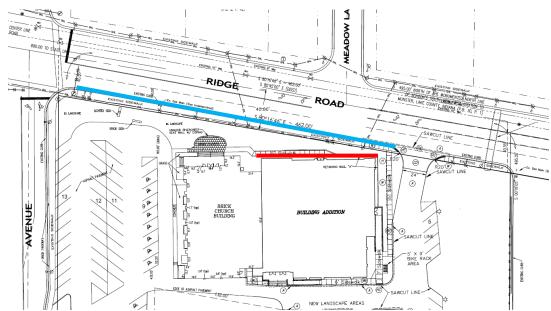


Figure 4 Building facade position shown in red; Ridge Road Frontage line shown in blue

2. TABLE 26-6.405.B CIVIC ZONE STANDARDS Façade Design Proportions - Must be based approximately either on (a) proportions that can be expressed as a fraction using whole numbers (e.g. 1:1, 2:1, 3:2, 4:3, etc) or (b) the following proportions: 1.414:1 or 1.618:1.

Required: The proportions of the proposed building addition either in its entirety or in its individual components must be based on the proportions listed above.

Proposed: The proposed building addition plans include a note: "AVERAGE FAÇADE PROPORTIONS RATIO = 1:4".

Staff comment: It is unclear to staff whether this standard is met and a more detailed response will be required from the architect.

3. TABLE 26-6.405.B CIVIC ZONE STANDARDS Roof Type and Pitch - Pitch, if any 8:12 - 14:12.

Required: The pitch of all roofs on the building addition must either be flat or be between 8:12 and 14:12.

Proposed: The building addition has an east-west oriented roof over the multipurpose room that has a 5:12 pitch.



Figure 5 Church addition viewed from the southeast showing multipurpose room with 5:12 roof pitch.

4. TABLE 26-6.405.B CIVIC ZONE STANDARDS Main Entrance must be in Facade of Principal Frontage.

Required: The main entrance of the church building and addition must be on the Ridge Road side of the building and should have a pedestrian connection to the door from the street. **Proposed:** The existing pedestrian connection from Ridge Road to the church doors is proposed to be removed. No new sidewalk connections are proposed between the Ridge Road façade and the public sidewalk.



Figure 6 Existing pedestrian connection to Ridge Road proposed to be removed.

5. TABLE 26-6.405.B CIVIC ZONE STANDARDS Screens Parking, Loading Areas, Service Areas, Outdoor Storage, Drive-Throughs, Trash Receptacles/ Dumpsters, HVAC and other equipment Screened from Frontage, Civic Space and Adjacent Property Required; except at Driveways: Parking Lots and Parking Areas shall be Screened from Frontage and Civic Space by Building or Streetscreen; Parking Structures shall be Screened from Frontages by Liner Buildings. Otherwise, Screening shall be by Building, Wall, hedge or Fence at Frontage or Building, Wall, hedge or Fence not at Frontages or Adjacent to Civic Space.

Required: The parking area must be screened from the residential properties to the south by a six-foot fence or hedge.

Proposed: Some existing residential fences and some intermittent landscaping is already present south of the parking areas.

LIGHTING

1. SECTION 26-6.405.Q.3.a Illumination of Parking Areas, Parking Lots, Parking Structures, and all pedestrian ways shall be provided at an average of 1.0-2.5 footcandles and a minimum of 0.4 foot-candles.

Required: Described above.

Proposed: Areas along the south edge of the east parking lot are illuminated at a level less than 0.4 foot-candles.

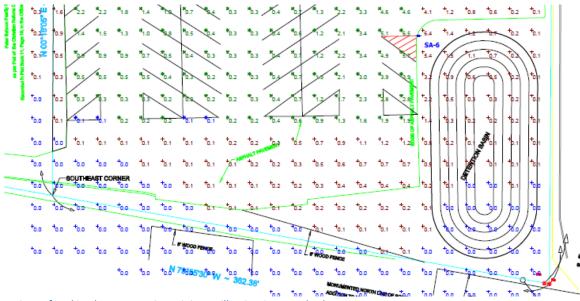


Figure 7 Portions of parking lot not meeting minimum illumination standard

2. TABLE 26-6.26-6.405.Q-1 Head/Luminaire Types. Colonial, Coach, and Acorn types permitted.

Required: All new or relocated parking lot light fixtures must be Colonial, Coach, or Acorn types. **Proposed:** New and relocated parking lot lights are standard fixtures.

Image	Quantity	Manufacturer	Catalog Number	Description
	6	Lithonia Lighting	DSX1 LED P8 30K T4M MVOLT	DSX1 LED P8 30K T4M MVOLT

Figure 8 Noncompliant light fixture type

LANDSCAPING

1. SECTION 26-6.405.O.1.h.vii.I.1) Parking Areas and Parking Lots shall contain at least one landscape island for every ten (10) parking spaces. Parking Lots with more than one landscape island shall have such islands distributed throughout the Parking Lot.

Required: Landscape islands are required to be installed in existing parking lots when a new building is constructed, but the requirement can be waived if they can't be installed without removing required parking spaces. In this case, there are 18 existing areas at the ends of parking rows that can be converted from asphalt to landscape islands.

Proposed: Only three new landscape islands are proposed south of the building addition.

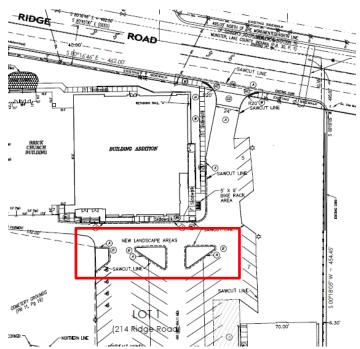


Figure 9 Location of new landscape islands.

2. SECTION 26-6.405.O.1.h.vii.I.2) Interior parking rows shall be terminated at both ends with landscape islands.

Required: Landscape islands are required to be installed in existing parking lots when a new building is constructed, but the requirement can be waived if they can't be installed without removing required parking spaces. In this case, there are 18 existing areas at the ends of parking rows that can be converted from asphalt to landscape islands.

Proposed: Three new landscape islands are proposed south of the building addition.

3. SECTION 26-6.405.O.1.h.vii.I.7) For every 2,000 square feet of Parking Area or Parking Lot, at least one Tree shall be installed or preserved within the Parking Area or Parking Lot except to the extent that Trees outside of the Lot containing the Parking Area or Parking Lot are allowed to satisfy this requirement as set forth below.) Trees outside of the Parking Area or Parking Lot located within twenty feet (20') of the closest portion of such Parking Area or Parking Lot, including but not limited to Trees within Thoroughfare Rights-of-Way and Civic Spaces, may be counted toward satisfying the requirements.

Required: Trees are required to be installed in and along existing parking areas when a new building is constructed, but the requirement can be waived if they can't be installed without removing required parking spaces. The total number of trees within the parking area or within 20 feet of the parking area must be no less than 1 for every 2,000 square feet of parking area.

