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# PETITION FOR NONUSE VARIANCE HOLLAND TWP. HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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To the Petitioner: A nonuse variance (also known as a dimensional variance) is a variance granted upon showing of "practical difficulty" created by a dimensional requirement in a zoning ordinance. If granted, the variance is a license to violate the zoning law. Dimensional variances typically involve setbacks, height limitations, bulk, lot area and other numerical standards in an ordinance.

The Michigan Courts have set standards to be used when considering nonuse variances. These standards require the petitioner to demonstrate a "practical difficulty" unique to the property - not the petitioner - in order to qualify.

Please print or type:				
Applicant's Name:	Ben Fogg	Phone:		
Applicant's Address:	135 Elberdene	E-mail:		
Property Address:	23 James street	_		
Parcel Number:	70 - 16 - 17 300 067	Zoning: I-2		
Owner's Name:	0000 Islan E Dannalla Dian II O	Phone:		
Owner's Address:		E-mail:		
	Holland MI 49423	-		
	umber(s) Relative To This Appeal: Article 11.7			
email from Community Development director				
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Standards for Granting of Variance. No variance in the provisions or requirements of this ordinance (Zoning Ordinance) shall be authorized by the Zoning Board of Appeals unless it is found from the evidence that all the following conditions exist:

- 1. That compliance with the Zoning Ordinance would result in practical difficulties due to exceptional, extraordinary, or unique characteristics or conditions of the land or lot of record, including but not limited to:
  - a. Exceptional narrowness of the width or depth of a lot of record, or an irregular shape.
  - b. Exceptional natural or topographic features located on the lot of record, such as steep slopes, water, existing significant trees, or other unique or extreme physical conditions of the land.
  - c. Extraordinary location of an existing building or structure that allows no other practical or feasible location for expansion because of exceptional features of the land.
  - d. Other exceptional or extraordinary dimensional conditions or characteristics of land or lot of record.
- 2. That the unusual circumstances do not apply to most other lots of record in the same manner or to the same extent to other lots of record in the same zoning district.
- 3. That the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right. The possibility of increased financial return shall not of itself be deemed sufficient to warrant a variance.
- 4. That the granting of the variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent and nearby land uses and properties.
- 5. That the applicant shall not have created the problem for which the variance is being sought.
- 6. That the granting of the variance will not be contrary to the public interest and that the spirit of this ordinance shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done for both the applicant and other property owners in the district.

Describe how this petition meets all of the above conditions (attach additional sheets as necessary):

See May 28th meeting Admin Appeal			
At the May 28th Meeting with the ZBA Tulip City storage was told to request a variance meeting instead of the Administrative appeal - the the same attached documentation in regards to this matter			

A filing fee of \$400.00 must be submitted along with nine (9) complete copies of: this form, related documentation, and the site plan including an electronic copy of the site plan on CD or other file sharing device. This petition must be submitted as least four (4) weeks before the scheduled hearing date. Incomplete applications will not be scheduled for a hearing.

You or your authorized agent must be present at the hearing to present your petition. You will be notified as to the date and time. Your neighbors within 300 feet will also be notified concerning your hearing.

#### **Property Owners Certification**

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the above-described property and have authorized the applicant to seek this variance on by behalf. I further understand that conditions and restrictions may be place upon this property by the Holland Township Zoning Board of appeals and hereby agree to conform to and abide by any and all such conditions.

I further agree and authorize representatives from Holland Charter Township to enter my property in order to review the particulars of my request.

Property Owner's Signature: Date: 5-29-24

OFFICE USE ONLY:

From: Lynnelle Berkenpas | berkenpas@hollandengineering.com

Subject: RE: 23 James Site Plan Resubmittal

Date: March 13, 2023 at 1:40 PM

To: Corey Broersma CoreyB@hct.holland.mi.us

Cc: Brian Lamar brian.lamar@cl-construction.com, Mary Pathuis mpathuis@foggholdco.com, Kate White katew@hct.holland.mi.us

Corey,

Thank you for your time on this and your response. The plans provided today are identical to the plans from February 21, so we should be all set here.

Thank you, Lynnelle

Lynnelle E. Berkenpas, PE

Project Manager lberkenpas@HollandEngineering.com



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From: Corey Broersma < CoreyB@hct.holland.mi.us>

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:05 PM

To: Lynnelle Berkenpas <a href="mailto:lberkenpas@hollandengineering.com">lberkenpas@hollandengineering.com</a> Cc: Brian Lamar <a href="mailto:lberkenpas@hollandengineering.com">lberkenpas@hollandengineering.com</a> <a href="mailto:katew@hot.holland.mi.us">katew@hot.holland.mi.us</a>

Subject: RE: 23 James Site Plan Resubmittal

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Good morning, Lynnelle.

