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MEETING IS CALLED TO ORDER:

MR. LEVITON: Thank you, Janice. I'll ask everyone to join me in a salute to the flag.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MR. LEVITON: Pursuant to section five of the Open Public Meetings Act notice of this meeting of the Manalapan Township Zoning Board of Adjustment was sent and advertised in the Asbury Park Press. A copy of that notice was posted on the bulletin board where public notices are displayed here in the municipal building. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the municipal clerk. Accordingly, this meeting is deemed in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Roll call, please.

ROLL CALL

MS. MOENCH: Mr. Gregowicz?

MR. GREGOWICZ: Here.

MS. MOENCH: Mr. Rosenthal's not present. Mr. Schertz is not present. Mr. Shalikar?

MR. SHALIKAR: Yes.

MS. MOENCH: Mr. Weiss is not present. Mr. Mantagas?

MR. MANTAGAS: Here.

MS. MOENCH: Mr. Pochopin?

MR. POCHOPIN: Here.

MS. MOENCH: Mr. Wechsler?

MR. WECHSLER: Here.

MS. MOENCH: Chair Leviton?

MR. LEVITON: Here. So gentlemen one of our applications tonight is a use variance. They're going to require five affirmative votes to get the relief that they seek which means that everyone's vote will count tonight. Our alternates' votes will count. We're down two members and we recently lost a permanent member not too long ago.

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2	-		inutes from September 21st as well as the minutes from
3	the executi	ve se	ession on the same night. Can I get a motion?
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5 6		MR.	GREGOWICZ: So moved.
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10		MR.	SHALIKAR: I'll second.
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12		MR.	LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Shalikar.
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18		MR.	GREGOWICZ: Yes.
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20		MS.	MOENCH: Mr. Shalikar?
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22 23		MK.	SHALIKAR: Yes.
24		MS.	MOENCH: Mr. Mantagas?
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26		MR.	MANTAGAS: Yes.
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28		MS.	MOENCH: Mr. Pochopin?
29 30		MR	POCHOPIN: Yes.
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32		MS.	MOENCH: Mr. Wechsler?
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34		MR.	WECHSLER: Yes.
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38		MR.	LEVITON: Yes. Alright next up we need to memorialize
39	resolution		er ZBE2327, Mr. Marmero?
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41		MS.	MOENCH: You need the minutes from the regular meeting.
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43 44		MK.	MARMERO: He did them.
44		MR	LEVITON: I took them together.
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47		MS.	MOENCH: Oh you did both? Oh, I'm sorry, okay perfect
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3		MARMERO: Mr. Chairman the resolution that you're 2336 just so the board remembers.
	referring to Abb	2000 Just so the board remembers.
4 5	MR.	LEVITON: Seven. Oh, it's ZBE2327.
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7	MR.	MARMERO: Yeah I'm sorry ZBE2327 you're right. Just so
8	the board recall	s this was bulk variance relief for an existing fence.
9	The fence was cl	ose to meeting the setback requirements if it was at
10	the correct heig	ht, but the applicant needed variance relief for both
11	the height of th	e fence and the setback location.
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13	MR.	LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Marmero.
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15	MR. 1	MARMERO: Sure.
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17		LEVITON: Okay will someone move to memorialize that
18	application?	
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20	MR.	SHALIKAR: So moved.
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22	MK.	LEVITON: That resolution, thank you Mr. Shalikar.
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24 25	MK.	MANTAGAS: I'll second.
26	MR	LEVITON: And thank you Mr. Mantagas.
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30	MS.	MOENCH: Mr. Gregowicz?
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32	MR.	GREGOWICZ: Yes.
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34	MS.	MOENCH: Mr. Shalikar?
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36	MR.	SHALIKAR: Yes.
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1 2 3 4 5 6	MR. LEVITON: Yes. Okay I want to first re-introduce to our board from our office downstairs Ms. McGrath. Nancy, we throw a wave hi, and before we go any further I'll ask you Mr. Marmero if you'll swear in our professionals, our planner Ms. Rodriguez and our engineer Mr. Boccanfuso.
7 8 9	MR. MARMERO: I will do. If you guys will both raise your right hand, do you swear the testimony you will provide tonight will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?
10 11 12	MR. BOCCANFUSO: Yes I do.
13 14	MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
15 16	MR. MARMERO: Okay.
17 18	MR. LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Marmero, welcome professionals.
19 20	MR. BOCCANFUSO: Thank you sir.
21 22 23 24	MR. LEVITON: Our first application is ZBE2336. Mr. Marmero have you reviewed the noticing for this application? Can you confirm that we have jurisdiction?
25 26	MR. MARMERO: I did, yes and I can confirm that you do have jurisdiction.
27 28 29 30	MR. LEVITON: Alright then I will call Ms. Rojas. Hello Ms. Rojas.
31 32	MS. ROJAS: Hi how are you?
33 34 35	MR. LEVITON: I am well. Come on up and you'll be taking a seat, but before you do Mr. Marmero will swear you in.
36 37 38 39	MR. MARMERO: Ms. Rojas if you'd raise your right hand do you swear the testimony you will provide tonight will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?
40 41	MS. ROJAS: I do.
42 43	MR. MARMERO: Okay and once again for the record can you state your name and address please?

MS. ROJAS: Natasha Rojas 37 Barrister Lane.

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MR. MARMERO: Okay.

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1	MR	a. LEVITON: Welcome Ms. Rojas.	
2 3	MS	. ROJAS: Thank you.	
5	MR	LEVITON: How are you ths evening?	
6 7 8	MS	. ROJAS: Good.	
9 10		a. LEVITON: Good. You're here about the feour front yard because you're a corner pro	
11 12	MS	. ROJAS: Yes.	
13 14 15	MR	LEVITON: But it's really your side fend	ce.
16 17	MS	8. ROJAS: Correct.	
18 19 20	MR relief that yo	e. LEVITON: Tell the board what brings you need.	ı here and the
21 22 23 24 25	and I want to white fence ar	ROJAS: I want to replace my pool fence put a fence right behind it and around to cound the property. So that's and because and the side entrance that's where the	he property, a I have the
26 27 28	saying and for	a. LEVITON: So you have two front yards is the record Mr. Marmero the seventy-five for five feet of relief.	-
29 30 31 32		A. MARMERO: Correct, minimum street-side steet whereas the proposed fence is sevent	
33 34 35 36		a. LEVITON: Yes and we'll go out to the boghts, Mr. Wechsler?	pard see if they
37 38 39	taken care of.	NECHSLER: I was by your property yester So behind the trees is the black fence have a fence on your property now?	
40 41 42	MS	. ROJAS: I have a fence around the pool	only.
43 44	MR	. WECHSLER: Right and it's a black.	
45	MS	. ROJAS: It's the chain link.	

MR. WECHSLER: Chain link fence.

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1		MS.	ROJAS: Yeah.	
2 3 4	a white?	MR.	WECHSLER: So you're looking to replace	that fence with
5 6 7		MS.	ROJAS: With a black steel fence.	
8		MR.	WECHSLER: Right.	
9 10 11	white vinyl		ROJAS: And the one around the property	will be the
12	will ce villy i	•		
13 14	what is it		WECHSLER: Okay so would be able to see g, Craig Road?	the fence from
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16 17		MR.	LEVITON: Symmes.	
18		MR.	WECHSLER: Symmes?	
19 20 21	trees.	MS.	ROJAS: You would be able to see part, w	ell there's
22 23		MR.	WECHSLER: Right there's a lot of.	
24252627	and then you see a little	u ′ 11	ROJAS: Along the and yes and then there probably be able to see the white fence of it.	
28 29 30	through the		WECHSLER: Yeah because I couldn't reall	y see anything
31 32 33 34 35	two younges	t are f-di	ROJAS: Yeah it's more because I have the autistic and non-verbal and they have rection and stuff like that. That's the it up.	no sense of
36 37		MR.	WECHSLER: I have no further questions.	
38 39 40		MR.	LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Wechsler, Mr. Po	chopin?
40 41 42	one of the		POCHOPIN: That's good you just answered reasons, thank you.	l my question
43 44 45		MS.	ROJAS: Thank you.	