Proposed: Staff counts 20 trees for the east parking area and 11 for the west parking area, but no calculation of the area of the parking lot is included to determine compliance.

4. SECTION 26-6.405.O.1.h.vii.I.8) 8) No parking space shall be more than seventy-two feet (72') from a Tree within the Lot, as measured from the center of the Tree to the nearest line demarcating the space.

Required: Trees are required to be installed in and along existing parking area when a new building is constructed, but the requirement can be waived if they can't be installed without removing required parking spaces.

Proposed: 9 new trees are proposed in the east parking area, but there appear to be parking spaces in both the east and west parking areas that are farther than 72 feet from a tree.

- 5. SECTION 26-6.405.S.2 2. Streetscape Repairs, Replacements & Improvements. Prior to the issuance of any Certificate of Occupancy for a Building or Improvement, the following Streetscape improvements, repairs, or replacements shall be provided by the Lot Owner with respect to each Building or Improvement and the Streetscape that Enfronts the applicable Lot:
 - i. If there is no planter strip or plant well, planting accommodations shall be constructed along the entire Front Lot Line which planting accommodations shall match any existing planter strip or plant well Enfronting an Adjacent Lot, or if there is none, shall conform to Thoroughfare standards for the applicable District or Civic Zone, as set forth in Section 26-6.502 as if such Thoroughfare standards were applicable.
 - iii. If there is no Thoroughfare Tree within the Frontage Adjacent to the Lot, one or more Thoroughfare Trees shall be installed along the Front Lot Line, which Trees shall meet the tree shape, spacing, and size standards for the applicable District or Civic Zone as set forth in Section 26-6.502, as if such standards were applicable.
 - c. If there is not sufficient public right-of-way area for all or any of the required Streetscape repairs, replacements, or improvements as set forth in this Section 26-6.405.S, such element or elements shall be provided within the Lot Adjacent to the public right-of-way and the property owner shall grant a perpetual non-exclusive easement for public use of such elements.

Required: The planting strip adjacent to the sidewalk should include shade trees planted 30 feet on center. Depending on the spacing, this would require approximately 14 shade trees. **Proposed:** 6 new trees are proposed.

RECOMMENDATION

The Plan Commission may wish to consider the following motion:

Motion to approve PC Docket No. 22-007 approving a development plan to permit the construction of an addition to the Munster Church, the construction of a new multipurpose accessory building, and associated site modifications at 214 Ridge Road, with the following conditions:

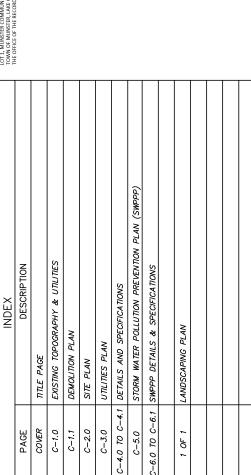
- 1. Final review and approval of engineering plans by the Munster Town Engineer
- 2. Approval of the variances submitted to the Munster Board of Zoning Appeals under BZA Docket No. 22-006.

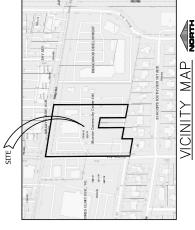
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BUILDING ADDITION, 214 RIDGE ROAD TOWN OF MUNSTER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

DESCRIPTION:

LOT 1, MUNSTER COMMUNITY CENTER ADDITION, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF MUNITSTER, LAKE CONDITY, INDIANAA AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 106, PAGE 19 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF LAKE COUNTY, MIDIANA





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- ALL VERTICAL DATUM IS BASED ON NAVD88.

CLIENT/DEVELOPER: c/o Pastor Jim Hollendoner Munster Church 214 Ridge Road Munster, Indiana 46321

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- LOCATION: LATITUDE 41'33'45" N LONGITUDE 87'31'18" W
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ENGINEER: Torrenga Engineering, Inc. 907 Ridge Road Munster, Indiana 46321 (219) 836—8918

