# **HOWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD** SPECIAL MEETING

3525 Byron Road Howell, MI. 48855 March 17, 2025 6:30pm

- Call to Order: 1.
- 2. Roll Call: () Mike Coddington () Sue Daus

  - () Jonathan Hohenstein
- () Matt Counts
- () Tim Boal
- () Shane Fagan
- () Bob Wilson

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance:
- 4. Approval of the Agenda: Township Board Special Meeting March 17, 2025
- Call to the Public: 5.
- 6. Heritage Square, Parcel # 4706-32-400-013 PUD Amendment request to increase lot coverage percentage.
- 7. Call to the Public:
- 8. Adjournment:

# HOWELL TOWNSHIP

# **Application for Special Meeting**

3525 Byron Road Howell, MI 48855 Phone: 517-546-2817 ext. 108 Email: <u>inspector@howelltownshipmi.org</u>

Fee: \$900.00		File No.:
Parcel ID #: 4706		Date
Applicant Name		_ Applicant Address
Phone	Fax	Email
Property Owner Name		
Phone	Fax	Email
Township Board Meeting		Township Planning Commission Meeting
Requested Meeting Date:		Location of Property:
Project:		
Describe Reason for Requestir	ng Meeting:	

Meeting will be posted once payment is received

Final date will be determined by availability of hall and board members



March 4, 2025

Jonathan Hohenstein Township Treasurer Howell Township 3525 Byron Rd Howell, MI 48855

RE: Planned Unit Development ("PUD") Amendment Request for Heritage Square NW Corner of Mason Rd and Burkhart Rd Howell, MI

Good afternoon, Jonathan,

We respectfully request a special meeting for the Township Board to reconsider the request for an Amendment to the approved Heritage Square PUD to allow for a maximum 40% Lot Coverage ratio for the Single Family Detached Residential section of this PUD. The current Township Zoning Ordinance allows for a maximum 30% Lot Coverage ratio.

The Heritage Square PUD was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on December 19, 2023. On January 8, 2024, the Township Board granted approval for the revised site plan and rezoning application with conditions.

On February 11, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the requested increase to the Lot Coverage ratio.

On March 3, 2025, the Township Board approved the PUD Agreement and Phase 1 Final Site Plan and denied the request to increase the Lot Coverage ratio. Unfortunately, I didn't have an opportunity to discuss this agenda item with the Board prior to it taking action on this request.

The definition of Lot Coverage in the Township Zoning Ordinance is as follows: "The percentage of the lot or parcel covered by all buildings and structures located on a lot or parcel, elevated above the surface, on the surface or below the surface of the ground and which impairs the percolation of surface water into the subsurface groundwater areas and causes additional surface runoff". This includes driveways, service walks, decks, and patios.

As the definition indicates, the goal of the Lot Coverage restrictions is to minimize surface runoff and maximize percolation of surface water into the subsurface groundwater areas. Please note that the stormwater management design of this PUD includes two (2) detention basins that have been adequately sized to accommodate the anticipated stormwater runoff. The footprint for the largest home plan that will be built in this PUD was used in the detention basin volume calculations to ensure that the maximum allowable storage volume

can be accommodated in these basins. Please note that the overall site lot coverage ratio is less than 30% when the open space is factored into the equation.

During our review of the individual units, it was discovered that our desired home plan lineup exceeds the minimum Lot Coverage ratio on many of the lots in this community. Our Lot Coverage calculations include future decks or patios up to 200 square feet so that homeowners don't have lot coverage issues when they choose to make these improvements in the future.

M/I Homes will offer its Essential Series plan lineup at Heritage Square with a focus on more attainably priced new housing that is currently lacking in the area. The home plans to be offered range in size from 1,957 to 2,605 square feet of living space and will feature 3-5 bedrooms, 2-1/2 bathrooms, and 2-car garages. The plans are 38' wide and will easily meet the current minimum setback requirements. Historically, the best-selling plans are the Brooklyn (2128 sf), Aubrey (2260 sf) and Peyton (2427 sf). Thus, we anticipate that the stormwater burden on the detention basins will be less than what they are sized for.

