# **PLAN COMMISSION**

# INTER-DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

WT Cafe - 837 S. Westmore-Meyers Road

### August 15, 2016

#### **Title**

PC 16-16

#### **Petitioner**

WT Café of Naperville 123 E. Morningside Avenue Lombard IL 60148

### **Property Owner**

Illinois Holdings USA, Inc. c/o Greenstone Asset Management, LLC 30 E. Adams Street, Suite 300 Chicago IL 60603

### **Property Location**

837 S. Westmore-Meyers Road (Trustee District #6)

### Zoning

B3PD

### **Existing Land Use**

Retail

### **Comprehensive Plan**

Community Commercial

#### **Approval Sought**

Conditional use for a catering business

### **Prepared By**

Jennifer Ganser

**Assistant Director** 



# **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

WT Café is a Lombard business looking to relocate to 837 S. Westmore-Meyers Road, Eastgate Shopping Center. They are a small business with five employees that make school lunches to several schools in the western suburbs. They are not open to the general public. The business will be storing, preparing and packaging food.

### **APPROVAL(S) REQUIRED**

The petitioner requests that the Village grant a conditional use, pursuant to Section 155.415(C)(3) of the Zoning Ordinance, to allow for catering services located within the B3PD Community Shopping District, Planned Development.

#### **PROJECT STATS**

#### Lot & Bulk

Parcel Size:

12.73 acres

Tenant Area:

1,620 square

feet

#### **Submittals**

- 1. Petition for Public Hearing;
- 2. Response to Standards for a Conditional Use;
- 3. Interior floor plan; and
- 4. Plat of Survey, prepared by Webster, McGrath, and Ahlberg, Ltd., dated, December 30, 1997.

# **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

The subject property is currently improved with a retail commercial center.

# **INTER-DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW**

### **Building Division:**

The Building Division has no comments.

### Fire Department:

The Fire Department has no concerns relative to the business location. Fire protection systems/equipment necessary will be dictated by the business operations.

### Private Engineering Services (PES):

PES has no comments.

#### **Public Works:**

The Department of Public Works has no comments.

### **Planning Services Division:**

### 1. Surrounding Zoning & Land Use Compatibility

	Zoning Districts	Land Use
North	B3 and R2	Commercial and single family residential
South	R4PD	Cambria townhomes
East	B3 and R4PD	DuPage County Health Department and Cambria townhomes
West	R2	Single Family residential

The subject property is located on Westmore-Meyers, a minor arterial with a mix of single-family residential, medium-density residential, commercial, and office uses. Staff finds this use compatible with the surrounding land uses.

No exterior site changes are being proposed, only interior tenant improvements. The interior of the tenant space includes an office and prep kitchen. WT Café is proposed to locate in the space formally occupied by Breadsmith. Breadsmith was open to the public and classified as a bakery. WT Café has a different business model, as a caterer, and therefore Village Code requires a conditional use permit.

### 2. Comprehensive Plan Compatibility

A catering business conditional use permit is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan's recommendation of community commercial uses for the site.

#### 3. Site Plan: Access & Circulation

Access will be provided from Westmore-Meyers Road. WT Café currently has two (2) business vans, and noted that neither would be parked overnight at Eastgate Shopping Center. Business vehicles are allowed to be parked at commercial properties. Staff notes that a parking location immediately adjacent to the tenant space would minimize impact on the adjacent residential properties.

### **SITE HISTORY**

Eastgate Shopping Center has been before the Plan Commission numerous times. In 1999, (PC 99-11) the Center was granted various variances and conditional uses and also became a planned development.

### FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff finds that the catering business is consistent with its surrounding context, the Village of Lombard Comprehensive Plan, and Zoning Ordinance.

The Inter-Departmental Review Committee has reviewed the standards for the requested conditional use and finds that they **complies** with the standards established by the Village of Lombard Zoning Ordinance, subject to conditions of approval based on the above considerations. As such, the Inter-Department Review Committee recommends that the Plan Commission make the following motion for **approval** of PC 16-16.

Based on the submitted petition and the testimony presented, the proposed request for a conditional use does comply with the standards required by the Village of Lombard Zoning Ordinance and that granting said request is in the public interest and, therefore, I move that the Plan Commission accept the findings of the Inter-Departmental Review Report as the findings of the Plan Commission, and recommend to the Village Board **approval** of PC 16-16, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The petitioner shall be required to apply for and receive building permits for any improvements to the site;
- 2. The petitioner shall satisfactorily address all comments noted within the Inter-Departmental Review Committee Report;
- 3. The relief is only granted to the tenant space at 837 S. Westmore-Meyers Road, Unit #A-2H;
- 4. All outside trash enclosures shall meet the Village's screen requirements; and
- 5. Up to three (3) business vehicles for WT Café shall be allowed on site, to be parked in the parking rows abutting the front and back of the tenant space.