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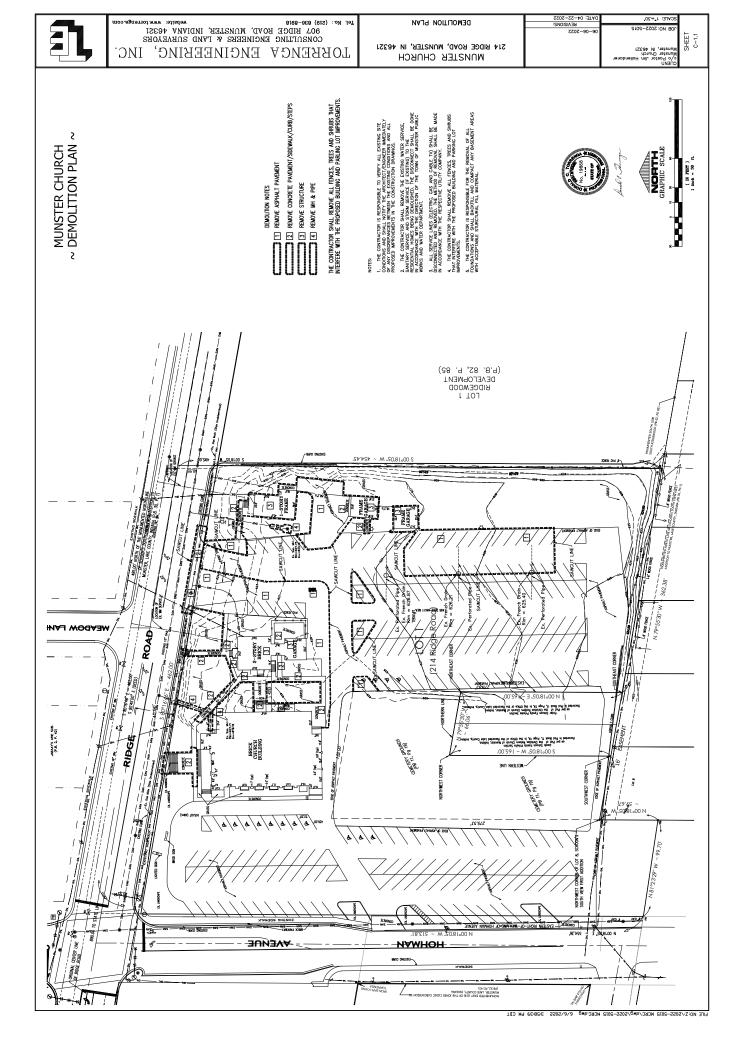
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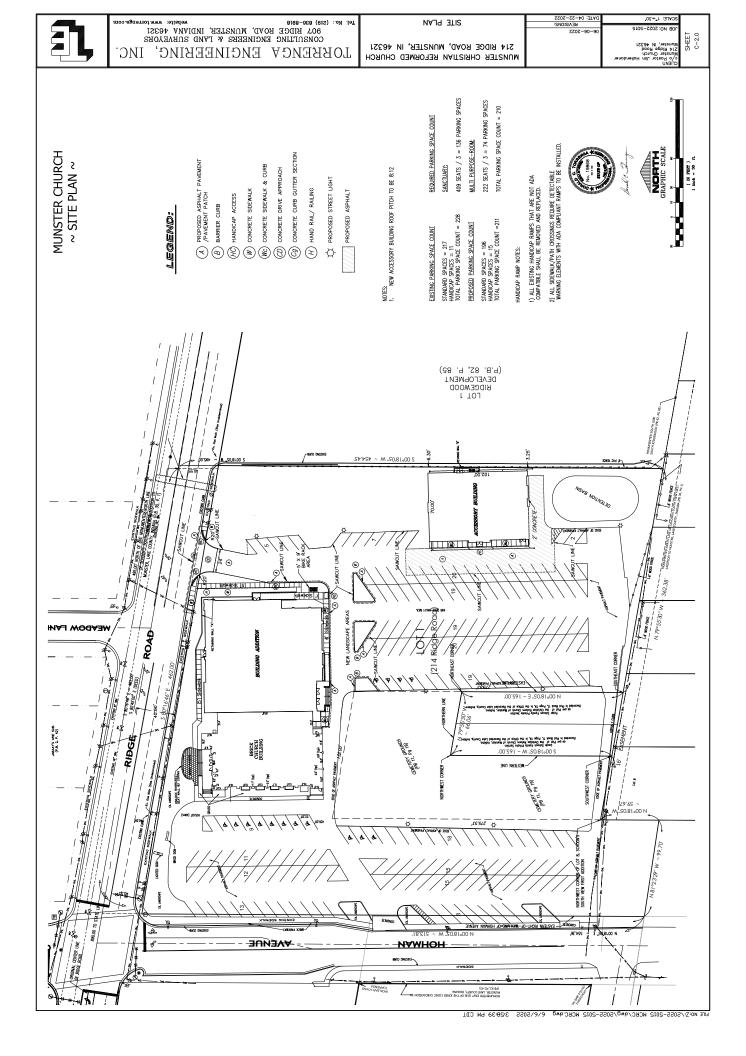
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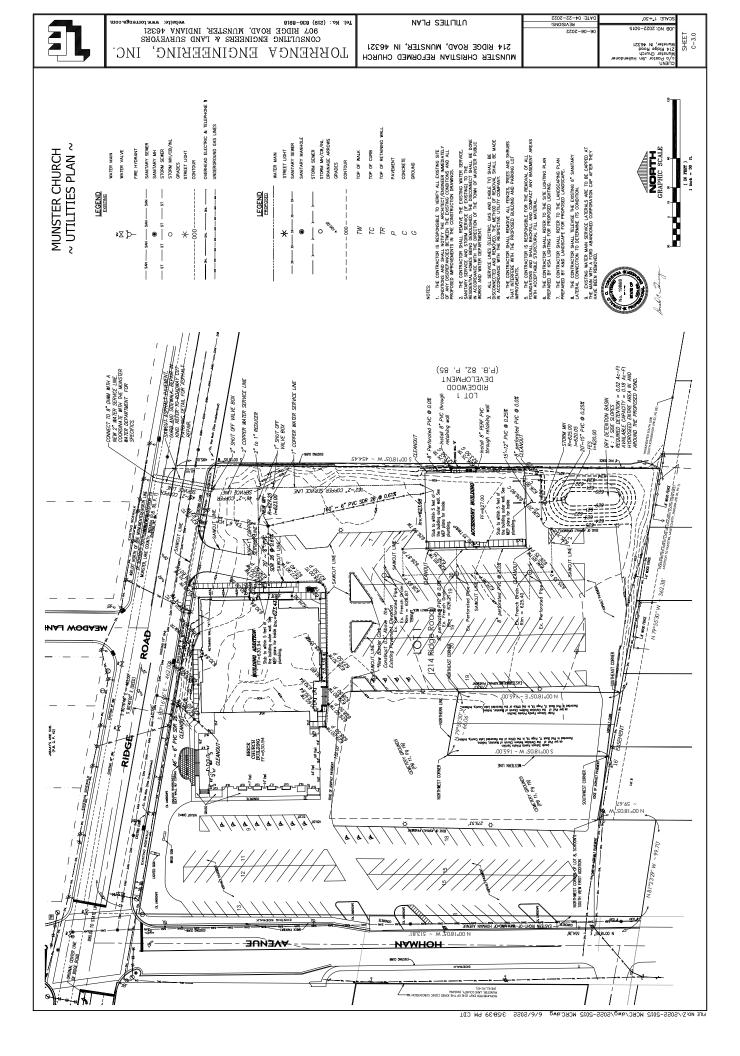
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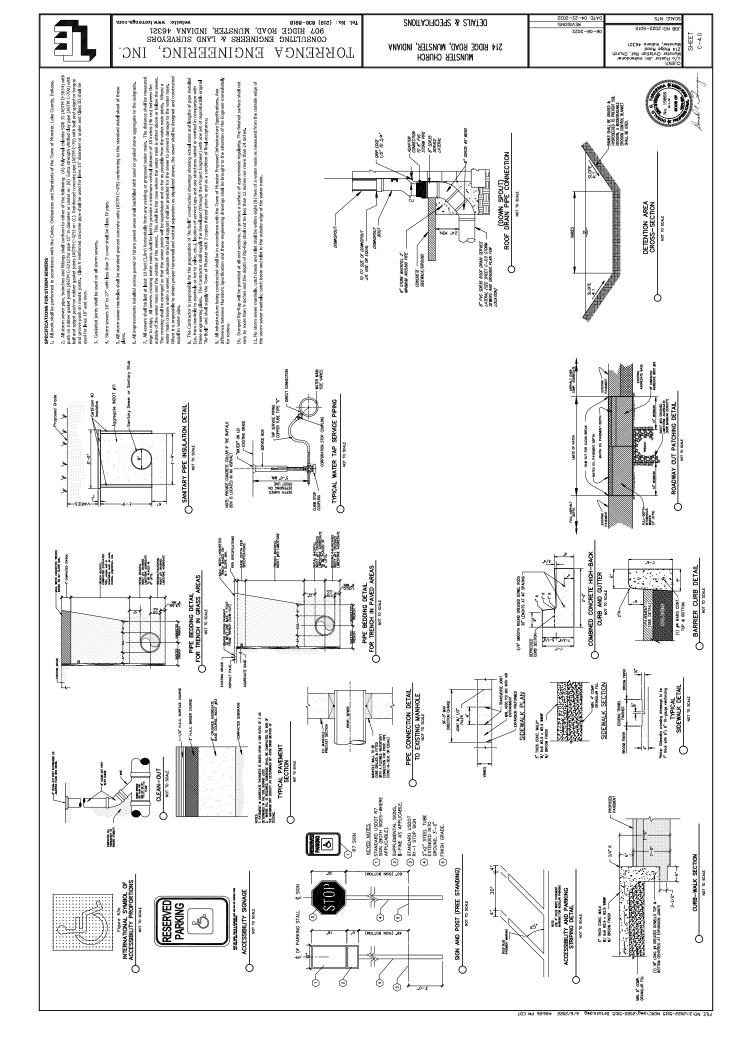
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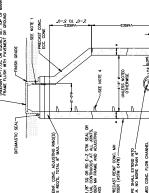
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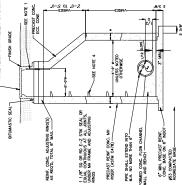
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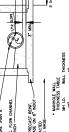