Single-Family	Approved	Proposed
Lot Area	5923.61 SF min	5940 SF min
Lot Width	50 Feet	50 Feet
Front Setback	24 Feet	24 Feet
Side Setback	7 Feet	7 Feet
Rear Setback	25 Feet	25 Feet
	40 Feet (Adjacent to SFR)	40 Feet (Adjacent to SFR)
Perimeter Setback	30 FEET (Adjacent to MFR)	30 FEET (Adjacent to MFR)
Lot Coverage	Review for individual units	40% Max
Building Height	Review for individual units	Review for individual units

The Approved minimum setbacks for the land uses within the PUD are as follows:

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

## **David Straub**

M/I Homes of Michigan LLC 40950 Woodward Avenue, Suite 203 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

P: (248)- 303-0455 E: dstraub@mihomes.com



FILE:P:\Projects\2021\21-075 Heritage Square PUD\21-075C Heritage Square (Single-Family)\Dwg\Engineering\PH 1 FSP PLANS\21-075C\_SF\_PH1 FSP\_C-1.0\_Site.dwg PLOT DATE:11/25/2024 5:11 PM



117 NORTH FIRST STREET SUITE 70 ANN ARBOR, MI 48104 734.662.2200 734.662.1935 FAX

TO: Howell Township Planning Commission
FROM: Paul Montagno, AICP, Township Planner Grayson Moore, Planner
DATE: 1/21/25
RE: Heritage Square, PUD Amendment

We were asked to review a proposal to amend the approved Planned Unit Development (PUD) plan for Heritage Square, located at the northwest corner of Mason and Burkhart Roads. The amendment seeks approval to increase the maximum lot coverage from the current 30% to 40% for single-family detached homes within the development. Because the proposed amendment represents a deviation from the standards in the zoning ordinance the request must be considered an amendment to the PUD and go through the amendment process, which includes a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission followed by a recommendation to the Township Board, who has the final authority to approve a PUD.

## Background

Heritage Square PUD was initially approved by the Planning Commission on December 19, 2023, and by the Township Board on January 8, 2024. The PUD spans approximately 95 acres and includes areas for single-family and multi-family residential units. The development includes 176 single-family houses, 288 multi-family units, and a 3-story assisted living building with 90 units. This development is strategically designed to integrate with the existing landscape and community infrastructure, while allowing a diverse array of housing opportunities that cater to a variety of residents. The approved PUD includes a number of approved deviations designed to preserve natural open space while allowing for the development of housing units on smaller lots using less infrastructure.

Previous plan reviews highlighted the need for effective stormwater management, which was addressed through the detention basins design. Discussions also focused on traffic impact and access routes, resulting in a site plan that includes multiple access points and developer contributions towards road improvements. These adjustments have been made in response to community feedback and regulatory requirements to ensure that the development proceeds with minimal environmental and community impact.

# **Proposed Amendment**

The applicant's amendment request is intended to accommodate larger home designs that could include larger building footprints as well as amenities such as decks and patios. The increase in lot coverage would allow for more spacious living environments without the need for future PUD amendments for modifications that might exceed the existing coverage limits.

# **Planning and Zoning Considerations**

# 1. Environmental Management:

• The PUD includes two detention basins designed to manage increased stormwater runoff efficiently. The developer has indicated that the basins have been sized considering the maximum footprint of the largest homes planned for the development. We defer to the Township Engineer or County Drain Commissioner to verify these calculations.