MR. LEVITON: Thank you sir, Mr. Mantagas?

MR. MANTAGAS: No questions Mr. Chairman.

2 MR. LEVITON: Mr. Shalikar?

MR. SHALIKAR: No questions.

MR. LEVITON: And Mr. Gregowicz?

MR. GREGOWICZ: No questions.

MR. LEVITON: I have no questions either. Mr. Marmero do you require anything further?

MR. MARMERO: Just open to the public and then I can sum up the relief.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you sir. At this time I will go out to public and I'll ask if anyone in attendance wants to question Ms. Rodriguez or address the board. Now would be the time. Seeing no interest I will close public and Mr. Marmero I'll throw it back to you.

MR. MARMERO: Sure so you heard some testimony from the applicant regarding the difficulty created with the two front yards. We heard testimony about the fences that are proposed essentially replacing the fence around the pool and then a new fence around the property and based on the application and based on Nancy's report it would really be two variances that are required. One is a side-yard setback or I'm sorry a setback variance where seventy-five feet is required and the applicant is proposing seventy feet and then fences shall not exceed three feet in height in a front yard where a proposed fence is six feet in height. Again, it's classified as a front yard, but I guess you could also kind of almost see it as a side yard based on the location so those are the two variances that would be required.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you sir.

MR. MARMERO: Sure.

MR. LEVITON: Before we call the vote and before I ask for a motion I just want Ms. Rodriguez to put some things on the record for me. Would you testify that the building of the new fence doesn't negatively impact on the community at large or anyone in your neighborhood?

MS. ROJAS: No.

MR. LEVITON: And would you briefly describe the shape of your lot as it goes to the back end of your property?

1 2		MS.	ROJAS: It's kind of on a slant.
3 4		MR.	LEVITON: On a slant?
5 6 7	little bit		ROJAS: Yeah it's weird and it kind of goes down a rds the back.
8 9		MR.	LEVITON: So it falls off and it comes to a point?
10 11 12 13 14	the back is	ady 1	ROJAS: Yeah because the fence is I'm assuming straight there, but if you look the beginning it's seventy, but enty-six. So it kind of goes on a slant a little bit off like that.
15 16 17	motion?	MR.	LEVITON: Thank you ma'am. Okay would someone make a
18 19 20 21	application		GREGOWICZ: I'll make the motion to approve the submitted.
22 23 24	it?	MR.	LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Gregowicz. Will someone second
25 26		MR.	SHALIKAR: I'll second it.
27 28		MR.	LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Shalikar.
29 30	ROLL CALL		
31 32		MS.	MOENCH: Mr. Gregowicz?
33 34		MR.	GREGOWICZ: Yes.
35 36		MS.	MOENCH: Mr. Shalikar?
37 38		MR.	SHALIKAR: Yes.
39		MS.	MOENCH: Mr. Mantagas?
40 41		MR.	MANTAGAS: Yes.
42 43		MS.	MOENCH: Mr. Pochopin?
44 45		MR.	POCHOPIN: Yes.
46 47 48		MS.	MOENCH: Mr. Wechsler?

MR. WECHSLER: Yes.

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MS. MOENCH: Chair Leviton?

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MR. LEVITON: Congratulations Ms. Rodriguez.

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MS. ROJAS: Thank you so much.

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MR. LEVITON: Good luck and this board will memorialize the resolution at our next regular meeting and you won't need to be here.

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MS. ROJAS: Okay thank you so much, everybody.

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MR. LEVITON: You're welcome. Okay next up is Manalapan Land Holdings ZBE1901EX and the board recognizes the esteemed Mr. Licata. Hello sir.

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MR. LICATA: Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Good evening board members, professionals, and staff Peter Licata of the law firm of Sonnenblick, Mehr, & Licata on behalf of the applicant.

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MR. LEVITON: Welcome back Mr. Licata.

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MR. LICATA: Thank you. Yes, we're here tonight to request an extension of time on a site plan approval previously granted for a self storage facility on Madison Avenue and Route 33. As you may recall the project involves the extension of sanitary, sewer, and water service from a point significantly to the east of the property down Route 33 on the westward side across the front of our next door residential development basically around the corner and then down the street through Madison Avenue and then back into residential development. That took a considerable amount of time about a year and a half to accomplish. It was complicated by a couple of factors aside just from the logistics of that task. The original residential developer who got their approvals as I recall correctly was K. Hovnanian who ended up selling the project to Toll Brothers. So we had to change horses in midstream. Toll Brothers wasn't made aware before they acquired the property that there was going to be this extension involved --- the next door street so that set us back in time as well. We did get that accomplished in June of last year at which point in time we were then able to submit not only just a resolution compliance package, but seeking final approvals for our water franchise allotment as well as our sanitary sewer service with the WMUA. Obviously, those approvals and processes have their own timeline as well. That was going on Freehold Soil Conservation District certification expired so we had to reapply and get that re-certified so we have been diligently trying to address the conditions of approval, but they are somewhat

more burdensome than ordinarily is the case and we would ask for a one-year extension.

MR. LEVITON: It's always something Mr. Licata. I have no problem with that, board? I see a lot of side-shaking of the heads. Let me go out to public. Is there anyone in attendance who wants to ask Mr. Licata a question? Seeing none I'll close public. Mr. Marmero?

MR. MARMERO: Sure so from a legal standpoint there is a statute that governs the relief that Mr. Licata is seeking. It does allow the board to offer an extension up to one year and that's the period of time that Mr. Licata is seeking. What the statute essentially says if the developer proves to the reasonable satisfaction of the board that the developer was barred or prevented directly or indirectly from proceeding with the development because of delays in obtaining legally required approvals from other governmental entities and that the developer applied promptly for and diligently pursued these approvals it is relief that can be granted at your discretion.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you sir.

MR. MARMERO: Sure.

MR. LEVITON: If anyone on the dais is so inclined to make a motion I would accept that.

MR. WECHSLER: I make a motion to approve.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Wechsler and will someone second that?

MR. MANTAGAS: I'll second Mr. Chairman.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Pochopin.

MS. MOENCH: Mr. Gregowicz?

MR. GREGOWICZ: Yes.

MR. LEVITON: Sorry Janice that was Basil.

MS. MOENCH: I'm sorry?

MR. LEVITON: Basil seconded it Mr. Mantagas not Mr.

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1			MOENCH: Okay just to clarify Mr. Wechsler made the
2	motion and 1	Mr. N	Mantagas second?
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12 13		MK.	GREGOWICZ: Yes.
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16		MR.	SHALIKAR: Yes.
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22		MS.	MOENCH: Mr. Pochopin?
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24		MR.	POCHOPIN: Yes.
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26		MS.	MOENCH: Mr. Wechsler?
27 28		MD	WECHSLER: Yes.
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30		MS.	MOENCH: Chair Leviton?
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32		MR.	LEVITON: Thank you for your flexibility, okay.
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34		MR.	LICATA: Thank you.
35 36		MR	LEVITON: You're welcome. I see Mr. Licata has moved
37	over a seat		an open laptop with a television on I guess that's for
38			will you be requiring a second hat as well?
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40		MR.	LICATA: Hopefully not.
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42	GDE0000 5707		LEVITON: Okay then our last application is number
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44 45		_	ecognizes Mr. Licata and Mr. Licata you seek a use t. Tell the board what it's all about.
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47 MR. LICATA: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Good evening again 48 everyone. I'm representing an applicant which is a youth athletic

training franchise. I'd just like to say initially as I've been 1 telling people in the gallery as I've met them tonight just so there are no misunderstandings we're not proposing any new building or buildings on the site. We're not proposing expanding a building, moving a building, making a building larger or any additional parking lots or drive aisles. So we're not proposing the changing of the hard scape, physical improvements at all tonight. We're not proposing 7 changes in drainage or traffic signalization or signage. We're here 8 for a very limited purpose which is to seek use variance approval to 9 permit this training facility to occupy a portion of one of the 10 buildings that this board has previously approved. It is a 11 recreational use which we will testify is complementary in that its 12 hours don't overlap with the key operating hours of many of the other 13 tenants in the industrial park so we feel it's an appropriate site. We 14 have a handful of witnesses, Mr. Halari obviously project engineer. We 15 have Mr. Albert Walker who is a principal of the proposed occupants. 16 One of his colleagues is also here. His name is Michael. We also have 17 John Rea to testify on matters of traffic and circulation and also Jim 18 Higgins as our planner. 19

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MR. LEVITON: You may present your affirmative case.