The plans received February 21, 2023 were approved. If the electronic copies provided in your March 13, 2023 e-mail below reflect any changes to the plans we received on February 21, 2023, please provide 2 copies of those revisions at your convenience.

The site plans will be held and incorporated into the next set of building construction plans we receive. Each building set thereafter should also include a copy of the approved site plan.

Thank you,

Corey J. Broersma, PLA

Community Development Director Holland Charter Township





# HOLLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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### STAFF REPORT

DATE:

May 17, 2024

TO:

Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM:

Community Development Department

SUBJECT:

Staff Report for May 28, 2024

Agenda Item #4.a. – 23 James St (70-16-17-300-067) – Administrative Appeal

Subject Property (photo taken 2021)

#### Summary of Request:

Consideration of a petition for an Administrative Appeal submitted by Ben Fogg of 3303 John F Donnelly Drive, LLC appealing the decision that a 6-foot-tall fence is required to be installed as part of the required Type A Buffer along the property's northern lot line. The subject property is zoned I-1 Light Industrial.

The self-storage facility received Special Land Use approval for Phase 3 by the Planning Commission on November 1, 2022 with the following conditions:

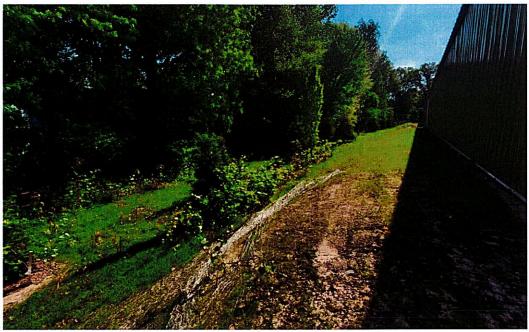


Figure 2: Looking eastward from the western edge of Building #10.

#### Related Zoning Ordinance:

Section 11.7 - Buffers

A. General. A buffer is an area intended to provide visual barrier and noise abatement between specified land uses.

2. Design and Placement.

a. The buffer area shall abut the applicable property line and plantings shall fall within the required buffer area width.

Table 11.7A – Buffer Types

I-1 Use Adjacent to R-2 District =

Table 11.7B – Buffer Planting Requirements (Type A)

Min. Width = 30 ft.

Screen = 6 ft. high vertical wall, opaque fence, or 4 ft. high berm

Requirement = 1 canopy tree and 3 evergreen trees per each 40 linear feet along the property line. 5 shrubs shall be

added per 40 linear feet when a berm is used.

#### Standards for Granting an Administrative Appeal (Section 19.5) and Staff Comments

In exercising this power, the Zoning Board of Appeals may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify an order, requirements, decision or a determination being appealed and may make an order, requirement, decision or determination as it should be made. The Zoning Board of Appeals may reverse an order of an administrative official or the Planning Commission only if it finds that the action or decision appealed meets one (1) or more of the following requirements:

- 1. Was arbitrary or capricious.
- 2. Was based on an erroneous finding of a material fact.
- 3. Constituted an abuse of discretion.
- Was based on erroneous interpretation of this ordinance or the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.



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January 25, 2024

Mr. Joe Bush OTTAWA COUNTY WATER RESOURCE'S COMMISSIONER 12220 Fillmore, Room 141 West Olive, MI 49460 (via email only)

RE:

Tulip City Storage-Phase 3- Stormwater Certification Letter

23 James Street

Holland Charter Township, Ottawa County, Michigan

Dear Joe:

The construction of the stormwater management system for the Tulip City Storage, Phase 3 project is completed. Please see the enclosed storm as-built plans provided as part of this submittal.

HEI completed a survey of the constructed storm sewer system and stormwater detention basins, which was utilized to prepare the storm as-built plans and verify the volume of the onsite stormwater detention basin. Based on the prepared storm as-built plans and our review of the constructed detention basin volume, the stormwater management system was constructed to the intent of the approved plans. Please note that final restoration and site stabilization was not finalized at the time that the last survey as-built information in December 2023.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this material, or if you require additional information, please feel free to contact me at lberkenpas@hollandengineering.com or (616) 392-5938. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Holland Engineering, Inc.

