

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

MCPB Item # 4/1 /10



MEMORANDUM

DATE:

March 19, 2010

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA:

Rose Krasnow, Chief

Catherine Conlon, Subdivision Supervisor

Development Review Division

FROM:

Richard A. Weaver, Coordinator (301-495-4544) ZAW

Development Review Division

REVIEW TYPE:

Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, Consent Item

APPLYING FOR:

Request to revise previously approved ingress/egress easement on Lots 15

and 16, Block A, Piney Spring

PROJECT NAME: Piney Spring

CASE #:

11993043A

REVIEW BASIS:

Chapter 50, Montgomery County Subdivision Regulations

ZONE:

RE-2

LOCATION:

In the southeast corner of the intersection of Piney Meetinghouse Road

and Glen Road

MASTER PLAN:

Potomac Subregion

APPLICANT:

Eleanor Cain

ENGINEER:

Charles P. Johnson and Associates

FILING DATE:

March 9, 2010

HEARING DATE:

April 1, 2010

RECOMMENDATION: Approval to revise the alignment of the reciprocal ingress, egress and utility easement on Lot 15 and 16 as shown on Record Plat No. 20439, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The revised ingress, egress and utility easement across Lot 15 must be shown on a new record plat for the lot with proper reference to the abandonment of the existing easement.
- 2) The portion of the revised ingress, egress and utility easement on Lot 16 must be recorded by deed and the liber and folio for said deed must be referenced on the record plat required by Condition #1. No new plat for Lot 16 is required.
- 3) Applicant must submit a complete record plat application within 90 days of the date of mailing of the Resolution for this application.
- 4) The record plat must show all other necessary easements.

SITE DESCRIPTION

Lots 15 and 16, Block A, Piney Spring (Subject Property) represent two of the four lots approved as part of the Piney Spring Subdivision (119930430) in 1994. The total area of Lots 15 and 16 is 4.45 acres and they are zoned RE-2, as is the entire subdivision. Lots 15 and 16 are both currently owned by the Applicant. Lot 15 is vacant and Lot 16 has a one family structure on it. Access to Lot 16, Lot 15 and an adjacent lot, Lot 14, was approved to be by a shared driveway within a reciprocal ingress & egress easement and public utility easement. The alignment of that easement was ultimately set and shown on Record Plat No. 20439 (Attachment 1). Presently, a driveway within that easement only exists on Lot 16 where it serves the existing house. From Lot 16, the easement as shown on the record plat would have the driveway cross on to, and through, the center of Lot 15. The easement continues across Lot 15 and terminates at the northern property line of Lot 14, where the driveway would be able to cross on to Lot 14 and provide access for this lot to Piney Meetinghouse Road.

AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION

This consent item amendment proposes to revise the record plat for Lot 15 only, to realign the driveway and utility easement so that it does not cross so dramatically through the center of Lot 15. (Attachment 2) The proposed easement alignment would shift it to the west where it would parallel Piney Meetinghouse Road more closely leaving a larger buildable area for a house on Lot 15 while continuing to extend to Lot 14 and provide access to that lot.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A notice regarding the subject amendment was sent to all parties of record by the Applicant on March 2, 2010. The notice gave interested parties 15 days to review and comment on the amendment per the Development Review Manual. Staff received no inquiries or comments regarding the proposed amendment

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

This amendment deals solely with an element of a record plat and does not seek to amend the conditions of approval of preliminary plan 119930430. No additional lots are requested by this application and all previous findings for adequacy of public facilities, including; roads, utilities, emergency services, environmental protection and stormwater management remain valid. Likewise, all previous findings for conformance with the Potomac Subregion Master Plan, the Montgomery County Subdivision Regulations and the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance remain valid and the previous conditions of approval remain in full force and effect. Staff does note that Fire and Rescue Services will be reviewing the future structures on Lots 14 and 15 to assess current Fire and Rescue access standards. Should additional driveway construction be required for access, this may be accommodated outside of the easement area.

This application was submitted because the owner of Lot 15 preparing to sell to a prospective purchaser who finds the alignment of the existing easement less than desirable. The portion of the easement that is on Lot 16 will be marginally expanded to provide for the alignment of the new easement of Lot 15. Staff is not opposed to the expanded easement on Lot 16 being established solely by a recorded deed; however, staff believes that it is important to show the new easement alignment across Lot 15 on a new record plat for that lot because this easement will provide access to Lot 14 at a different location than shown on the current plat. The owner of Lot 14 is a party of record and was sent a copy of the amendment. The owner of Lot 14 is the brother of the Applicant. The Applicant has informed staff that he does not oppose the proposed re-alignment.

CONCLUSION

The revised ingress/egress easement proposed with this amendment complies with the preliminary plan that was approved by the Board. The easement continues to provide shared access to Piney Meetinghouse Road for all affected lots in a manner that is reasonable for each of them. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the re-alignment of the ingress, egress and utility easement as requested with the conditions recommended in this staff report.

Attachments

- 1) Record Plat No. 20439
- 2) Proposed Easement Alignment

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