NOTE: COVERAGE CALCULATION BELOW IS F	BASED ON THE LARGES
FLOOR PLAN OPTION, ON THE SMALLEST UN	
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	
AVERAGE PAVED/BLDG AREA PER UN	IT: 2371 SFT
MAX. HOME FOOTPRINT :	1911 SFT +/-
(JULIET W/BONUS ROOM	& DECK)
DRIVE (25' X 16') :	400 SFT
CONNECTOR WALK (5' X 12'):	60 SFT
MINIMUM LOT AREA :	5940 SFT
PROPOSED MAXIMUM COVERAGE = 4	40%
(COVERAGE ALLOWED PER SFR	ZONING = 30%)



NOTE: LAYOUT MAY VARY BASED ON FLOOR PLAN AND OWNER SELECTED OPTIONS. TYPICAL UNIT LAYOUT BASED ON JULIET FLOOR PLAN (LARGEST OFFERED BY DEVELOPER). FOOTPRINT SIZE OF OTHER TYPICAL FLOORPLANS BY THIS DEVELOPER ARE AS FOLLOWS (MAX COVERAGE):

JULIET:	1604 SFT (39.9%)
PEYTON:	1508 SFT (38.3%)
AUBREY:	1472 SFT (37,7%)
BROOKLYN:	1419 SFT (36.8%)
SAWYER:	1330 SFT (35.3%)

# 2. Infrastructure Impact:

• Allowing for an increase in the size of the individual homes, resulting in increased lot coverage, should not impact new or existing infrastructure, particularly in terms of additional strain on sewage and water systems.

## **3. Public Open Spaces:**

• The proposed amendment does not affect the adequacy of the public open spaces as originally planned, despite the increased footprint of individual lots. This is crucial for maintaining community well-being and ecological balance.

# 4. Community Impact:

• By allowing a 40% lot coverage, the development can offer more substantial housing options, enhancing the variety of available homes without expanding the physical footprint of the developed area.

# 5. Precedent and Consistency:

• The proposed change maintains the intent of the PUD by providing quality housing while managing environmental impacts effectively.

## Recommendation

After reviewing the proposed changes and considering their alignment with the Township's objectives and zoning requirements, we recommend the Planning Commission approve the

amendment to increase the lot coverage to 40% subject to an engineering review of the stormwater capacity.

CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC. Paul Montagno, AICP Principal

CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC. Grayson Moore Community Planner



January 28th, 2025

Kevin McDevitt Monument Engineering Group Associates 298 Veterans Drive Fowlerville, MI 48836

RE: Heritage Square Parcel Number 4706-32-400-013 Construction Site Plan Review

Mr. McDevitt,

We have received and reviewed the construction site plans for Heritage Square (Single Family). Plans were prepared by Monument Engineering Group Associates, Inc on behalf of M/I Homes of Michigan, LCC and are dated November 4, 2024. Based on our review, we offer the following comments.

### **General**

- A legal description has been provided, including bearings, distances, and closures within acceptable tolerances. However, the bearing for the section line along Mason Road, from the southeast corner of Section 32 to the southwest corner of the parcel, differs between sheets V-1.0 and G-1.0.
- According to the Livingston County Drain Commissioner's letter dated 11/20/24, the CPVC volume in the land use summary table should be listed as zero because the permanent pool volumes are below the groundwater elevations indicated in the soils report. Please update the plans accordingly to reflect this correction.

### **Grading and Drainage**

- It is unclear how the rear yard drainage from units on the perimeter that are not adjacent to the basins (units 21-25, 59-62, 106-110, and 150-153) is directed into the proposed stormwater management system.
- The following two items are not currently included in the provided plans and should be added:
  - Structure IN-34 and the pipe segment between IN-34 and CB-35, which are missing on profile sheet C-6.9,
  - The pipe segment from IN-146 to IN-147, which is not included on the profile sheets.
- Stormwater detention and conveyance calculations have been reviewed, and no issues were noted. However, according to the Livingston County Drain Commission's letter dated November 20, 2024, an increase in the C value due to greater lot coverage will result in a storage deficit.
- LCDCs letter also recommends increasing the diameter of the east detention outlet to 24 inches and adjusting the elevations on sheets CS-176 and ES-177. Please update the plans accordingly to reflect these changes.
- We defer to LCDC for review and approval.