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MR. LICATA: Thank you I guess I would ask Mr. Halari to be sworn in.

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MR. MARMERO: Sure raise your right hand. Do you swear the testimony you will provide will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

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MR. HALARI: I do.

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MR. MARMERO: Okay and you've testified here before this board in the past, correct?

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MR. HALARI: Yes I have.

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MR. LEVITON: The board recognizes Mr. Halari's qualifications and welcomes him back.

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MR. HALARI: Thank you very much gentlemen and the board, Bhaskar Halari from Concept Engineering Consulting Manalapan, New Jersey.

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MR. LEVITON: The board had what you were projecting already. We're familiar with the plans, okay.

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MR. MARMERO: And was this something that this was submitted as part of the package?

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MS. MOENCH: No. MR. HALARI: Yes this was. MR. LEVITON: We have it. MR. HALARI: As an exhibit. MR. MARMERO: Gotcha, yup, yup, yup. MR. LICATA: And just for the record is that exhibit given a letter or a number? MS. MOENCH: Yes. MR. HALARI: A1 I think. MS. MOENCH: This one is Al. MR. LICATA: A1? Okay. MR. HALARI: Great so as the board may be aware of this site it is on Harrison Avenue. It's at 29 acre site. It is an old industry facility that exist there for many, many years. We got an

MR. HALARI: Great so as the board may be aware of this site it is on Harrison Avenue. It's at 29 acre site. It is an old industry facility that exist there for many, many years. We got an approval last year to add two new buildings to the site. Actually since then the site is under construction. We have constructed stormwater system and we have done some other draining work to build the building pass. Meanwhile we have this perspective tenant who wanted to occupy part of the smaller building that is on Center Street so that building will be here and they are basically taking easterly portion of the site sorry building about forty units. It is about seven thousand square feet on the first floor and there is a mezzanine over two thousand square feet. That is the same building and same layout how the board approved the application previously. So they're taking a --- and combining it together. There is no change at the --- site plan or site improvement or any of that thing. Only thing is during our TRC discussion the planner requested us to provide a crosswalk right in front of their entrance door. So we will stripe the area in front of the entrance door of the facility.

MR. LEVITON: Mr. Halari I believe she also asked you to move it closer to the building is that correct?

MR. HALARI: Yes so let me go back to exhibit A2.

MR. LEVITON: The crosswalk only.

PAGE 14 MR. HALARI: Crosswalk. 1 2 3 MR. LEVITON: Okay. 4 5 MR. HALARI: This is a black and white where you can see here the crosswalk this is how the site plan currently have it. The 6 striping is a little bit to the west of the entrance. As you see this 7 cross --- here is the building they'll be occupying. So we need to 8 basically move the crosswalk that was proposed originally to about 9 three parking spots to the east and that is pretty much the change on 10 the striping we will have. 11 12 13 MR. LEVITON: Alright that's very clear, thank you sir. 14 15 MR. HALARI: No problem. 16 17 MR. LEVITON: Okay. 18 MR. HALARI: There's no new site improvement. We have 19 architectural plan for the facility. So this is our architectural plan 20 21 which shows the first floor and the mezzanine space. 22 MR. LICATA: And Bhaskar if I could just interrupt is that 23 a pre-marked exhibit or should that be? 24 25 26 MR. HALARI: No this one is not pre-marked. This we will call it A3. 27 28 29 MS. MOENCH: It was previously submitted. 30 MR. HALARI: Yes, no it was submitted as. 31 32 33 MR. LICATA: Okay just wanted to make sure you have it. 34 MR. HALARI: Yes. 35 36 37 MR. MARMERO: It's part of our submission package we don't need to label it. 38 39 40 MR. HALARI: Yeah no this is part of submission package. So I have just zoomed into the first floor design of the facility. The 41 entrance is on the left side where my mouse is there's a main entrance 42

into the facility. There is a small office at the front area let me

just zoom in more maybe you can read a little better. So as you see

there is this the front office area.

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MR. LEVITON: I hate to interrupt, but I don't think we have this as part of the digital record. I don't think I've seen this document.

MR. SHALIKAR: We did not.

MR. HALARI: It should be there.

MR. LEVITON: I'm not questioning whether you submitted it. I'm questioning whether it's been uploaded to the digital file and it's not a big deal either way we'll mark it in the present if we have to.

MR. LICATA: It's one of these right?

MS. MOENCH: Thank you.

MR. MARMERO: And we'll label it A3 architectural rendering. Is that sufficient for you?

MR. LICATA: That would be great.

MR. HALARI: So this zoomed in area of the building shows the main entrance to the site. They have an office then a service counter then a lobby area where parents of the kids or somebody can come and have a meeting. There is two restrooms and then rest of the facility is a large, open area quite honestly and the applicant will be able to actually tell you more about the use and how this facility will operate and then on the mezzanine has a small office area and rest is basically a large open room. Again they will be able to explain better the use of the spaces that they have. That is ——

MR. LEVITON: Thank you very much.

MR. LICATA: I suppose if there are any questions for him.

MR. LEVITON: We're going to hold off on the professional's questions and the board's questions until the end.

MR. LICATA: Sure.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MR}}.$ LEVITON: We're going to let you present the whole shabang.

MR. LICATA: I would ask Albert Walker to come in and be

 sworn.

MR. LEVITON: Mr. Walker is the principal?

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2	MR. LICATA: Yes.
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4	MR. MARMERO: Mr. Walker do you swear the testimony you
5	provide tonight will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but
6	the truth?
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8	MR. WALKER: I do.
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10	MR. MARMERO: Okay.
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12	MR. LEVITON: Welcome Mr. Walker get comfortable.
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14 15	MR. LICATA: Albert you're a principal of the proposed tenant are you not?
_	tenant are you not:
16 17	MR. WALKER: Correct.
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19	MR. LICATA: So you're familiar with how it's business
20	would operate?
21	would operate.
22	MR.WALKER: Yes sir.
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24	MR. LICATA: On a day-to-day basis and this is a franchise
25	that would train youth athletes.
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27	MR. WALKER: Correct.
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29	MR. LICATA: People who play sports both for school teams
30	and travel teams?
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32	MR. WALKER: That is correct.
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34	MR. LICATA: But who want extra training to enhance their
35	abilities outside of the team-organized training sessions?
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37	MR. WALKER: Correct.
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39	MR. LICATA: Okay and what would be your hours of
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42	MR. WALKER: Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 8:00.
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44	MR. LICATA: Okay and what about on Saturdays or Sundays?
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MR. LICATA: Okay and the athletes that you train is it by arrangement, is it a walk-in style business how do you manage that?

MR. WALKER: Yeah so it's not walk-in at all. All our training hours and training appointments is through the app. It's only hour appointments so you have to set up appointments prior to coming.

MR. LICATA: And in terms of the scheduling of the athletes would it be fair to say it's not like a typical gym where people just come and they take sports equipment or weights and work out on their own? It's an instructional training facility is that right?

MR. WALKER: Correct. It's group sessions, semi-group sessions, and private sessions as well.

MR. LICATA: Okay and the age range of the athletes that you train are?

MR. WALKER: From eight to eighteen.

MR. LICATA: Eight to eighteen okay and you schedule classes and sessions so you know how many people or students are on site at a given time. How do you size those classes?