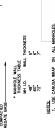




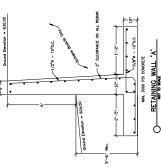


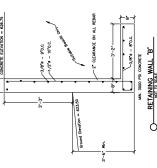


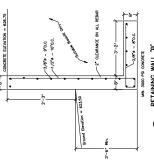












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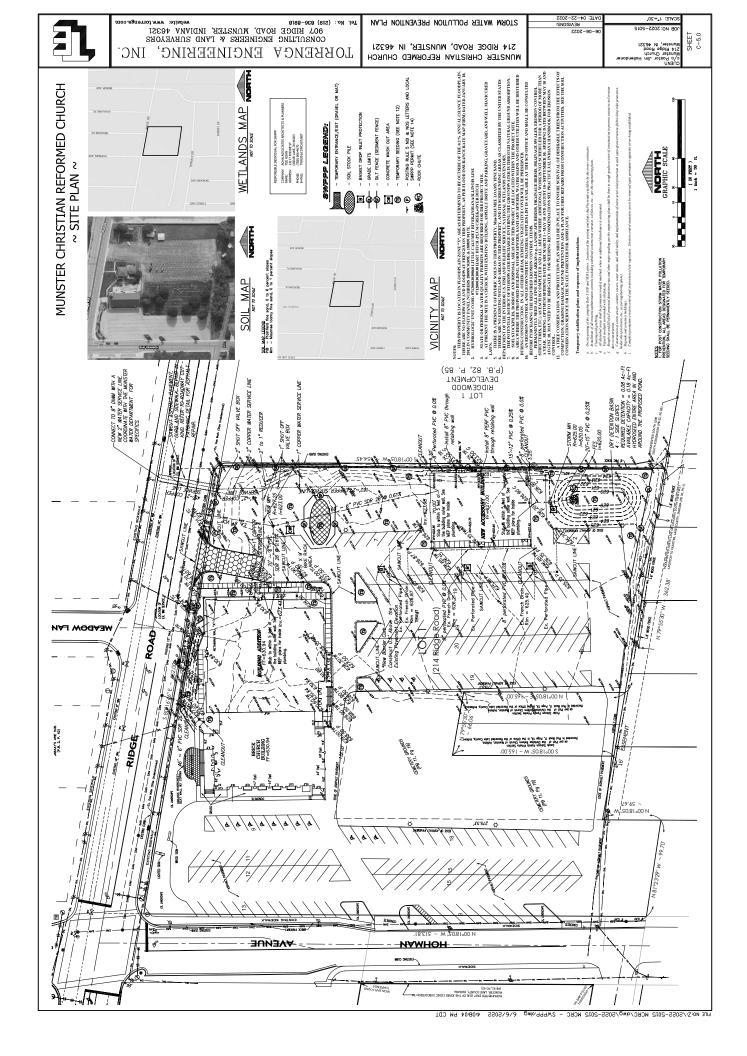
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8. The Contractor is responsible for water quality tests done by a State Certified Laboratory. The Town Musser Water Department staff stall be notified and be present while tests are being performed. The approved water system shall be turned on by the Water Department Staff, orly after the water quality regions have been approved.

