

TO: All members of Star of Bethlehem
FROM: Master Site Plan Update Committee (“MSPUC”)
DATE: May 12, 2017
SUBJECT: Weekly update

BACKGROUND: The MSPUC was formed upon authorization by the Voters at the March 21, 2017 Special Voters’ Meeting. The first formal meeting of the MSPUC then took place the following day. The members of this Committee are:

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| Brad Wetzel (chair) | Katie Wegehaupt |
| Jon Maertz | Bill Wandschneider |
| Nathan Koepke | Eric Westin |
| Jesse Treuden | Tim Mueller (advisory) |
| Larry Schaefer Sr. | Gene Szaj (advisory) |
| Kim Peck | Pastor Jacob Schwartz (advisory) |

The initial order of business for this Committee was to retain an architectural firm (as authorized by Voters’ approval on 3/21/17) “to oversee the hiring of an architect and work with the architect to create an updated Master Site Plan . . . “ That process was completed during the week of May 1, 2017 with the selection of Excel Engineering. Our daily contact with that firm is now one of the principals of the firm, Mr. Tom Schermerhorn.

The most recent meeting (May 11) of the MSPUC explored with Mr. Schermerhorn several broad points:

- Need to communicate with the congregation on a weekly basis (thus the reason for this update!)
- Explore methods as to how best to gather information & solicit comments from our members
- Discussion of our future needs looking out 10, 20 years
- How to maximize our current land (footprint) versus needed expansion of square footage, green space, parking spaces, water retention requirements, etc.
- Are there any current maintenance projects (new roof, A/C, etc.) that should be incorporated into an updated Master Site Plan
- Requirements/implications regarding a two-story addition
- Can we purchase some land from our neighbor to the south (Baptist church)
- At this time, considering two broad footprints (one to our south and west, the other “wrapping” around the gym)

The May 11 meeting was not meant to make any preliminary decisions at this time – only to explore broad concepts.

The next meeting of the MSPUC is scheduled for May 16. We’ll have another update shortly thereafter.

By the way, if you have any thoughts/comments/suggestions, please email Brad Wetzel at: brad.wetzel@wlhs.org

Thank you!