MR. WALKER: So the classes are set by again by the app. So as an athlete wants to make an appointment they'll go on the app and say okay I want to come at 5:00. Once they schedule and ping that appointment it comes back to us we actually know how many kids are coming at 5:00. Let's say for instance it's ten kids or let's say twelve kids coming in at 5:00 at that time we'll have about the ratio is ten to one. For every ten athletes you have one to two trainers. So with that being said if you have twelve athletes you have about two trainers on deck ready to go.

MR. LICATA: Okay got it and as you mentioned it's effectively one hour sessions that are scheduled? And your average class size runs?

MR. WALKER: Ten to fifteen.

MR. LICATA: Ten to fifteen.

MR. WALKER: On peak hours.

MR. LICATA: On peak times? Okay so sometimes it could be less than that?

1	MR.	WALKER:	Correct.
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3	MR.	LICATA:	Okay, but that would be your peak time?
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5	MR.	WALKER:	Correct.
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16	MR.	LICATA:	And based on your business model do you find
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19	MR.	WALKER:	Correct.
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21	MR.	LICATA:	As opposed to seek to remain on site?
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23			We have a small number of parents that want to
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29	MR.	LICATA:	And would you be scheduling any regional
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32	MR.	WALKER:	No not at all.
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34	MR.	LICATA:	It's just not what you do?
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36	MR.	WALKER:	No we don't have the space for it either.
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38			With regard to your staff I think you said you
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43	MR	LICATA:	Ten kids and do some of those trainers also
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MR. WALKER: Yeah so as far as employees we're looking at 48 one front end manager and two trainers on hand at a given time and

that front end manager is also going to be the person that's going to help train and assist the trainers as well.

MR. LICATA: So when you look at the floor plan you have some large kind of open spaces, but I imagine you have special type of flooring and you run different agility, running exercises, throwing exercises. Can you just explain to the board how that space is utilized?

MR. WALKER: Right, so this layout right here is the mezzanine so this is the upstairs area. So the kids will come in, go upstairs first which is that gray area is all turf. It's real turf like NFL, college that's what we have right there. The kids will go up there warm up. They do stretching, jogging, anything to get themselves warmed up. From that point on they'll go downstairs to the main level. The main level has a weight room as well. Also has another turf area as well that's where the real training goes though. So they will train there speed, agility, injury prevention then got the weight room.

MR. LICATA: Can you get it a little further down?

MR. WALKER: Yeah I'm trying.

MR. LICATA: Perfect.

 $$\operatorname{MR.}$$ WALKER: So as you see here it's the weight room. We will have.

MR. LICATA: That's the bottom right hand corner of the darker shade.

MR. WALKER: Yeah. That right there is the actual weight room so we'll have full racks there, state-of-the-art equipment for the kids to work out with the weights and get strengthening and strength there. This area here is where the training actually speed, agility, injury prevention all that calisthenics will be done in this area right here.

MR. LICATA: And Redline Athletics that's a franchise

 right?

MR. WALKER: Correct it's a national franchise.

MR. LICATA: About how many locations are there?

MR. WALKER: Right now there's roughly about sixty.

MR. LICATA: Around the country?

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1 2	I	MR.	WALKER:	Around the country.
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4	I	MR.	LICATA:	So there are standards that you have to uphold $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ $
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7		MR.	WALKER:	Correct and there's also one in Jersey
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19	I	MR.	WALKER:	Yes.
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21	I	MR.	LICATA:	Anything else you'd like to share with the
22	board?			
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24	I	MR.	WALKER:	No.
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26	I	MR.	LICATA:	Those are all the direct questions I have Mr.
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29	I	MR.	LEVITON:	Thank you sir.
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31	I	MR.	LICATA:	Thank you.
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33	I	MR.	LEVITON:	Bring Mr. Higgins or whomever.
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45	I	MR.	MARMERO:	Mr. Rea if I'll get you sworn in and do you
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1		MR.	REA: I do.	
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6		MR.	REA: Traffic and parking.	
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8			MARMERO: Traffic and parking and you've	e testified
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15		MR.	LEVITON: The board recognizes Mr. Rea's	credentials.
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17		MR.	REA: Thank you.	
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19		MR.	LEVITON: And we welcome him back.	
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21		MR.	LICATA: Thank you.	
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23		MR.	REA: Thank you.	
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25	1 +66:		LICATA: John you've prepared a study of	: the parking
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30		MR	LICATA: Could you summarize that for the	ne board?
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32		MR.	REA: Okay well I was involved in the ir	nitial
33	application		Mr. Halari testified to that, just mov	
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35		MR.	LICATA: It's going to give you the site	e plan.
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37		MR.	REA: The site plan okay. I was involved	l in the

MR. REA: The site plan okay. I was involved in the original application that was approved that resulted in the approval for the two new buildings. Mr. Halari has gone over that at the beginning of the presentation so I was involved with the project from the outset. What I did for this particular application you've heard the testimony from Mr. Walker regarding the athletic endeavors that are going to take place in the building. The hours of operation, the days that are going the facility is going to be in operation they're very compatible with the other land uses and the industrial park. When I did the original application for the industrial park I did go through the industrial park we did a pretty detailed traffic and parking analysis and there are no traffic issues within the industrial

park today and if this application is approved I do not believe there 1 will be any parking issues in the future. As part of the new application that was approved there are twenty-six new parking spaces that have been approved and are under construction in the vicinity of the building that Mr. Walker is going to be a tenant. So we've got 5 twenty-six new spaces there. Across the street there's some industrial 6 users I can tell you there were five users: a pool company, a custom 7 sign company, home improvement company. Typical tenants that would be 8 in the light industrial park. Those tenants across the street on the 9 south side of Center Street have a combined staff those five tenants 10 have a combined staff of twenty-one people and I can tell you that in 11 the immediate vicinity of the new building and the parking that is 12 provided for those other tenants on the south side of Center Street we 13 have a total of approximately seventy-five parking spaces so with the 14 parking demands that Mr. Walker's operation is going to put on the 15 site which is going to be off peak anyway, but what I'm essentially 16 saying is even if he were to run this operation at the same time that 17 those other tenants in the area are generating their peak parking we 18 wouldn't have a parking issue. There's plenty of parking in that area 19 of the industrial park and like I said the seventy-five parking spaces 20 21 that will be in the vicinty of the new building and the existing buildings on the south side of Center Street you're going to see a 22 combined parking demand of probably twenty-one parking spaces during 23 the day when the other tenants are busy and in the evening when Mr. 24 Walker's application is up and running probably thirty, thirty-five 25 parking spaces so the parking spaces that are in that area of the 26 industrial park will be more than adequate. 27

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MR. LICATA: Thank you John.

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MR. LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Rea.

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MR. REA: Thank you.

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MR. LEVITON: Jim.

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MR. LEVITON: Welcome back Mr. Higgins.

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MR. HIGGINS: Thank you.

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MR. MARMERO: Raise your right hand I'll get your sworn in. Do you swear your testimony tonight will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

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MR. HIGGINS: I do.

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MR. MARMERO: Okay and you've testified here before this

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 $\,$ MR. HIGGINS: Yes I've testified before this board and the planning board on numerous occasions.

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 $$\operatorname{MR.}$ LEVITON: This board recognizes and accepts $\operatorname{Mr.}$ Higgins.

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MR. HIGGINS: For the record my license is still current.

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MR. LICATA: Thank you Jim. Could you give the board an overview of the use variance relief we're seeking and address both the positive and negative criteria?