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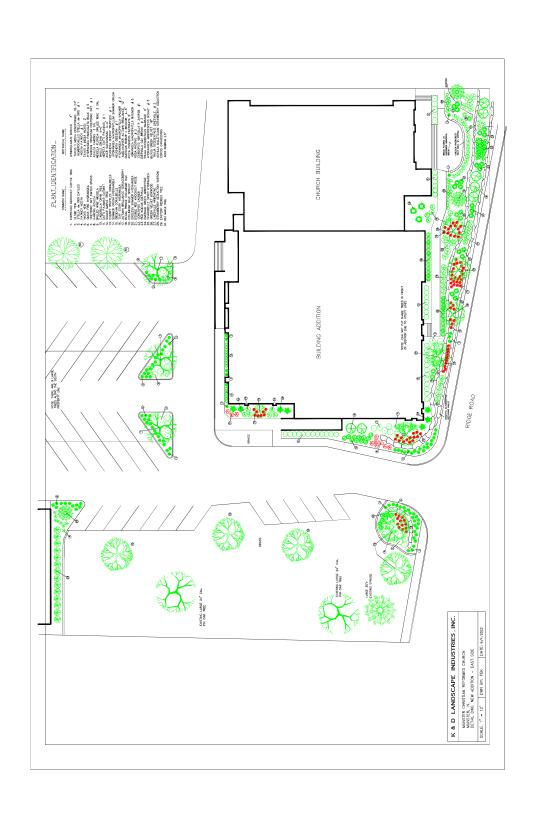
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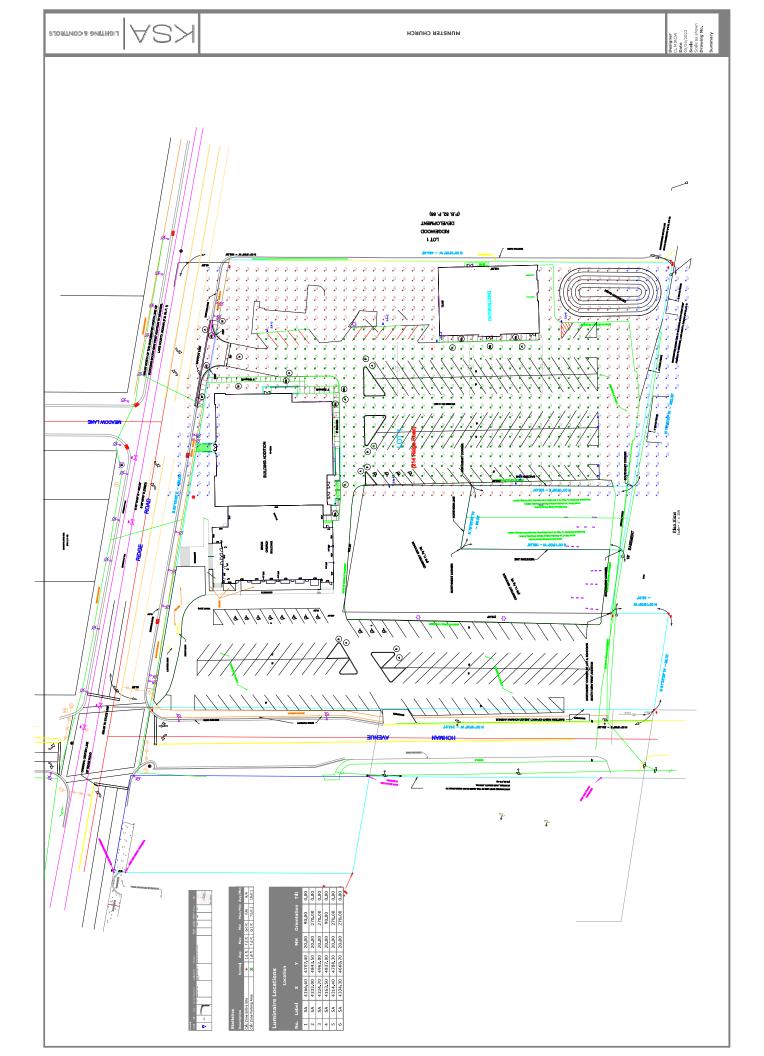
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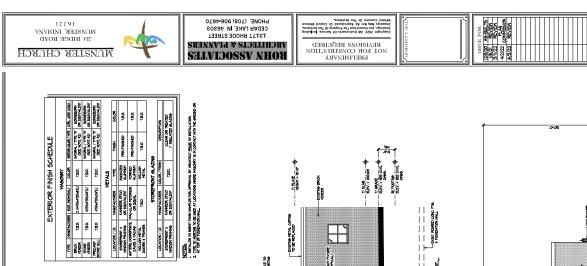
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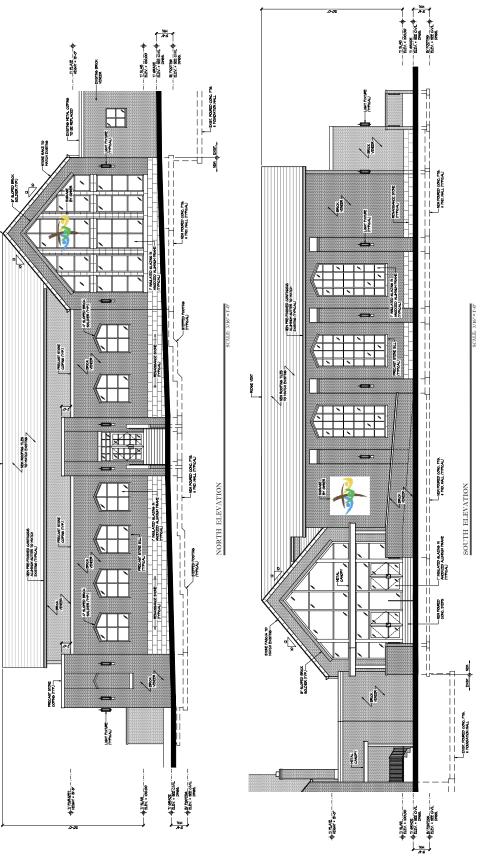




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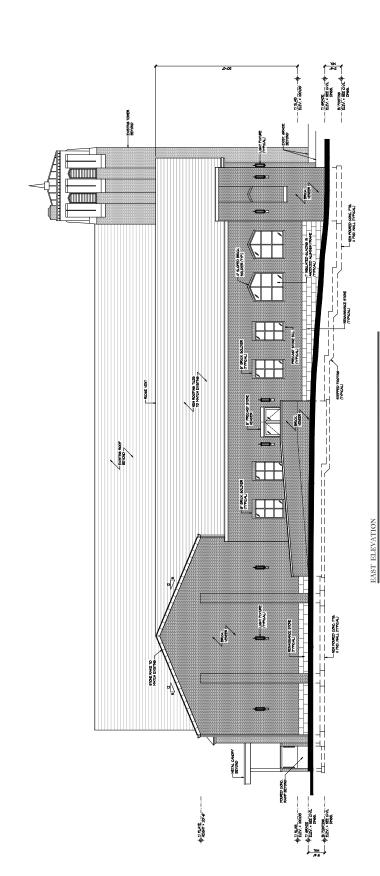
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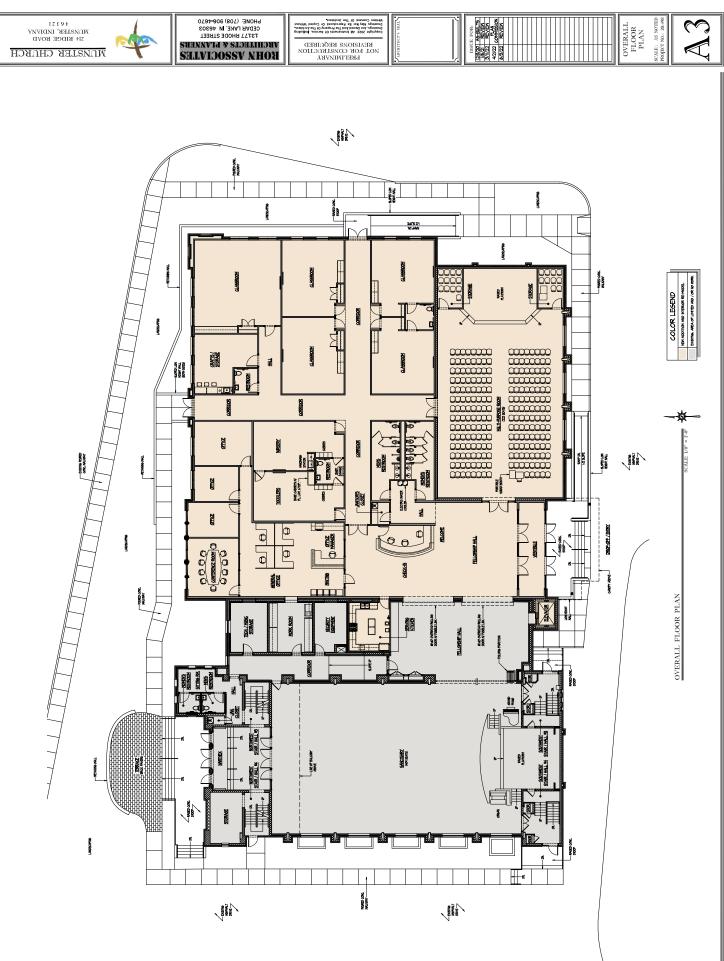
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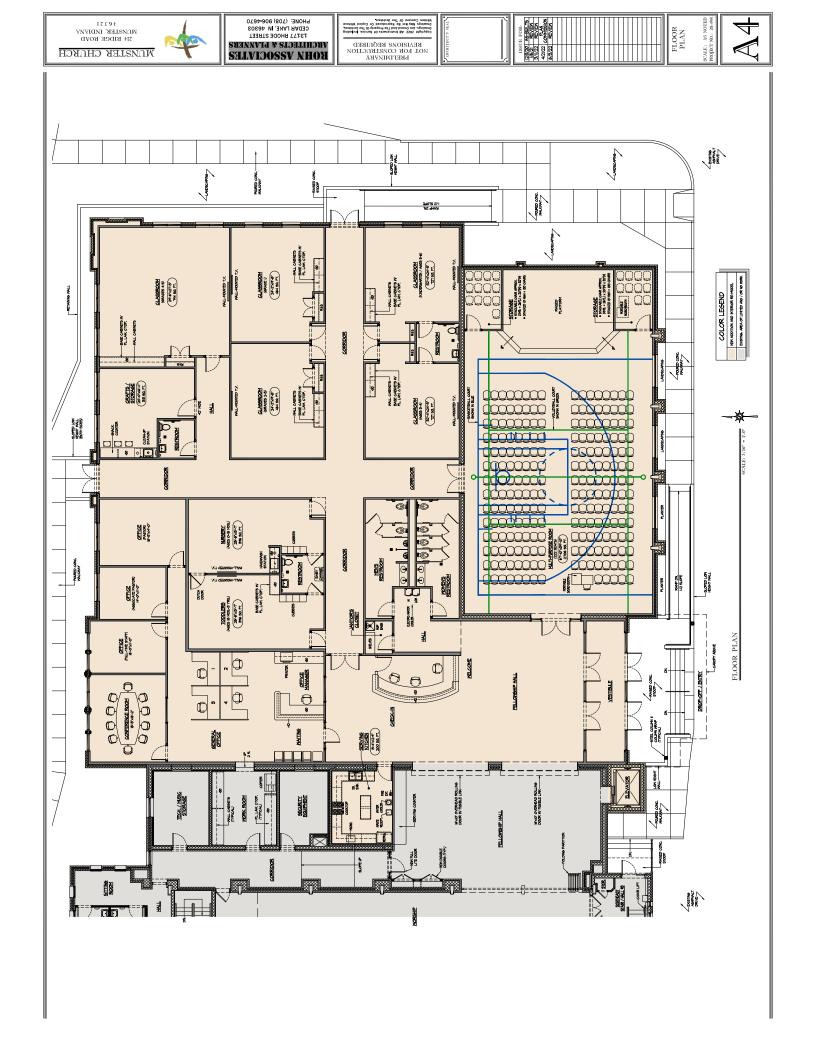
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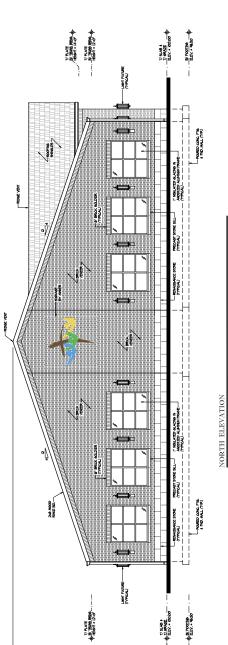