Inter-Departmental Review Committee Report approved by:

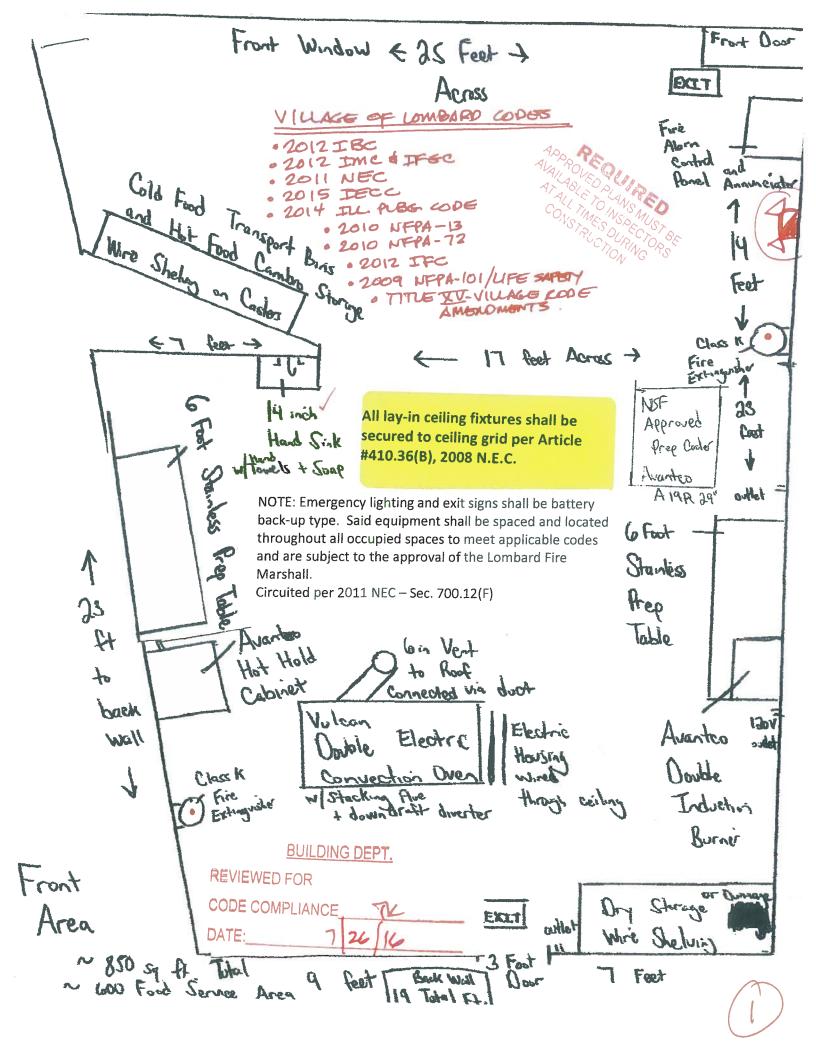
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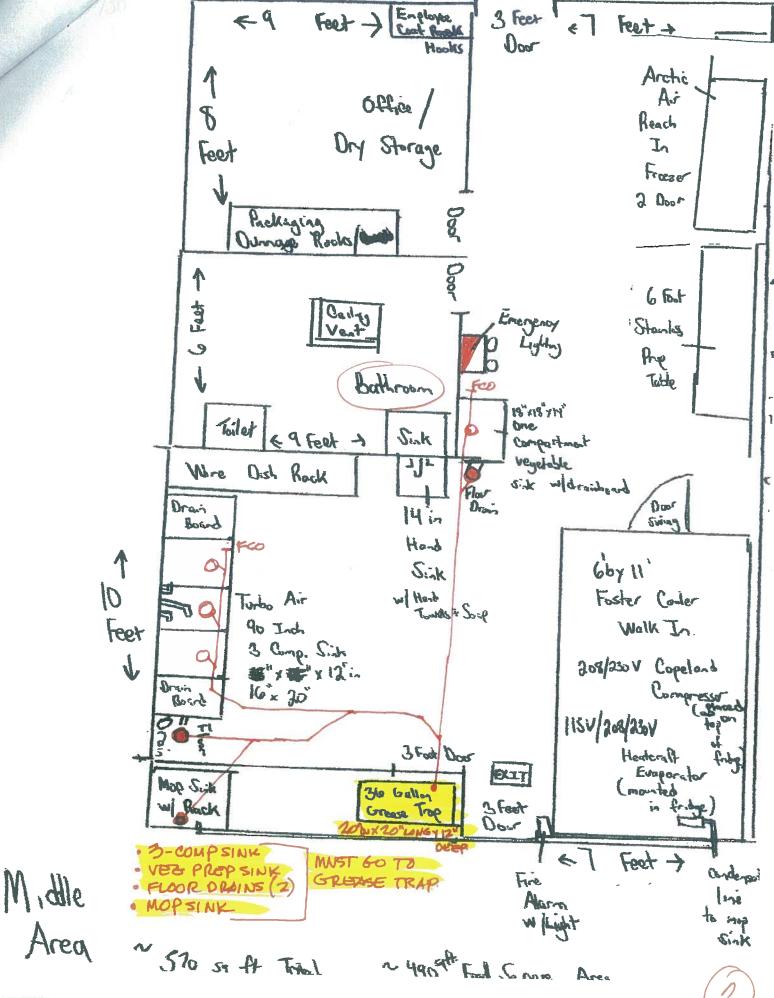
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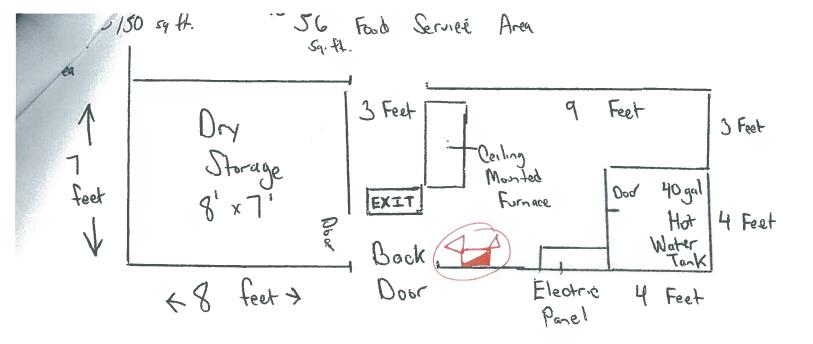
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#### VII. STANDARDS FOR CONDITIONAL USES