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MR. HIGGINS: Yes surely. Well this site is a site in three separate zones; one in Englishtown and two in Manalapan. The two zones in Manalapan are residential zones, however, the portion of the site that's in Manalapan actually has use variance approval for light industrial use and flex space. So while it's technically within a residential zone the use that's permitted on the site is light industrial and flex space. What's being proposed by this applicant is a use that typically is located in areas of light industrial use primarily because the buildings are much better suited to this type of operation with the higher ceilings, the larger open spaces inside, in addition the proximity of the parking to the building. All of those things I think are conducive to a recreational use such as this so I've been in my career probably involved in reviewing for municipalities or in working for applicants who are up to thirty such facilities and the vast majority are in light industrial zones because of the fact that the buildings are particularly suited to this type of use. So when I look at it first of all I think that it is a D1 variance and one of the criteria is whether or not the site is particularly suited to the use. In this case, I think the site is particularly suited to the use particularly since you have a building that has a high ceiling, it has a large open space, and has adequate parking associated with it so that I think that that test of the D1 variance is met. In addition the application itself I think advances a number of purposes of the municipal land use law because you do have a recreational use. That recreational use does promote the public health and the general welfare and that's one of the purposes of the municipal land use law in section 40-55D2A and that's to encourage municipal action to guide appropriate use or development of all lands in the state in a manner which will promote the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare and it clearly advances that purpose. In addition I think this application also advances purpose D of the municipal land use law which is to ensure the development of individual municipalities does not conflict with development and general welfare of neighboring municipalities, the county, and the state as a whole and more particularly this is an industrially-

approved site. What's being proposed here is a recreational use that 1 does not involve truck traffic as you heard Mr. Rea talk about. It does not and the applicant also that the hours of operation are somewhat offset from the hours of operation of the other uses on the site and all the traffic comes through Englishtown. So the impact on traffic in Englishtown in my opinion is going to be less than if this were developed, this portion of this building, were used as flex space 7 or light industrial use. Particularly since you would not have trucks 8 coming to and from the site and you would not have activity coming to 9 and from the site during the peak traffic hours in the morning. So I 10 think it advances that purpose. Also, to provide purpose G is to 11 provide sufficient space and appropriate locations for a variety of 12 uses including recreational uses and again clearly what's being 13 proposed here is to utilize sufficient space in an appropriate 14 location for a recreational use. So I think it advances that purpose 15 of the land use law and then finally not to bore you with all the 16 purposes of the land use law, but purpose M is to encourage the 17 coordination of various public and private procedures and activities 18 shaping land development with the view of lessening the cost of such 19 development and in this case by utilizing a building that's already 20 approved and I believe it's under construction at this point in time 21 rather than constructing an entirely new building does lessen the cost 22 of development and advances that purpose. With regard to the negative 23 impact I don't see any substantial negative impact to either the zone 24 plan of Manalapan or to surrounding properties. I think the nearest 25 residential uses to this building are over three hundred feet away and 26 in fact this use is much less intensive than if it were a flex space 27 or a light industrial use. So I don't think it has any substantial 28 impact on surrounding properties and as far as the zone plan this site 29 is already re-zoned basically. It's designated for a use that's not a 30 residential use which is what the zoning is. It's designated for light 31 industrial use and quite frankly should this use abandon the site, 32 abandon the site at some point in the future the building would be 33 34 clearly suitable for a light industrial use or flex space so there's no substantial negative impact on either the approved use of the site 35 or on the zone plan. So when I look at that I think there are special 36 reasons for granting the variance and I don't see any substantial 37 negative impact. 38

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MR. LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Higgins.

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MR. LICATA: Thank you Jim. Mr. Chairman that would complete our affirmative presentation.

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MR. LEVITON: Mr. Higgins why don't you sit there for a minute because I'm going to go to our professionals now and I'm going to start with Ms. Rodriguez our planner and ask her before she begins, do you take exception to anything that Mr. Higgins testified to?

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MS. RODRIGUEZ: No, we agree with the testimony provided. Just wanted to point out that while the use is not permitted it is a typical reuse of this space so it's not something that we're looking to exclude so it makes sense in the site.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Boccanfuso?

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Thank you Mr. Chairman. A couple of questions I don't think any of them are for Mr. Higgins so maybe I'll just ask them, let Pete decide who's the best person to answer them. I think the first two questions are probably going to be best answered by Mr. Walker. The architectural plans that were presented as well as there was a colored floor plan rendering that was submitted with the application package both depict multiple doorways in the front and rear of the building. So I guess the question is are there any outdoor activities whatsoever associated with the operation?

MR. WALKER: No.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: So all training is conducted inside?

MR. WALKER: Inside.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Obviously the coming and going of your customers, but aside from that there's never a day hey it's nice outside let's do some training outside always indoors?

MR. WALKER: Everything inside.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Excellent okay.

MR. LICATA: And to your point Brian I think I can stipulate for the board based on a prior TRC meeting that we would be if the project was approved, revising the plans to eliminate a number of those doors. It's just being superfluous because they were typically shown on a building in the abstract not knowing its specific use. Given that this use does not need and frankly would not want to have multiple ingress and egress points we would be removing those extraneous doors.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: And that's fine I mean obviously you need some doors for egress to comply with the building codes and such.

MR. LICATA: Yeah I think Mr. Halari would weigh in on that

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MR. HALARI: Basically what it is because it was designed as a flex space we had a unit which are twenty-five feet wide so there was one door for each of those units. So this actually they're taking four units that's why show it as four door there. They will not be using all of those doors. We will either lock them because they're not going to use it except for emergency exit as you just mentioned. It is required.

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MR. BOCCANFUSO: Great. Similarly, windows and/or HVAC units? Is it comparable to equivalent or perhaps equivalent to the previously approved industrial uses? Is there something different here? I mean with the athletic facility do they need enhanced air conditioning or anything of that nature?

MR. HALARI: Yes that's correct. So when we planned originated obviously on a flex space you have a very small office in the front. So we'd have window PTAC unit because the office is only two hundred square feet, but now given this space will be used for athletic they will have to have a heating and air conditioning --- space because everything will be air conditioned. So in that case what we would be doing is we will be using a split system like you normally have in the house and you'll have a condenser that will have to be placed behind the building and the air handler unit will be suspended from the ceiling. So that is how we will provide heating and air conditioning for this place.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: So none of that equipment will be on the exterior of the roof? It's either on the ground or mounted inside the building?

MR. HALARI: Correct and nothing on the roof yes.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Great and you can get that as I'm sure you'll recall there was some stream corridor buffer relief associated with the previous application you can get that condenser unit or units what have you within that area without further encroaching on that regulated area?

MR. HALARI: Correct yeah because we have a real emergency exit door also so this will be basically right next to them in between the exits.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Great next question I think may also be for Mr. Walker. Mr. Walker you indicated that expected hours of operation perhaps this is a question for our attorney and board members as well, anticipated hours of operation are 3:00 to 8:00 during the week, 8:00 to 1:00 on Saturday, not open on Sunday I assume the truncated hours on Monday through Friday are due to the fact that

you have school children so they have school during the day, in the morning?

MR. WALKER: Correct.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Let's say and I think we all hope you're wildly successful I mean if you wanted to extend your hours to say 10:00PM or perhaps operate on weekends or Saturday evenings. I mean is that something they would be precluded from doing as part of this approval or?

MR. MARMERO: No, I mean only if the hours were a condition that the board attached to the approval. I mean as long as the hours fit in with all of our other ordinance requirements I mean they'd be fine. So they'd only be pigeon holed to what Mr. Walker said if you guys made that a condition of approval.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Understood and I mean it's not really an engineering question I don't think. I can't see any way that that pertains to engineering I just wanted to make sure the record's clear because if the application is approved I think that everyone would want Mr. Walker and his operation to be successful so it would be a shame that if he couldn't extend his hours because of a condition that the board inadvertently imposed on him so I just want to make sure that's clear.

MR. MARMERO: Yeah it wouldn't be locked in unless it appears as a condition in our resolution which locks him in.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Understood. I have two more questions I think they're both going to be for Mr. Rea.

MR. LEVITON: Just a second, just a second so to be clear as long as we don't stipulate that it's a condition.

MR. MARMERO: Right I think that Mr. Licata was illicit in the testimony I think you were trying to get the expected hours I guess the typical hours. Sometimes if hours of operation let's say there's some kind of noisy use that is appearing before you sometimes as a condition you may allow that use, you may grant them relief condition upon them only operating under certain hours. I think you were just trying to kind of give the board an idea of what the hours would be.

 MR. LICATA: That's correct. We were trying to give you a typical picture. We would prefer not to have it be a strict limitation or condition.