### **Sanitary Sewer**



- Sanitary profile sheet C-4.4 should include a label with the rim and invert elevation information for San-18.
- The contractor must verify the sanitary sewer connection point stub elevation at Pump Station #72 before proceeding with the sewer connection. Confirm the invert elevation, diameter, and grade of the stub to prevent the formation of an inflection point at the connection.
- There must be a 0.10-foot elevation difference between the inlet and outlet pipe inverts within manholes San-9, San-10, San-11, San-12, San-13, San-14, San-15, San-17, and San-20.
- The Developer is required to submit all necessary EGLE Part 41 Permit Application information to the Township Engineer for review, as the resulting sanitary sewer will be publicly owned. The Township Engineer will then submit the EGLE Part 41 Permit Application on behalf of the Township and coordinate the permit process with MEGA. Submission of the permit application is contingent upon final site plan approval from the Planning Commission.
- The proposed basis of design flow outlined on Sheet C-3.0 is 302 GPM, while Pump Station #72 has a firm capacity of 555 GPM. Currently, approximately 30 GPM of flow is contributing to this station. Based on this information, Spicer Group believes that Pump Station #72 has sufficient capacity to service the Heritage Square development, and no modifications to the station are required at this time. The basis of design estimates that 500.4 REUs will be required for this development. The Township has indicated that the site currently has 569 sewer REUs allocated to it, meaning no additional sanitary REUs will be needed for this site.

### Site Access and Paving

- The 'concrete path' shown on sheet C-1.1 references a detail on sheet C-11.0; however, this detail does not appear to be included on the indicated sheet.
- Roadway, curb, and sidewalk details are included and meet the requirements, with the exception of the curb and gutter shown for the county road right-of-way. This should be replaced with an MDOT B2 detail, as indicated in the Livingston County Road Commission's red-lined plans dated November 6, 2024.
- All other comments from the Livingston County Road Commission's November 6, 2024 letter should be addressed accordingly.
- The location of the temporary emergency access road should be adjusted to avoid conflict with the existing hydrant on Burkhart Road. Dimensions of the road should be included on the plans and should be a minimum 13-feet in width.
- We defer to LCRC and the Fire Marshal for review and approval.

## <u>Water main</u>

- The water main was previously reviewed by MHOG in their January 10, 2025 Construction Plan Review. The plans should be revised to address their comments.
- We defer to MHOG for further comment and approval relating to the water main.

### **Landscaping**

• Landscaping plans have been provided. We defer to the Township Planner to comment on the Landscaping plan for review and approval.

### **Lighting**

• A photometric plan has been provided. The plan indicates that no light is leaving the site. We defer to the Township Planner for further comments and approval of the site lighting.



If you have any questions or need anything further, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

CC:

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SGI File Jonathan Hohenstein, Howell Township Planner Ken Recker, Livingston County Chief Deputy Drain Commissioner Paul Montagno, Carlisle Wortman Bryan Hager, Howell Township Fire Inspector

# Howell Township Treasurer

From:	Ken Recker <krecker@livgov.com></krecker@livgov.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, December 18, 2024 5:32 PM
То:	Howell Township Treasurer
Cc:	Bradley, John W.; Paul Montagno (pmontagno@cwaplan.com); Jennifer McGinty
Subject:	RE: Heritage Square - PUD Amendment

Jonathan,

Per our discussion earlier today, the office of the Livingston County Drain Commissioner has no objections to the proposed increase in lot coverage for the Heritage Square PUD, based on Kevin McDevitt's electronic correspondence to our office and Howell Township dated December 16, 2024.

This is of course based on our office and/or Spicer as Township Engineer completing review of construction plans.

If you have any questions give me a call.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year !

