

To: Acme Township Planning Commission

From: Sharon E. Vreeland, Township Manager

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Date: 10/16/09

Re: VGT-Phase I SUP #2009-1P Review Status Update

Staff processing of the VGT-Phase I application is underway. John Iacoangeli, Chris Grobbel of Beckett & Raeder and subcontractor Steve Deering from OHM are busy performing preliminary review of the overall application, environmental details and traffic details respectively.

I submitted 17 copies of the plans for the project to the County Planning office on October 2. These were distributed to the members of the County Land Development Review Committee in preparation for the meeting scheduled to discuss this project on Wednesday, October 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission chambers on the second floor of the Governmental Center. This body brings together all the various agencies involved in providing permits for new development such as the Road Commission, MDOT, the Drain Commission, the DPW, the Health Department, Sheriff, Emergency Services etc. We require their input as to whether it appears the proposed development can obtain the needed permits from them, and I believe it will be beneficial to have all of the agencies discussing their needs and hearing the needs of other agencies at one time. This meeting is open to the public. I am working with John Hull and John Iacoangeli to prepare to present the project as a team, and we expect the applicant to be present as well. Since they will be in town, they may wish to meet with us later in the afternoon.

MDOT and the Road Commission have also asked for a joint meeting with the township prior to the Land Development Review Committee to discuss traffic and access management on the M-72 Corridor and what some of their questions or concerns might be, if any, regarding the application. After our three agencies meet, I feel we will be much better able to discuss any concerns that may be revealed with the applicant. At this point I believe we will be able to follow up with the applicant with some preliminary feedback about the application overall in early November.

I have also set up a new web page for the township website that is devoted to this application. It contains links to the complete application materials submitted in late August, the Zoning Ordinance, Master Plan, VGT's SUP #2004-11P and the February 26, 2009 order issued by Judge Rodgers closing the lawsuits that started in 2004. As we progress, minutes of meetings where this matter is discussed, packet materials and all other original materials that are developed over the course of the process will be available to the public both through the web page and via a notebook for on-site review at the township hall.