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MR. LEVITON: Okay because like Mr. Boccanfuso stated we don't, we want to see you successful and if the board was so inclined to approve the variance relief that you need we don't want to pigeontoe hold you. If you want to extend your hours or operate on Sundays I wouldn't have a problem so long as Mr. Rea would indicate that there would be no harmful impacts on the surrounding businesses or community.

 $\,$ MR. REA: Definitely not on a Sunday or extended hours on a Saturday when most of the other tenants in the industrial park are not very active at all.

MR. LEVITON: Then we're not going to make it a condition and let's just check with Ms. Rodriguez. Do you have any objection?

MS. RODRIGUEZ: No.

 MR. LEVITON: Okay then. We won't make it a condition of approval so you'll operate your business as you see fit. Going forward should we grant you the relief that you need, gentlemen while we're talking about it does anybody object?

MR. POCHOPIN: No objections.

MR. LEVITON: Okay, Brian back to you.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Great thank you and just for your information board members the typical ordinance requirement that applies to every business in the town, but for liquor-serving establishments, if you invite members of the public which this one albeit by appointment this one does it's 11:00PM to 7:00AM you're not permitted to operate. So those would be the hours required by zoning if you don't stipulate any other requirements.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you sir.

 MR. BOCCANFUSO: Yup. Mr. Rea welcome back. You performed an assessment of the parking, provided some testimony on it I'm not sure if I caught it was there any assessment performed on the anticipated or known uses within building two itself?

MR. REA: The new building?

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Yes.

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MR. REA: This will be the first tenant as I understand it. The balance of the building has been approved for permitted uses, light industrial, flex type uses.

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MR. BOCCANFUSO: So based upon the assumption that those'll be a permitted use your opinion is still that there would be sufficient parking in the immediate vicinity of this building and unit to support the proposed use?

MR. REA: Yes.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Okay and of course just so the board's aware, if it's not a permitted use assuming its going to be in the portion of this building that's in Manalapan they would be back before us and we'd have another opportunity to assess the parking at that time.

MR. LEVITON: Hold on Brian. Is all of this portion of the building contained within Manalapan?

MR. REA: Yes.

MR. LICATA: Yes.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: All of this portion yes, yes it is. Would you agree that the parking for the other building that's been approved and is currently under construction is far enough away that it would not interfere with the parking at this building?

MR. REA: I would agree and I'm pretty certain we would never need any of that parking.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Understood.

MR. LEVITON: And for the record Mr. Rea the other building that Mr. Boccanfuso referenced is on display in the courtroom. It is also copper in color correct?

MR. REA: That is correct and it's on the east side of the property backing up to Manalapan.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you sir.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: And the last question I have Mr. Rea I know your report dealt primarily with parking just the parking demand and availability on site, didn't really get into traffic so to speak. Did you perform any assessment or can you provide any opinion as to whether the traffic generated by the proposed use would have any

adverse impact on the site or the surrounding area and/or whether the approved building one, the larger building, whether the traffic associated with that building would interfere with the operations at this building?

MR. REA: Given the off-peak hours that the athletic facility will operate at and the detailed traffic study that we did do for the new buildings that were approved and that application may have been in front of the planning board if I'm not mistaken. We did do a detailed traffic study and all of that traffic as the board members know and I think Mr. Halari testified it all comes through Englishtown Borough. No streets in Manalapan will be impacted. The two major county roads of course are 527 Wilson Avenue and Route 522 that will bring people to the industrial park and we did do a detailed traffic study for the original application. I certainly do not believe that the impacts from this operation will negatively impact any of the roads servicing the site.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: How about within the site itself? Do you think that there would be any conflicts with the proposed operations versus the other building?

MR. REA: No I think we agreed to move the crosswalk. I think that was a good suggestion. I think quite frankly parking that will be necessary for this operation will all be probably contained on the north side of Center Street. There'll be no need to have anybody even cross over Center Street based on the operation, the staffing, and the fact that most of the children will be dropped off and picked up by parents and guardians. I don't see there being any need for people to park on the south side of Center Street. The parking is there if it's required, but I don't think it's going to be needed.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Great thank you. Mr. Chairman that's all I have. I mean there really isn't anything not really there isn't anything proposed outside the footprint of the building that wasn't previously approved and was reviewed at length by my office and the NJDEP I would point out. So I think the engineering-specific items really pertain to parking and traffic which I don't take any exception to Mr. Rea's testimony.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: That's all I have.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you sir.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Sure.

MR. LEVITON: Mr. Licata can you confirm that the traffic testimony was before this board or the planning board?

MR. LICATA: I believe it was before this board because we're in a residential zone and we needed a use variance to expand the industrial park.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you sir. Alright let's go out to the board and see what our members think and we're going to start on your end sir, Michael. Mr. Wechsler you're up.

MR. WECHSLER: No questions sir.

MR. LEVITON: Mr. Pochopin?

MR. POCHOPIN: So this is a very, very great concept for Manalapan. In general how would you say this could benefit the community of Manalapan? I know you said you have to make appointments. It's not a walk-in facility.

MR. WALKER: Correct.

MR. POCHOPIN: So I mean any positive for the community

itself?

MR. WALKER: For the community itself?

MR. POCHOPIN: Yeah.

 MR. LEVITON: Mr. Walker I just want to remind Dan that their planner testified to that. The principal, can't testify like the professional planner did. He said that it advanced four I believe he enumerated purposes of the MLUL. That's satisfactory if you'll repeat them for us Mr. Higgins. I know Ms. Rodriguez took no exception, but if you'll just briefly talk about the positive criteria that's already on the record.

MR. HIGGINS: Yeah the four purposes. The first is to advance the general welfare and the public health and again by having this type of facility clearly it advances the public health by training young athletes and getting them in top physical condition and also I think that advances the general welfare. The second would be to assure that the development on a site does not adversely impact a development in the adjacent municipality and my testimony was by the fact that this was a much lower intensity use. It doesn't involve truck traffic and all the traffic coming into the site comes through Englishtown so if anything it would be a benefit to Englishtown as opposed to having an industrial use in this portion of the building.

The other one would be encourage the coordination of various public and private procedures towards lessening the cost of development and again by using a building that's already approved rather than approving and constructing a new building definitely lessens the cost of development and the other one would be for the appropriate, providing sufficient space and appropriate locations for a variety of uses including recreational uses and clearly this site is an appropriate location for a recreational use. So the application does provide sufficient space and an appropriate location for the use.

MR. LEVITON: And Mr. Higgins I would ask Ms. Beahm the board's regular planner, but in her absence I don't know how familiar Ms. Rodriguez is with our community, can you testify sir to your knowledge about other indoor training facilities here in Manalapan Township?

MR. HIGGINS: I don't know if there are any others in Manalapan Township or not. I really can't testify to that, but the fact that this is a facility that is somewhat unique in that it is first of all all of the activities are all done by appointment. They're not done by - - - large groups coming in groups and training. You don't have special events. It's really a very professional operation. It's geared towards having the athletes develop their athletic prowess and that is somewhat unique in my experience. So I think that there is a definite benefit to that and again I've got experience with numerous type recreational facilities such that are similar in that they require large open spaces, high roofs, and so on and I think they, this facility is ideally suited for that and will be a benefit not just to the residents of Manalapan, but to the residents of the entire immediate area of the site.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you sir. Dan back to you.

MR. POCHOPIN: So thank you for that, appreciate it. We'll leave out the construction end of it like you said our engineer already answered about no condensing units up on the roof or anything like that for noise for the residential area and then I guess our engineering also will look at the fire systems and all everything like that, sprinkler because you have such high ceilings and all for the safety of all the kids inside there and also. No further questions, thank you.

MR. LEVITON: Thanks Dan and Dan just so you know right probably before you joined our board I think it was May 2022 the applicant, not this applicant, but I believe it was Mr. Halari was before our board and we granted him the use variances to put these buildings up and approve their site plans, Mr. Mantagas.

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MR. MANTAGAS: My question is for Mr. Walker. Is this specific training, condition training or sports-oriented, each sport individually like you would train a kid or a person?

