

YMCA – Amended Site Plan – (201-3-1.11) – Site Visit 5/20/19

Present: Chairman Parise, Members Cocks, DeAngelis, Karlich, Secretary Proulx, Engineer O'Rourke, Attorney Levinson, Attorney Reineke, Engineer Olley, Ross Micelli,

Member Boucher arrived at 5:10. Mayor Dwyer arrived at 5:15

The Board conducted a site visit on 5/20/19 at 5:00 p.m. to observe and discuss the ingress and egress to the site at the Gilbert St. Ext/Route 208 Spur; traffic volume entering and exiting the site; foot traffic on the Heritage Trail; and vehicular traffic entering and exiting Wally's and the Laundromat. Chairman Parise stated he had no issue making a left from Route 208 onto Gilbert Street Ext. Member DeAngelis stated she traveled from North Main Street to Orange and Rockland Road and made the left there. Member Karlich took Route 17M through the park and ride and down Orange and Rockland Road. The board walked to the intersection of Gilbert St. Ext. and Route 208 Spur. The main issue the board observed was vehicles exiting Gilbert Street Ext. and wanting to make a left onto 208 heading toward Schunnemunk Street. This caused some delay and occasional stacking as a vehicle had to wait to safely cross two lanes of traffic to get where they were going. All other traffic moved easily into and out of Gilbert Street Ext. The board also observed that for as many vehicles that entered the Y, a similar amount exited, indicating a frequent turnover. It was agreed by the board the intersection of 208/North Main Street/ Schunnemunk Street is the main issue, caused by traffic coming into and through the Village. The traffic coming to and from the Y was not problematic. Mayor Dwyer agreed with the board that the intersection of 208/North Main/Schunnemunk was the major problem. Mayor Dwyer added that the traffic light at that intersection was a 4 cycle light which added to the delays there. Member Karlich added that she travels that route in the morning to go to work and experiences the same volume of traffic in the morning as the board was witnessing in the evening. Chairman Parise commented that it did not appear to be too difficult to make the left turn, and appeared no different than any other difficult intersection.

The board moved to the entrance from Gilbert St. Ext. into the Y parking lot and found no issue with this area.

The board then walked around the parking lot and observed the markings on the ground which showed the proposed bollards, stop signs, stop bars, curbing and other traffic devices proposed to inhibit speeding and cut throughs.

The board then moved to the entrance to the Heritage Trail. Member DeAngelis commented she liked the picnic tables and benches. The board observed 6 people using the trail and commented that they each passed by the crossing very quickly. The board viewed the paper road from Gilbert St. Ext. through to Route 17M and commented that it was a very wide path, and there were no site distance issues when approaching the Heritage Trail as it was wide open.

The board then had an indoor tour of the facility as well as a tour of the new portion where the proposed pool, new gymnasium and expanded locker rooms would be.

Member DeAngelis asked about the pool maintenance. Engineer Olley stated that the pool would be maintained by a specialized person who would clean it each day and test the water 4x per day. The pool would have 4 lanes for laps plus a separate section for family swim or lessons. Member DeAngelis commented that the facility was very bright and cheery and felt the expansion would be a nice addition. The board agreed the facility and proposed expansion would be beneficial to the community. Chairman Parise added he was happy to see so many options for the kids, as that was always a complaint in the area, that there was nothing for the kids to do. Chairman Parise and Member DeAngelis commented that 9 years ago everything was speculative with regard to how the site would function. Today there is a measurable benchmark, and spending time at the site while it was open gave them the ability to visualize the traffic flow. Chairman Parise, Members Cocks and Karlich all commented that the programs for the kids were the best thing for the kids in the community. Member DeAngelis added that the adult programs were good as well. The meeting ended at 6:05 pm.