- 1. WT Café promotes healthy eating and lifestyle everywhere children live, work and play. With that philosophy, WT Café provides healthy, all natural and well rounded meals to several schools, day care providers and camps in Lombard, as well as neighboring communities. WT Café is committed to not only providing balanced nutrition but giving back to the community by means of Family Meal fundraisers for schools. These provide some much needed to funds to schools in the area, including a few District 44 schools.
- 2. WT Café's operational location at Eastgate Center will bring some much needed vitality into a shopping center that has been sitting largely vacant for some time. So many WT Café customers are Lombard residents who know our company brand and promise. It is refreshing for customers to see where their child's lunch is made and that it is made and delivered locally. WT Café's operations will not infringe on any other space in the shopping center, nor will it impede any traffic patterns. WT Café is a small, locally owned company.
- 3. Because WT Café is a small company, its operations will have a minimal footprint on the already established businesses at Eastgate Center as well as any new businesses that move in. Typical weekly activity occurs during weekday business hours and loading and unloading of deliveries take up only a small fraction of time and space (utilization of rear parking lot and loading) for a normal weekday operation. Noise, waste and disruption would be minimal.
- 4. All utilities, ventilation, drainage and access points are already established and in place. We have provided a detailed floor plan in accordance with and guidance from the DuPage County Health Department and Village of Lombard Building Department.
- 5. Ingress and egress of existing standards at the location will not be affected by WT Café's business operations. All loading and unloading from vendors, as well as delivery vans, will take place in the rear of the facility. This designated rear parking area currently has a very low volume of traffic or congestion.
- 6. The proposed conditional use is not contrary to the Village of Lombard's current Comprehensive Plan. By all practical standards, WT Café will operate almost identically to how previous tenants of the space operated, with the exception of our goods will be delivered rather than picked up by customers.
- 7. The conditional use shall conform to all applicable regulations of the district with the except of delivery vs. retail pick up.







#### **Electrical Code Information**

All low-voltage wiring shall be supported from building structure and shall be neatly cabled/bundled together.

Fire seal all penetrations after removal and/or installation of conduit, devices, boxes, poke-thru's, etc., with approved fire-stop caulk or foam. All low-voltage wiring shall be plenum rated if installed in plenum ceiling, or if required by building owner, installed in conduit, including speaker wiring.

Prior to installation of low-voltage wiring in above ceiling areas, all existing low-voltage wiring (phone, data cables, etc.) <u>must</u> be completely removed. Emergency lighting circuit junction boxes shall be so marked and identified with circuit numbers and panel identification.

All 120v outlets within commercial kitchens shall be GFI protected. All lay-in ceiling fixtures shall be secured to ceiling grid by screws, rivets, isted clips or attachment wires.

Emergency lighting and exit signs shall be battery back-up type and shall be ocated throughout all occupied spaces per code and subject to approval by the Fire Marshal

At least one receptacle outlet shall be installed directly above a show window for each 12 linear feet or major fraction thereof.

Plans are subject to Fire Department's fire and life safety review, comments, and approval. Questions or concerns, contact the Bureau of Fire Prevention at 630-620-5750.

Fire Protection System(s): Drawings by certified Fire Suppression and/or Fire Alarm contractor(s) shall be submitted for review, and separate permits are required.