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Department of Public Works Inspection Division 100 North Appleton Street Appleton, Wisconsin 54911 (920) 832-6411

City of Appleton Application for Variance

Application Deadline	02/26/2018	Meeting Date	03/19/2018

Please write legibly and also submit a complete reproducible site plan (maximum size 11" x 17"). A complete site plan includes, but is not limited to, all structures, lot lines and streets with distances to each. There is a non-refundable \$125.00 fee for each variance application. The non-refundable fee is payable to the City of Appleton and due at the time the application is submitted.

Address of Property (Variance Requested)	Parcel Number
3132 N. Doris Lane	311498000
Zoning District P-1	Use of Property Church and School Residential X Commercial

t Information Owner Address
930 E. Florida Avenue
Appleton WI 54911
Owner E Mail address (optional)
retz@new.rr.com
Agent Address
same as owner
Agent E Mail address (optional)
same as owner

Variance Information	
Municipal Code Section(s) Project Does not Comply Section 23-43(f)(2)(e), accessory buildings are not al	lowed in the front
yard. Section 23-172(g)-Table 2 standards for parking	
Brief Description of Proposed Project	
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See attached.	

Owner's Signature (Required): _	In	0.7	_ Date: _	2/28/18	
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Questionnaire

In order to be granted a variance each applicant must be able to prove that an unnecessary hardship would be created if the variance were not granted. The burden of proving an unnecessary hardship rests upon the applicant. The attached sheet provides information on what constitutes a hardship. (Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide the information requested. Additional information may be requested as needed.

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1.	Explain your p	proposed plans and why you are requesting a variance:	
	See	attached.	

2. Describe how the variance would not have an adverse affect on the surrounding properties:

See attached.

3. Describe the special conditions that apply to your lot or structure that do not apply to surrounding lots or structures:

See attached.

4. Describe the hardship that would result if your variance were not granted:

See attached.



February 28, 2018

Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Appleton WI

The project site is located at 930 E. Florida Avenue in the City of Appleton. The 6.11 acre site is currently zoned PI (Public Institution) and is currently used as a place of worship and a school.

The existing building is located centrally on the site with parking along the west and north faces of the building. Three (3) single family homes also exist on the property; one of the homes will be removed to accommodate the proposed development. A playground and large open grass soccer field are also located north of the existing church/school building. The site is bounded by roadways around almost the entire parcel; a portion of the eastern property line abuts single family residential.

The proposed development will include a building addition off of the eastern face of the existing building, a new playground area, a parking lot expansion north of the building addition, and construction of a new 26 foot by 36 foot maintenance shed at the northeast corner of the school playground/church and school parking lot; the proposed shed will replace an existing shed that is currently located at the south end of the existing parking lot and will be similar in appearance to a typical residential garage. The new shed location is required as the current shed location will become playground area for the younger students.

Although the proposed maintenance shed will be located behind the church and school building, it will be in a location on the property that has frontage on Racine Street and Park Ridge Avenue. According to Section 23-22 of the City of Appleton Code, any side of a lot or parcel that fronts on a street is considered a front yard. Section 23-43(f)(2)(e) of the City of Appleton Code does not allow accessory buildings in the front yard.

The location of the proposed maintenance shed will not adversely affect the surrounding properties because it will be screened from view of the adjacent properties to the east by a landscaped buffer area as shown on the attached landscape plan (Plan Sheet C1.5).

The Mt. Olive property is special or unique when compared to surrounding lots because it is bounded by public streets on three (3) sides (Florida Avenue to the south, Doris Lane to the west, and Park Ridge Avenue to the north). In addition, almost half of the east side of the property is bounded by Racine Street. As a result, all of the street frontages are considered "front" yard and there is no practical alternative for placement of the shed elsewhere on the property in close proximity to the grass athletic fields.

The hardship relates directly to the fact that a majority of the property has frontage on streets and is therefore considered front yard. In order to maintain the church and school campus, lawn mowers, snow blowers and other miscellaneous equipment is required. As such, this equipment must be stored indoors to protect it from the elements and theft or vandalism. The proposed location of the maintenance building is ideal as it keeps the mowing equipment in close proximity to the athletic field. As mentioned earlier, the parking lot also doubles as a playground; this location on the outer edge of the parking lot/playground provides ease of access via the Racine Street driveway when the equipment needs to be picked up for service or delivered after being serviced thereby reducing greatly any potential conflict/safety hazard between children using the playground, parking lot patrons, and those responsible for use and maintenance of the equipment that will be stored in the maintenance building.

This application also requests a variance to Section 23-172(g)-Table 2 of the City of Appleton Code which requires parking lot screening contained within a minimum perimeter landscape buffer of eight (8) feet in width whenever a property in the Public-Institutional (P-I) District is across the street from an R1-A Single-family District as follows: "One (1) deciduous shade tree or ornamental tree shall be planted for every forty (40) feet on center the property abuts a dedicated public street plus a two (2) to three (3) feet high staggered row of evergreens and/or deciduous shrubs at the time of planting shall be provided across 80% of the frontage of the parking lot excluding driveways to provide an opaque screen."

