

Memorandum

To: Montgomery Township Zoning Board
From: Richard Bartolone
Date: May 15, 2023
Subject: The Malvern School Properties, LP
Block 28010, Lots 57 & 58
Case# BA-07-22
Landscape Review

This office has reviewed the Landscape Plan prepared by Dynamic Engineering, dated 4/28/2023, for the above reference application. The following items are submitted for your consideration.

1. Township Code Section 16-5.6.d.10 specifies the plant guarantee period to be 2 years after Township approval. Note #5 in the Planting Notes on sheet 8, Landscape Plan lists this requirement, however note #11 on the Planting Specifications on the bottom of the same page lists a 1-year guarantee period. This note shall be change to be compliant with the Township standards of a 2-year plant guarantee and to be consistent with note #5 in the Planting Notes.
2. Lambs Ear (*Stachys byzantina*) is a very aggressive invasive, non-native species. An alternate perennial should be specified.
3. The 'Oso Easy Double Pink' Rose is a ground cover shrub, not a perennial. Please list it in the appropriate category with the other ground cover plant.
4. The specified 'Winter Red' Winterberry Holly is an excellent choice for an ornamental deciduous shrub. However, it requires nearby male winterberry hollies to produce a reliable berry display. The most commonly recommended male winterberry holly that is compatible with this shrub is 'Southern Gentleman' Winterberry Holly. Please include 2 'Southern Gentleman' Winterberry Holly shrubs within the vicinity of the specified 'Winter Red' Winterberry holly shrubs.
5. The specified Emerald Green Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis* 'Emerald') is highly susceptible to deer browsing. An alternate evergreen tree should be specified. Suggested alternates are juniper, American holly and Colorado spruce.
6. Please include a dense evergreen tree/shrub buffer between Brecknell Way and the 3 space parking area adjacent to Brecknell Way to buffer the view of the parking area from the housing units and open space area on the opposite side of Brecknell Way.
7. Please include the appropriate site triangle for the Brecknell Way and Georgetown-Franklin Turnpike intersection. Township regulation do not allow any planting that growing over 18" tall in site triangle areas for traffic safety considerations.