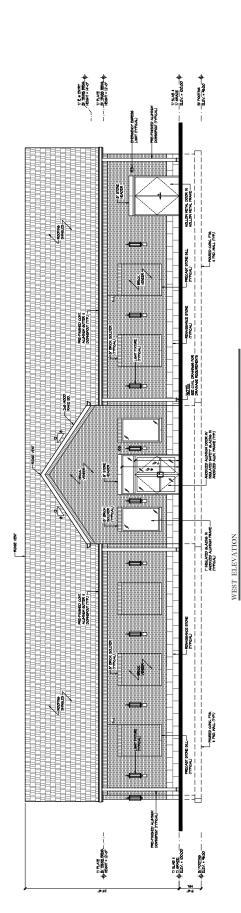
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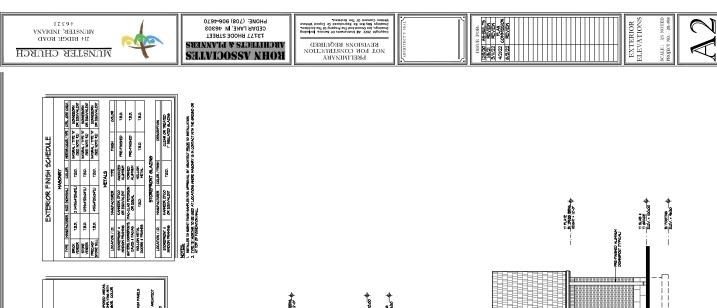
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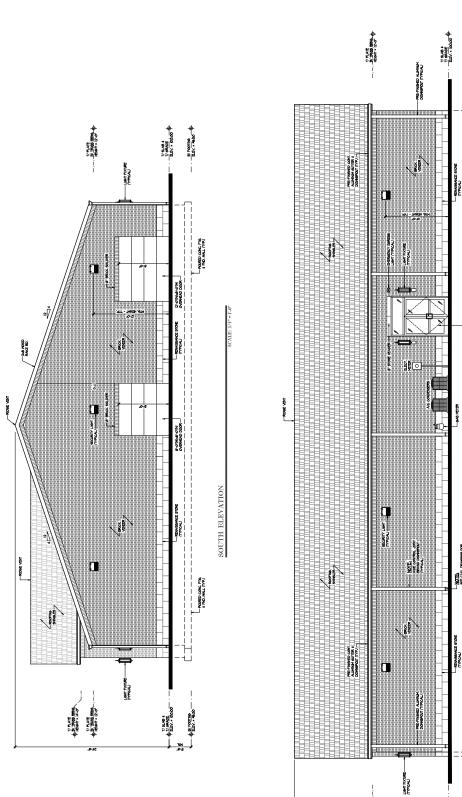






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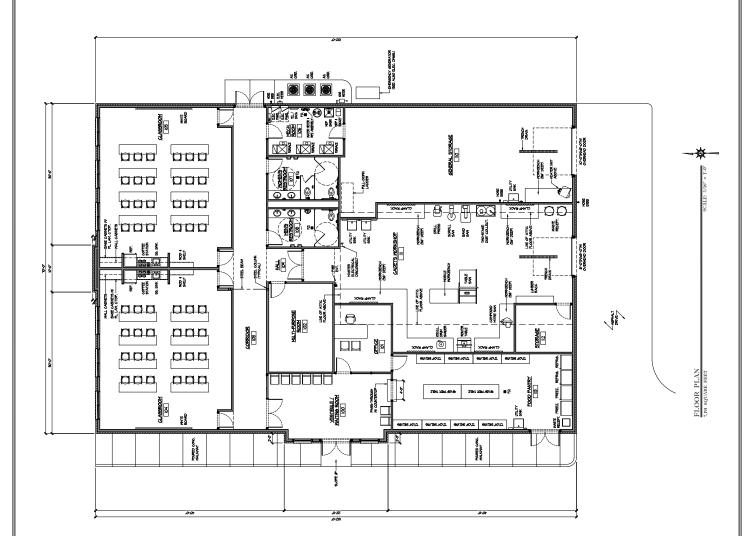
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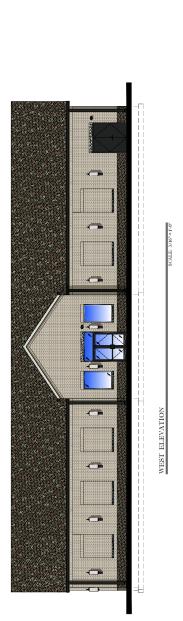