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MR. WALKER: Not quite so it's basically if you're doing a group session that group session is also going to deal with working that group out and strengthening, agilities, speed for that particular group. So it's not saying you play football, basketball you're going to be training just for football or basketball. Now if you want that that would be a private session or a semi-group session. Right so if we have five let's say football players that come in and they're wide receivers then okay obviously that would be, that training would be geared to them.

MR. MANTAGAS: I see so you would target specific people for different types of training.

MR. WALKER: Correct.

MR. MANTAGAS: In other words if somebody came in for baseball, you would do baseball basketball, hockey, or just football. Just strengthening, but any sport?

MR. WALKER: Any sport.

MR. MANTAGAS: Any sport okay.

MR. WALKER: Also kids that haven't engaged in sports, but they want to and have the will and want to play right? So now we have to teach them how to throw, how to catch, how to run, how to run properly, how to lift weight properly.

MR. MANTAGAS: Right, right.

MR. WALKER: So that would be also something that we engage in.

MR. MANTAGAS: Great thank you, thank you for clearing that

 up.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Mantagas, Mr. Shalikar?

MR. SHALIKAR: I have no questions.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you.

MR. SHALIKAR: You're welcome.

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3	MR.	GREGOWICZ:	And	after	hearing	testimony	from	the

professionals and applicant I have no questions.

MR. LEVITON: Thank you Bob. Well Mr. Walker I have, I have to tell you that I'm glad that you spoke to us about the mezzanine having the artificial turf upstairs and its intended purpose for stretching because I had envisioned it up until that point as something like a movie theater's mezzanine with seating to overlook kids training. So there let's just be clear there is no seating up there? There's no place for parents to sit and watch their children train?

MR. WALKER: No.

MR. LEVITON: Okay and I'm confident that somebody testified about the flow plan, but I must have zoned out for a minute no pun intended and I'm not sure what the corner in the bottom left.

MR. WALKER: An office.

MR. LEVITON: Oh it's just office so there's no coffee bar? There's no juice being sold or water?

MR. WALKER: No there is a merchandise.

MR. LICATA: Counter.

MR. WALKER: Counter that's on the first floor in the lobby area.

MR. LEVITON: Merchandise, but not refreshments or soft drinks?

MR. WALKER: No just t-shirts with the franchise logo on it, hoodies, hats that kind of stuff.

MR. LEVITON: I have nothing further. I'm going to go out to the public. There are folks in attendance and I'm going to invite you at this time to come up and ask any of the professionals who entered testimony on the record tonight questions about their testimony or if you would like you can address the board. Hello sir. Before you speak Mr. Marmero will swear you in and there's a microphone there that you'll take.

MR. MARMERO: Good evening sir. Raise your right hand. Do you swear the testimony that you will provide tonight will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

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MR. CATUOGNO: Absolutely.

MR. MARMERO: Okay and if you could provide your name and address for the board please.

MR. CATUOGNO: Hi my name is Michael Catuogno. I live at 34 Eliot Road. I am one of the residential people that live behind the industrial park. Since they started building that park I had a bad.

MR. LEVITON: Please spell your name for the record.

MR. CATUOGNO: C-A-T-U-O-G-N-O.

MR. LEVITON: Mr. Catuogno please continue.

MR. CATUOGNO: The environmental impact on the residents in that area directly behind the park has been affected by flooding. Every time it rains now the streets are flooded thirty feet up my driveway and I have roaring rapids going down the side of my house. Something has to be done if you're going to continue building in Manalapan. I don't know if these people here are making arrangements to help clear the area and stop adding more water to the drainage area. McGellairds Brook isn't a brook anymore it's a river. By my house, behind my house it's fifty feet wide and fifty feet deep, but if you go on Eliot Road its like three feet deep and three feet wide. As it goes down further past my house towards the complex it gets smaller so somethings going on down there. Either its clogged up the area or from them building the industrial park they clogged up something with their waste.

MR. LEVITON: Mr. Catuogno I have heard your concerns.

MR. CATUOGNO: If you would like to see a video? I have a video here.

MR. LEVITON: No I understand what you've said. It's not necessary unless you feel compelled to put it on the record, I will allow it.

MR. CATUOGNO: Sure I'll show you the video.

MR. LEVITON: Do we have the capacity to do that Ms.

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MR. CATUOGNO: Its on my phone, two minutes.

MR. LEVITON: We don't have the wherewithal to upload it and show it universally so I'm going to stop that, but I have heard you and I hope that you were paying attention I'm going to repeat a few things that were on the record this evening. First, your home is behind building one not building two. Building two is more north and west from building one. It's not approximate to your backyard.

MR. CATUOGNO: Okay.

MR. LEVITON: Or to Eliot Road or to your street. Moreover tonight the only thing being considered by this board is whether we're going to allow a use that isn't permitted in the zone and only because the folks who wrote the ordinance didn't think to include it and that's what this board's for. We want here in the township we want to be favorable to business. We want to be sensitive to your needs as well. So what I'm going to do for you since their site plan is not before us this evening only the use I will ask Mr. Boccanfuso to address your concern because he represents Manalapan Township. We pay him to. Last time when the complex was granted a site plan and their use variance we trusted Mr. Boccanfuso that there would be no negative impacts as it related to flooding nearby so Mr. Boccanfuso what can you tell us about that?

MR, CATUOGNO: Can I say one more thing?

MR. LEVITON: Yes.

 MR. CATUOGNO: You say where I live is not impacted by them if you go up Farmtree Road and I can see their development. Behind my house off of Farmtree Road that water that's coming down into McGellairds is draining right directly behind my house from that area to the storm drains in the street. The same in front of my house. All the storm drains are connected together through the drain in front of my house. So that water from up there is hitting the back of my house and the one next to my house is hitting behind that so it's overflowing that stream. So it definitely somethings coming from up in that area.

MR. LEVITON: Are you an engineer sir?

MR. CATUOGNO: I'm sorry?

MR. LEVITON: Are you an engineer?

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MR. CATUOGNO: I really can't hear you I'm sorry.

MR. LEVITON: Are you an engineer?

MR. CATUOGNO: You don't mind if I approach you?

MR. LEVITON: Not at all. I'm asking are you an engineer?

MR. CATUOGNO: I'm an electrical engineer.

MR. LEVITON: Electrical. Okay yeah you have to talk into the mic.

 $\,$ MR. CATUOGNO: I'm an electrical engineer. I'm not a mechanical engineer no.

MR, LEVITON: Okay and I'm not uncomfortable, but I would like you to step back to where you were.

MR. CATUOGNO: Sure I'm sorry.

 $\,$ MR. LEVITON: Just for decorum sake we'll defer now to Mr. Boccanfuso and illicit his thoughts.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Of course thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you, thank you Mr. Catuogno. Certainly I'm sympathetic to the flooding problems experiencing. I can tell you I work both as this board's engineer, the planning board engineer, and also as a representative of the township engineer's office so I wear multiple hats in the town. I can tell you that recently in the past month or so we've had two tremendous storm events that have caused flooding all over town. With regard to this project specifically as the Chairman indicated both my office and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection reviewed the stormwater management design for the proposed improvements, it meets all local and state regulations. That requires this applicant to not only manage stormwater, but to in fact reduce peak flows when you analyze stormwater that runs through the site and through the stormwater management facilities. Further in looking at the flood maps it appears that your property is if it's not in a mapped flood zone, a FEMA-mapped flood zone, it is very close to a mapped flood zone. Do you know if you're in a?

MR. CATUOGNO: It is now.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: No are you required to have flood insurance?

MR. CATUOGNO: Yes I am.

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MR. BOCCANFUSO: Okay so you're actually in a flood zone so I mean it's not surprising to me that ---

MR. LEVITON: Ma'am you have not been invited to ask, you're not sworn in. I need to speak. It's okay.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: If you'd like to you'll have an opportunity after Mr. Catuogno's done, okay.

