

Town of Merton
St. Teresa of Calcutta Public Hearing
To Amend an Existing Conditional Use Permit to Add 19 Additional Parking Spaces
Minutes of June 20, 2018

Present: Chairman Klink, Commissioners Griffin, Fleming, Morris, Siepmann, and Good, Attorney Chapman, Planner Haroldson, Clerk Hann, and Deputy Clerk Claas

Absent: Commissioner Jensen

Also Present: Tracey Theimke, Terry Horst, Faith Jenson, Robert Wolf, Robert Probst, Jeff Mackay, Megan Fedders, and Deputy Sykes.

- Public Hearing Called to Order by Chairman Klink at 5:30 p.m.

*Recorder had a full memory so the meeting was not recorded.

Claas read the public hearing notice.

Horst stated that they currently have 158 spaces and are asking for 12 more spots. They removed the vacant house and abandoned the septic and well. They expanded the church from 200 seats to 400 seats and so they need more parking. The ground plantings to the north will not be disturbed. Horst received an email from the State Dot stating the 12 spots will not impact Highway 83.

Fleming asked if the snow fence was staying up. Horst didn't know and said it was put up for the festival. Fleming questioned the detention pond holding water. Griffin stated the pond would hold water for a while and then seep in, but now it's full of cattails. Griffin said it always holds about 4 to 6 inches of water, but now it's about a foot of water.

The public hearing was opened for public comments and concerns.

Tracey Thiemke – W314N7526 State Rd 83 – has concerns about the pond because she has a 3 year old child and there are children playing in the area. She said the parking lot would be 10' from her property line and she believes her house is only 10' from the property line. Thiemke has concerns regarding safety precautions, fencing, runoff, and what a parking lot will do to her property values.

There was discussion on fencing and/or bushes going all the way down the lot line. Klink questioned if they could put an adequate fence all the way down.

The public hearing closed at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Holly R Claas
Deputy Clerk