

To: Acme Township Planning Commission

From: Sharon E. Vreeland, Township Manager

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Date: 11/16/09

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

Staff processing of the VGT-Phase I application is ongoing. Our planning consultant, John Iacoangeli, indicates that his preliminary report should be delivered to me at the end of November. After John Hull and I and legal counsel have had an opportunity to review and approve it, we will forward it to the applicant for review. Not knowing at this point precisely what the report will contain, I expect that there will follow in short order some dialogue between staff and applicant regarding any points of concern that may exist.

When a preliminary hearing might occur is dependent on the findings in the report and the applicant's response to those findings. If the findings are that the application is substantially complete and in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, Master Plan, SUP 2004-11P and the 02/29/09 Circuit Court order we might move to a preliminary hearing as soon as the regular meeting on December 21. If the report raises substantial concerns, it may take more time for them to be addressed and resolved on the staff-applicant level to prepare us for an effective and efficient hearing process. As always we seek to keep things moving at a prudent pace, in terms of both due diligence and timely due process and will keep you updated.

The application was reviewed by the G.T. County Land Development Review Committee on October 28. As you know, this body brings together the various permitting agencies, public safety agencies and utility providers to discuss their perceptions and questions about a proposed development project on a basic level. While I missed the meeting due to illness, I understand that it went very smoothly and was generally seen as a positive and productive process. J.R. Anderson and Steve Schooler from Anderson Real Estate and their consultant Chris DeGood from URS were all present for the applicant, with John Hull and John Iacoangeli present for the township and Supervisor Wayne Kladder able to come and observe at least a portion of the meeting. We have a CD with a video recording of the meeting; the minutes are still being prepared and will be forthcoming. Attached to the minutes will be any written documents provided by any of the participating agencies. From what I have heard one of the key points of discussion revolved around MDOT and Road Commission feedback regarding the impact on and needs of not just M-72 but the entire road network that would serve the project.