MR. CATUOGNO: Now it's gotten worse.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: No I'm not talking about the frequency of the flooding. FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Association, generates maps that actually locate specific areas either in or outside of a flood zone. The DEP does the same and I'm looking at that right now and it appears that your property is pretty much surrounded on three sides by a flood zone a regulated and - - - which would require you to get flood insurance.

MR. CATUOGNO: We had gone to Freehold to get the map.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Okay.

MR. CATUOGNO: And they showed us that we are in the flood zone and FEMA we had to get our flood insurance through FEMA.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Okay.

MR. CATUOGNO: Actually when we did get flooded back in --- FEMA came and took care of us a little bit.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Of course, yup.

MR. CATUOGNO: Now the time it's gotten worse and worse and now it's even worse.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Sure.

 $\,$ MR. CATUOGNO: And I'm assuming its from the building of the industrial site.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Yes what I would tell you is that I mean we're going a little far --- with the flood zone. All I'm telling you is that from what I'm seeing I'm not surprised that you do experience flooding and I believe you that its gotten worse. I've heard that all over the state. Many clients that we work with just by virtue of the fact that weather patterns seem to be changing, but as it pertains

specifically to this project what I would tell you is first of all I don't believe that this is having any impact on you for a couple of reasons. First of all it does meet all the requirements. Second of all its downstream from you. The stream behind you flows towards this site not the other way. So it's unlikely that anything that's happening at this site is going to be impacting you. Now listen I believe you that there are issues here. I just don't think that it has anything to do with what's going on at this site.

MR. CATUOGNO: Thank you.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Of course.

MR. LEVITON: Mr. Boccanfuso thank you. You made that very clear and the board expresses it's condolences to you Catuogno's regarding your flooding issues. Is there anyone else from the public who would like to speak? Mrs. Catuogno would you like to come up?

MRS. CATUOGNO: No I don't think so, but thank you.

MR. LEVITON: You're welcome. Anyone else? Okay then at this time I'm going to close public and ask you Mr. Licata for summation.

MR. LICATA: Thank you. We appreciate the board's time and consideration. We hope that you will agree that this is a particularly well-suited, complementary use in the park that will alleviate some level of intensity downward from what's typically associated with industrial users and that it can be accomplished without doing substantial harm to the neighborhood or the zoning plan and we appreciate your time and consideration.

MR. LEVITON: Gentlemen it's a use variance and I want to be generous to the applicant. Mr. Walker has put a lot of time into the development of his business and I want to ensure that no one has any concerns that we need to discuss further prior to getting a motion and then voting on it. So let me just survey you quickly. Any concerns?

MR. GREGOWICZ: No if I had any concerns I would've addressed during the initial testimony.

MR. LEVITON: I'm going to back him up on that.

MR. SHALIKAR: Actually I have one more question.

MR. LEVITON: Joshua?

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1 MR. SHALIKAR: Yeah birthday parties?

MR. WALKER: Birthday parties?

MR. SHALIKAR: Are there going to be birthday parties at the facility?

MR. WALKER: No.

MR. SHALIKAR: Okay that was it, no concerns.

MR. LEVITON: Any major concerns gentlemen? Mr. Licata?

MR. LICATA: Thank you if I could be indulged just to ask the board to be polled in advance of taking the meeting.

MR. LEVITON: I'll take a straw poll. Just do me a favor let me know if you're inclined to vote up or down. Give me a ---

MR. SHALIKAR: You want a hand for an up?

MR. LEVITON: If you're inclined to say yes raise your hand. Let's just take a quick look.

MR. LICATA: Thank you.

MR. LEVITON: Okay so highly unusual not unheard of. Okay Mr. Marmero do you require anything further sir?

MR. MARMERO: No tonight I mean we really just have one variance we're seeking. A lot of times we have different variances that I sum up. This is simply a use variance. It requires positive and negative criteria. The applicant did get that testimony on the record. So really what you're voting on is whether you're going to grant this D1 use variance. We do have six members tonight. We do need five affirmative votes to grant such relief. In terms of conditions I usually like to make sure we put those on the record too. The only conditions that I've heard and we can discuss it and Mr. Licata if you have anything else you want to add you can let me know, but we did hear that as a condition because I don't think it showed up on the plans that the applicant will move the crosswalk east to coincide with this use and then we heard that the applicant would be willing to revise the plans to eliminate any unnecessary doors if needed. Those were the only conditions I heard you guys discuss.

MR. LEVITON: I don't think we should put the doors as a condition. It's good by me. If they want to lock them I don't care. Whatever they do it didn't matter to me. Brian did it matter to you? I

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12 13 14	anything els	MR. LEVITON: So we'll leave that off Albert. Is there se?	
15 16 17 18 19 20	would be to the applicar then of cour normal appli	MR. MARMERO: sounds really like any kind of motion grant a use variance for this proposed use condition upon the crosswalk east to accommodate this use and use all the other conditions that we attach to all of our cations any time. Any kind of outside agencies, anything making as for all of that stuff.	<u>-</u>
21 22 23		MR. LEVITON: Good enough.	
242526		MR. MARMERO: Anything to add Mr. Licata? MR. LICATA: No that sums it up completely thank you.	
27 28 29	ma'am.	MR. LEVITON: And Ms. Rodriguez anything further from you	Į
30 31 32		MS. RODRIGUEZ: No.	
333435	motion?	MR. LEVITON: Good stuff. Alright will someone make a	
36 37 38		MR. GREGOWICZ: I'll make the motion to approve the with the condition in regards to the crosswalk.	
39 40		MR. SHALIKAR: I'll second that.	
41 42 43	ROLL CALL	MR. LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Gregowicz and Mr. Shalikar.	
44 45 46		MS. MOENCH: Mr. Gregowicz?	

MR. GREGOWICZ: Yes.

MS. MOENCH: Mr. Shalikar? MR. SHALIKAR: Yes. MS. MOENCH: Mr. Mantagas? MR. MANTAGAS: Yes. MS. MOENCH: Mr. Pochopin? MR. POCHOPIN: Yes. MS. MOENCH: Mr. Wechsler? MR. WECHSLER: Yes. MS. MOENCH: Chair Leviton? MR. LEVITON: Congratulations Mr. Walker, much success sir. MR. LICATA: Thank you everybody. MR. LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Licata. Thank you board. At

MR. LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Licata. Thank you board. At this time I'm going to go out to the public and professionals the board thanks you very much. Ms. Rodriguez always a pleasure and Brian always, always a pleasure.

MR. BOCCANFUSO: Thank you.

MR. LEVITON: I'm going to go out to the public and ask if there's anyone in attendance who wants to address the board on non-agenda items. Seeing none I'll close public and before we adjourn this evening let's ask Mr. Marmero is there anything new that we need to be updated on?

MR. MARMERO: Nothing new. My morning is a little freer tomorrow because that's when the motion would've been, but per our discussion I guess two weeks ago we did withdraw the motion. I had a discussion with the township. They did promise there will be better communication now that that motion has been withdrawn the judge will set a briefing schedule and a hearing on the actual case itself. We just don't have that timeline just yet.

MR. LEVITON: And what about oh never mind you wouldn't. You're carbon copied on things related to Yum and Chill as well. That keeps getting moved back. Why is that?

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1	MR. MARMERO: The materials that we get from that attorney
2	don't say why, but I can tell you just from handling other cases in
3	other areas there is a shortage of judges just like there is in almost
4	any other profession. So a lot of matters are getting moved. Some
5	counties actually have had moratoriums on trial meaning unless it's
6	something emergent or some kind of criminal trial, trials just aren't
7	happening. Some of those moratoriums have been lifted now, but things
8	do continue to get moved. So that could be why, but I don't know for
9	sure because the letters only indicate that it's been moved.
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11	MR. LEVITON: Thank you Mr. Marmero. I have nothing
12	further. Gentlemen anything else for the good of the order before we
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15	MR. WECHSLER: No sir.
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17	MR. LEVITON: Someone move to adjourn.
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19	MR. MANTAGAS: So moved.
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21	MR. LEVITON: Thank you Basil. Goodnight everyone.
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