Lynnelle Bockenpas

Lynnelle E. Berkenpas, P.E. Senior Project Manager

CC: Jessica Pieri – OCWRC (via email)

Aaron Nyboer - Holland Township Public Works (via email)

Dennis Chase - LRE (via email)

John Gutierrez, P.E. - OCRC (via email)

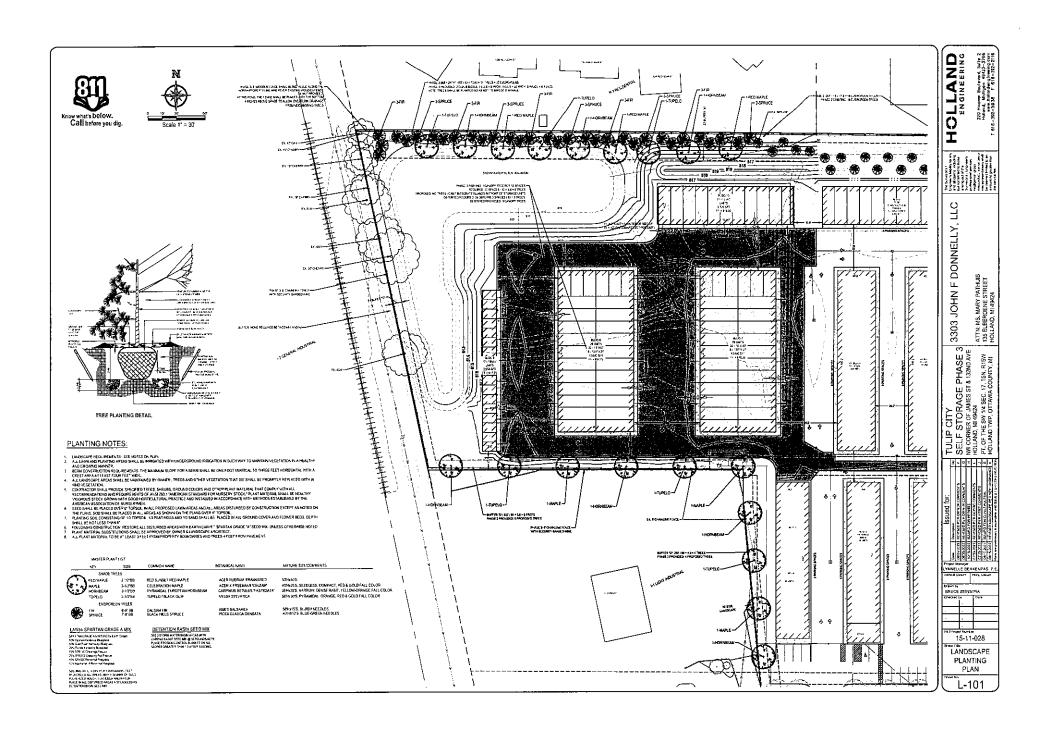
Corey Broersma, PLA, Holland Township (via email)

Mary Pathuis - 3303 John F. Donnelly (via email)

Brian Lamar - CL Construction (via email)

File

Sec. 11.1 - Intent and purpose.
SHARE LINK TO SECTIONPRINT SECTIONDOWNLOAD (DOCX) OF SECTIONSEMAIL SECTIONCOMPARE VERSIONS
The purpose of this article is to minimize the adverse effects of certain land uses and outdoor activities upon their surroundings and to improve the appearance of parking areas and street frontages within the community. It is further intended to preserve and enhance the aesthetic qualities, character, privacy, and land values within Holland Charter Township. The standards of this article are intended to help achieve a number of functional and environmental objectives such as:
Reduce the physical impact between adjacent land uses by requiring complementary landscape treatments and providing a transitional area adjacent to natural areas.
Screen headlights to reduce glare and incidental pollution.
Control soil erosion by slowing the effects of erosive winds and water.
Provide reasonable standards to bring developed sites, which existed prior to the adoption of these standards, into compliance with the requirements contained in this article.
Recognize and preserve the aesthetic value of natural areas such as woodlands, wetlands, and floodplains within and adjacent to a development site.



From: Corey Broersma CoreyB@hct.holland.mi.us

Subject: 23 James

Date: April 15, 2024 at 8:55 AM

To: Brian Lamar brian.lamar@cl-construction.com

Cc: Kate White katew@hct.holland.mi.us

#### Good morning, Brian,

I stopped by the subject address after our meeting and can confirm that approximately 180 feet of wood screening/buffer fence was installed north of building 6 with the finished side facing the adjacent residential property (2509 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue). A fence along the remainder of the northern property line is necessary, unless relief is secured via a Zoning Board of Appeals decision. If you have any questions or need a particular appeals form, feel free to let me know.

Thank you.

Corey J. Broersma, PLA

Community Development Director Holland Charter Township 353 N. 120th Avenue Holland, MI 49424

Phone: (616) 395-0151 x 3 x 1



### **Sue Lamar**

To:

Sue Lamar

Subject:

RE:

This picture is standing behind/next to the 700 building. It shows the current fence and all the new vegetation and the retention pond.



This is standing in between building 600 and 700 in the back. It shows there is a fence but it can barely be seen because of the vegetation and large berm. Looking East.