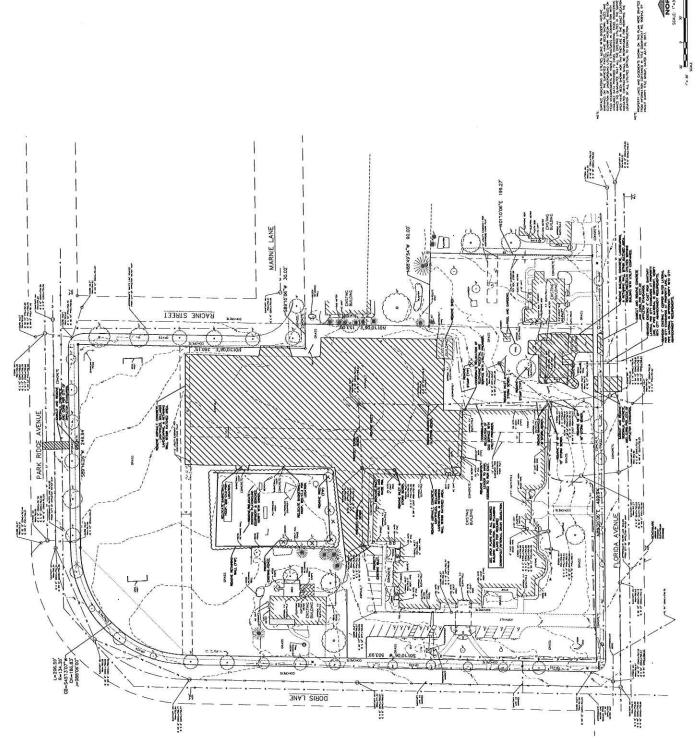
The proposed parking lot will be resurfaced and expanded to the west to compensate for the existing parking area that will be lost as a result of the school expansion and playground for the younger children. As proposed, the parking lot will not adversely affect the surrounding properties because it will not encroach any further east or north than the current parking lot; green space in excess of 100 feet in width and existing street trees buffer the parking lot from the adjacent properties fronting on Doris Lane and Park Ridge Avenue (see Plan Sheet C1.2).

The Mt. Olive property is special or unique when compared to surrounding lots because it is a large, non-residential land use and zoning district completely surrounded by small residential properties containing residential land uses.

The school and church are permitted uses in the Public-Institutional Zoning District; the playground areas (both the asphalt area and the turf athletic field) are reasonable accessory uses to the school use. The placement of the required landscape buffer along the perimeter of the parking lot creates a hardship for the following reasons:

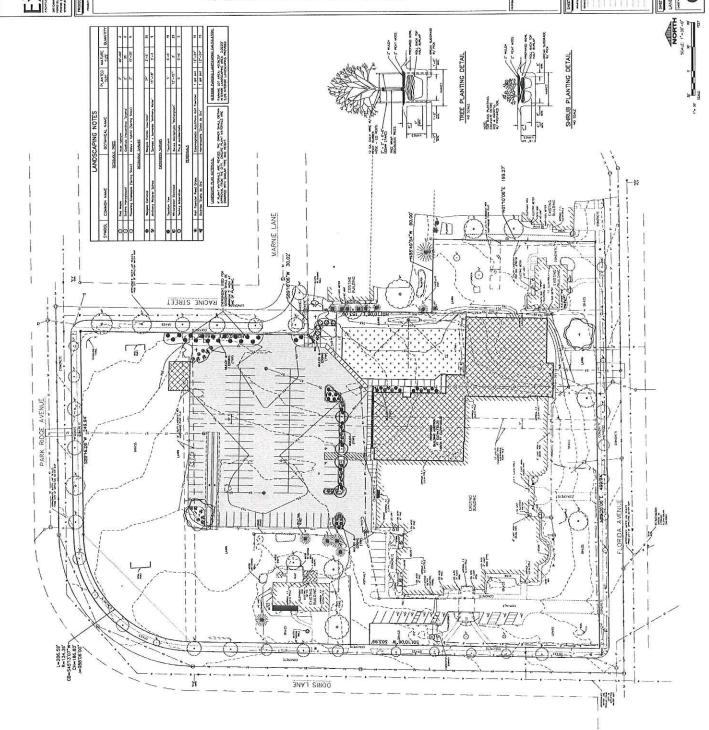
- A buffer along the northern end of the parking lot/playground will obstruct the playground supervisors' view of the children playing on the athletic field during recess; thus creating a potential safety hazard.
- Placement of the dense landscape buffer along the interior of the public sidewalk bordering
 Doris Lane and Park Ridge Avenue poses a threat to the safety of children using the athletic
 fields in that it obscures the vision of passing motorists who might not see children darting out
 into the street to retrieve an errant ball.
- The dense landscape buffer also provides an attractive hiding place for misbehaving children.
- Given the state of our society, the dense landscape buffer also could provide a hiding place for people with criminal intent that might use the dense buffer to hide in for the purpose of preying on unsuspecting children or engaging in violent activities.





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