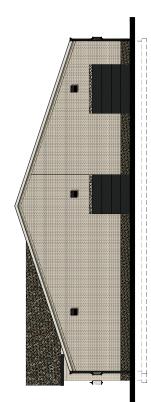
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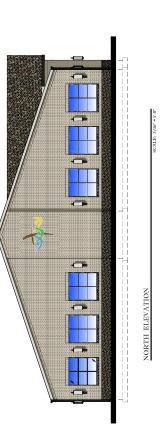


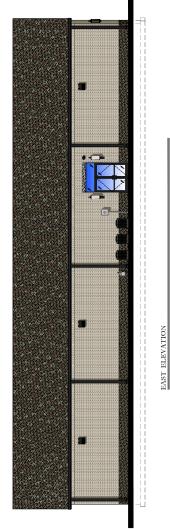
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June 3, 2022

Tom Vander Woude, Planning Director Town of Munster 1005 Ridge Road Munster, IN 46321

Subject:

Munster Church Addition Zoning Review Comments

The following are responses to the comments per the May 17, 2022 email:

Parking

1. TABLE 26-6.405.O-1 VEHICULAR PARKING REQUIREMENTS Place of Worship: 1 per 3 auditorium seats + adequate bus space for activities of institution + passenger loading space. Number of seats in church not shown on plans. This is needed to determine required parking.

Response: The number of seats in the sanctuary has been added to the Site Plan, Sheet C-2.0, and the required number of spaces has been added as well.

2. TABLE 26-6.405.O-1 VEHICULAR PARKING REQUIREMENTS Place of Assembly: .3 spaces per capacity determined by Town Fire Chief. **Occupancy of accessory building not shown on plans. This is needed to determine required parking.**

Response: The number of seats in the new accessory building has been added to the Site Plan, Sheet C-2.0, and the required number of spaces has been added as well.

3. TABLE 26-6.405.O-6 BICYCLE PARKING REQUIREMENTS 1 bike parking space required per 5000 sf of floor area. **No bike parking shown.**

Response: A 5' x 9' bike rack area has been added near the south east corner of the new building addition at the edge of the sidewalk as can be seen on the Site Plan, Sheet C-2.0.

Additional Note: Accessory Structure Standards

1. My interpretation of the Munster zoning ordinance is that the CIVIC DISTRICT building standards do not apply to the Munster CRC Outbuilding if it is classified as an Accessory Building. The Plan Commission may rule that these standards do apply to accessory buildings, in which case the only applicable standard is the requirement that the roof pitch be 8:12-14:12.

Response: A note has been added to the Site Plan, Sheet C-2.0, that notes that the pitch of the new accessory building's roof is to be 8:12.

Every effort has been made to meet the requirements stated in the comments. Enclosed are the revised Engineering Plans and other information pertaining to the project.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Torrenga, P.E.

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SENT VIA EMAIL



To: Don Torrenga

From: Tom Vander Woude, Planning Director

Date: May 17, 2022

Re: Munster Church Addition

Cc: Jill DiTommaso, Town Engineer

I've conducted a zoning review of the plan set for the Munster Christian Reformed Church addition submitted via email on April 22, 2022. Additional engineering comments may be forthcoming. Please address the following:

CIVIC ZONE BUILDING AND LOT STANDARDS

- TABLE 26-6.405.B CIVIC ZONE STANDARDS Façade Position required to be parallel to straight Frontage Line or to tangent of curved Frontage Line. Building does not meet standard. VARIANCE REQUESTED
- 2. TABLE 26-6.405.B CIVIC ZONE STANDARDS Façade Design Proportions Must be based approximately either on (a) proportions that can be expressed as a fraction using whole numbers (e.g. 1:1, 2:1, 3:2, 4:3, etc) or (b) the following proportions: 1.414:1 or 1.618:1. Building proportions are not identified on drawings. This is needed to determine if standard is met. Proportion added to exterior elevation sheet
- TABLE 26-6.405.B CIVIC ZONE STANDARDS Facade Void Area required to be 20-60% of total
 Facade area. Façade void area calculation is not shown on drawings. This is needed to
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 building compliance is not regulated
- 4. TABLE 26-6.405.B CIVIC ZONE STANDARDS Roof Type and Pitch Pitch, if any 8:12 14:12. *Roof pitch of church building addition is not identified on the plans. This is needed to determine if standard is met.* VARIANCE REUESTED FOR MULTI-PURPOSE PITCH ROOF. Roof pitches added to the exterior elevations. The roof pitch on the multi-purpose needs to be as drawn so that the roof ridge is not taller than the main north/south roof ridge. Accessory building not regulated.
- 5. TABLE 26-6.405.B CIVIC ZONE STANDARDS Main Entrance must be in Facade of Principal Frontage. *There is no pedestrian access from Ridge Road to the entrances on the north side of the building.* VARIANCE REQUESTED. The existing main entry has stairs leading to the existing walkway at Ridge Road. The church stated that nobody uses this entry and is somewhat dangerous because the walk is up against the road. They want to beautify this area by removing the existing stairs and replacing with a patio that can be used for safe gathering space for the members and for people attending special events such as a wedding. A new walk on the east

side of the addition has been added to give ADA access from Ridge Road to the rear and side entrances.