Kenneth E. Recker, II, P.E. Chief Deputy Drain Commissioner Livingston County, Michigan Ph. 517-546-0040 DRAFT

# HOWELL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

3525 Byron Road Howell, MI 48855 February 11, 2025 6·30 P M

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

# **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Wayne Williams Chair Robert Spaulding Vice Chair Mike Newstead Secretary **Board Representative** Tim Boal Matt Stanley Commissioner

Commissioner

Chuck Frantjeskos

Commissioner

# Also in Attendance:

Sharon Lollio

Township Planner Grayson Moore and Zoning Administrator Jonathan Hohenstein, Kevin McDevitt from Monument Engineering and David Straub from M/I Homes

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The roll was called. Chairman Williams requested members rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

# APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Newstead, Second by Spaulding, "To approve the agenda as presented" Motion carried.

## Call to the Public

Bob Wilson, 2935 Brewer Rd: Spoke on his dissatisfaction with the Planning Commission's decision on ADU's

Michael Denson, 5828 Crandall Rd: Spoke on concerns with drainage, questioned lot sizes available and maximum house size

Karen Holden, 4383 Mason Rd. (Marion Township): Spoke on concerns with drainage and wetlands

Bob Wilson, 2935 Brewer Rd: Spoke on concerns with water drainage

# SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Heritage Square, PC2024-15, Parcel # 4706-32-400-013. Request to modify PUD to increase the lot coverage percentage. Township Planner Grayson Moore spoke on his findings with the request to increase maximum lot coverage from 30% to 40%. Heritage Square engineer Kevin McDevitt spoke on the request to increase for single family detached development to allow for larger home designs and enough room for decks/ patios. He spoke on their error when calculating lot coverage discussing the need for the amendment to the PUD. He answered concerns on drainage calculations, wetlands, retention ponds, lot sizes available and maximum house size (1900-2700 sq ft). Chairman Williams guestioned the engineering report from Spicer Group Engineering and their concerns. Commissioner Lollio guestioned if all houses would be able to have decks and patios, Engineer McDevitt confirmed they would all be allowed to have a deck/patio. Chairman Williams questioned square foot of house vs footprint of the house. Board Representative Boal questioned prices of the homes to be built, concerns with lot sizes, drainage issues and if there was final Draft Howell Twp. PC 2-11-25

PUD agreement with project. David Straub from M/I Homes spoke on the amendment to increase lot coverage, discussed price of homes will vary from mid-upper 300's to low 400's and recent issuing of their wetland permit. Zoning Administrator Hohenstein gave an update on the process of crafting and finalizing the PUD agreement. Commissioner Spaulding questioned if there would be model homes and if potential buyers would be able to pick lots vs building houses to sell. Engineer McDevitt answered there would be a combination of both, they will have different elevations, exterior color schemes and they won't all be the same. Discussion followed. Motion by Newstead, Second by Spaulding, "To open the public hearing Heritage Square, PC2024-15. Parcel #4706-32-400-013." Motion carried.

Bob Wilson- spoke on average income and housing affordability

Motion by Spaulding, Second by Boal, "To close the public hearing" Motion carried. Motion by Spaulding, Second by Newstead, "To Approve the amendment to increase lot coverage from the approved 30% to 40% subject to the engineering review of the storm water capacity even though in the Township it has already been done on parcel 4706-32-400-013, otherwise known as the Heritage Square Development." Roll Call: Newstead-yes, Lollio-yes, Spaulding-yes, Stanley-yes, Boal-no, Williams-yes. Motion passed 5-1. Commissioner Lollio clarified that the wetlands, drainage, and open spaces have all been addressed and criteria has been met.

### CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Bob Wilson, 2935 Brewer Rd: Questioned if he could cover 40% of his property

Michael Denson, 5828 Crandall Rd: Spoke on concerns with the 40% lot increase

### ADJOURMENT:

**Motion** by Spaulding, **Second** by Newstead, **"To adjourn."** Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Date

Mike Newstead Planning Commission Secretary

Marnie Hebert Recording Secretary