LIGHTING

- 1. SECTION 26-6.405.Q.2.b A lighting standard shall be of a height and design consistent with the surrounding area Buildings but in no event higher than twenty feet (20'). **New or relocated light poles are shown to be 25 feet tall.** Light poles have been reduced in height to 20 ft.
- 2. SECTION 26-6.405.Q.3.a Illumination of Parking Areas, Parking Lots, Parking Structures, and all pedestrian ways shall be provided at an average of 1.0-2.5 footcandles and a minimum of 0.4 foot-candles. Areas of the parking lot and the sidewalk do not meet the minimum illumination standard. Lighting plan adjusted to comply with item 6 below. There are a few locations that fall slightly under the .4 foot-candle minimum near the rear of the parking lot. This is the only way to keep the light from bleeding over the property line.
- 3. SECTION 26-6.405.Q.3.c Color temperature of lighting shall not exceed 3000K. *New wall sconces and new or relocated parking lot lights exceed the maximum color temperature at 3500K and 4000k, respectively.* Light fixture specs and colors adjusted to comply
- 4. SECTION 26-6.405.Q.4 Lighting fixtures must be full cut off or fully shielded and directed down. New wall sconces and new or relocated parking lot lights are not full cut off and are not directed down. Light fixture spec adjusted to comply
- 5. Illumination at lot line. *The photometric plan shows light bleeding into the residential properties to the south.* Lighting plan adjusted to comply
- 6. TABLE 26-6.26-6.405.Q-1 Head/Luminaire Types. Colonial, Coach, and Acorn types permitted. **New or relocated parking lot lights are not a permitted type.** VARIANCE REQUESTED

LANDSCAPING

- SECTION 26-6.405.O.1.h.vii.I.1) Parking Areas and Parking Lots shall contain at least one landscape island for every ten (10) parking spaces. Parking Lots with more than one landscape island shall have such islands distributed throughout the Parking Lot. Only three parking lot islands are provided. VARIANCE REQUESTED.. Adding the amount of islands required for compliance within an existing parking lot would reduce the number of parking spaces and result in non-conformance. Additionally, it would be cost prohibitive to redesign the entire parking lots
- 2. SECTION 26-6.405.O.1.h.vii.I.2) Interior parking rows shall be terminated at both ends with landscape islands. *Only three parking lot islands are provided.* VARIANCE REQUESTED
- 3. SECTION 26-6.405.O.1.h.vii.I.3) Each parking island shall be of a minimum size equal to a standard parking space; provided that each parking island abutting two rows of head to head parking spaces shall be of a minimum size and length equal to two (2) parking spaces. *One of the three parking lot islands does not meet the minimum size.* Island size changed to comply
- 4. SECTION 26-6.405.O.1.h.vii.I.7) For every 2,000 square feet of Parking Area or Parking Lot, at least one Tree shall be installed or preserved within the Parking Area or Parking Lot except to the extent that Trees outside of the Lot containing the Parking Area or Parking Lot are allowed to satisfy this requirement as set forth below.) Trees outside of the Parking Area or Parking Lot located within twenty feet (20') of the closest portion of such Parking Area or Parking Lot, including but not limited to Trees within Thoroughfare Rights-of-Way and Civic Spaces, may be

- counted toward satisfying the requirements. *Calculation not provided. This is needed to determine if standard is met.* Reference revised landscape drawing
- 5. SECTION 26-6.405.O.1.h.vii.II Any Parking Area or Parking Lot in the First or Second Lot Layer shall be Screened from view in accordance with the following: The Parking Area or Parking Lot shall be Screened from the public right-of-way with a perimeter planting strip a minimum of 7 feet in width from front to back planted adjacent to the public right-of-way containing all of the following:
 - a. A hedge screen between 3 feet and 3.5 feet in height adjacent to the edge of the public right-of-way.
 - b. Shade trees planted at a rate of one per 30 feet of linear frontage (where overhead utility conflicts prohibit shade trees, small or medium trees shall be planted at intervals equal to their mature canopy).
 - c. An ornamental metal fence screen or a wall screen between 3 feet to 3.5 feet in height installed a minimum of two feet from the inside of the parking area or parking lot curb.

The plans do not show any screening of the west parking lot. The Planning Director may modify the amount of landscaping required by this Section for existing parking areas or parking lots, including exempting existing parking areas or parking lots from providing landscaping, if such landscaping would reduce the number of parking spaces and result in a nonconformity. VARIANCE REQUESTED. See response to item 1 above

- 6. SECTION 26-6.405.S.2 2. Streetscape Repairs, Replacements & Improvements. Prior to the issuance of any Certificate of Occupancy for a Building or Improvement, the following Streetscape improvements, repairs, or replacements shall be provided by the Lot Owner with respect to each Building or Improvement and the Streetscape that Enfronts the applicable Lot:
 - b. If the Public Frontage Adjacent to the applicable Lot does not include a Sidewalk, Thoroughfare Trees, or street lights, any such absent element that would have been required pursuant to Section 26-6.502 if the Building or Lot were within a Development Parcel shall be provided by the Lot Owner in accordance with the following standards and requirements:
 - i. If there is no planter strip or plant well, planting accommodations shall be constructed along the entire Front Lot Line which planting accommodations shall match any existing planter strip or plant well Enfronting an Adjacent Lot, or if there is none, shall conform to Thoroughfare standards for the applicable District or Civic Zone, as set forth in Section 26-6.502 as if such Thoroughfare standards were applicable.
 - iii. If there is no Thoroughfare Tree within the Frontage Adjacent to the Lot, one or more Thoroughfare Trees shall be installed along the Front Lot Line, which Trees shall meet the tree shape, spacing, and size standards for the applicable District or Civic Zone as set forth in Section 26-6.502, as if such standards were applicable.
 - c. If there is not sufficient public right-of-way area for all or any of the required Streetscape repairs, replacements, or improvements as set forth in this Section 26-6.405.S, such element or elements shall be provided within the Lot Adjacent to the public right-of-way and the property owner shall grant a perpetual non-exclusive easement for public use of such elements.

The planting strip adjacent to the sidewalk should include shade trees planted 30 feet on center. See revised landscape drawing. There are some existing utilities located along Ridge Road that prohibit meeting the standard completely.

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Accessory Building Occupant Load (based on IBC sf per person)

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92 20. Classroom
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27 50. Shop area

2 100. Office

23 15. Waiting (seems excessive)

1 300. Mechanical

6 300. Storage (including food drive area)

17 15. Meeting room (seems excessive)

166 Total Occupants

 $166 \times .3 = 50$ spaces

Multi-Purpose Room Seat Count (based on IBC sf per person)

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181 15. Main Building Multi-purpose Room Sq. Ft. = 2,709 (minus storage closets)

1 Storage Room Sq. Ft. (x2) = 196

Total Sq. Ft. = 2,905
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182 Total Occupants

 $182 \times .3 = 55 \text{ spaces}$

222 seats divided by 3 = 74 spaces

3. TABLE 26-6.405.O-6 BICYCLE PARKING REQUIREMENTS 1 bike parking space required per 5000 sf of floor area. *No bike parking shown.* Refer to revised civil site plan and response

SIGNS

1. All signs will be approved administratively under a sign permit.

Additional Note: ACCESSORY STRUCTURE STANDARDS

My interpretation of the Munster zoning ordinance is that the CIVIC DISTRICT building standards do not apply to the Munster CRC Outbuilding if it is classified as an Accessory Building. The Plan Commission may rule that these standards do apply to accessory buildings, in which case the only applicable standard is the requirement that the roof pitch be 8:12-14:12. I agree with your assessment. Please help us convince the Plan Commission. The new building replaces a few cruddy looking accessory buildings and is set far back off the road with new green space in front of it. Even so, we have designed an all masonry building with a great looking front facing Ridge Road.