

## McHenry County Zoning - McHenry County Hearing Officer - Public Hearing **McHenry County AGENDA**

August 12, 2025, 11:00 AM **County Board Conference Room** Administration Building, 667 Ware Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098

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- 1. **CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. **ROLL CALL**
- **NEW BUSINESS / PUBLIC HEARING** 3.
  - Z25-0055 Pete's Properties LLC, Algonquin, I1-I1V
- **OLD BUSINESS** 4.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT** Topics unrelated to public hearing - 3-minute time limit per speaker
- 6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Algonquin Township Hearing Date: July 8, 2025

**PLAN REVIEW REPORT** 

**VARIATION REQUEST APPLICATION #Z25-0055** 

**Applicant:** Pete's Properties, LLC, Owner of Record

**Request:** Variation within the *I-1 Light Industrial* district to allow for an increase in the total impervious

surface coverage of the lot from the Sensitive Aquifer Recharge Area maximum of fifty (50) percent to a maximum of seventy-five (75) percent. (McHenry County Unified Development

Ordinance §16.52.030.E)

**Location:** The subject property consists of approximately 5.0447 acres and is located approximately eight

hundred thirty-five (835) feet northeast of the intersection of Sands Road and Smitana Road in

Algonquin Township, Illinois.

Common address: 6711 Sands Road, Crystal Lake, Illinois

PIN: 19-03-401-020

**Current Land Use:** The property is designated **INDUSTRIAL** on the Current Land Use map.

Adjacent Land Use: North: SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL East: SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/VACANT

South: VACANT West: VACANT

Current Zoning: The property is currently zoned *I-1 Light Industrial District* 

Adjacent Zoning: North: R-1 Single-Family Residential/A-1 Agriculture East: E-1 Estate/I-2 Heavy Industrial

South: City of Crystal Lake West: City of Crystal Lake

2030 Plan: The property is designated OFFICE/RESEARCH/INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL on the McHenry County

Land Use Plan Map.

**Improvements:** The subject property is improved with 2-story precast masonry building, an asphalt parking lot,

and areas of concrete and gravel, according to the Plat of Survey.

Natural Resources: No wetlands were found on the site. Impact to natural resources from the proposed use is

minimal, according to Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) Letter L25-028-4689.

**Flood Hazard Areas:** No floodplain was found in the proposed shed area.

**Flood-of-Record:** No floods-of-record were found in the proposed shed area.

SARA: The site is located in a zone with elevated aquifer contamination potential, according to the

McHenry County Sensitive Aquifer Recharge Area (SARA) map.

#### Comments/ Conclusion:

• The applicants propose an addition of 29,148 square feet to the south side of the building to allow for additional warehouse space and loading docks. The original structure was built around 1986.

- The applicant should be aware that under **Section 16.20.020 (F)** of the *McHenry County Unified Development Ordinance*, several standards are cited, all of which must be met in order for a Variation to be granted. These standards include hardship in relation to the site conditions, that the request is unique to the property, that the purpose of the request is not based on any monetary gain, that the petitioners did not cause or create the hardship, that the request is not detrimental to the public welfare and safety, that the request will not impair adequate light and air to adjacent property, or increase congestion in the public streets, or increase danger of fire, and that the request not confer any special privilege to the applicant that is denied to others of the same zoning district.
- An Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) report was not required for this project.

### **Aerial Photo**

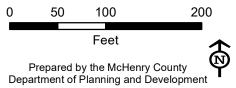
6711 Sands Road, Crystal Lake, Illinois

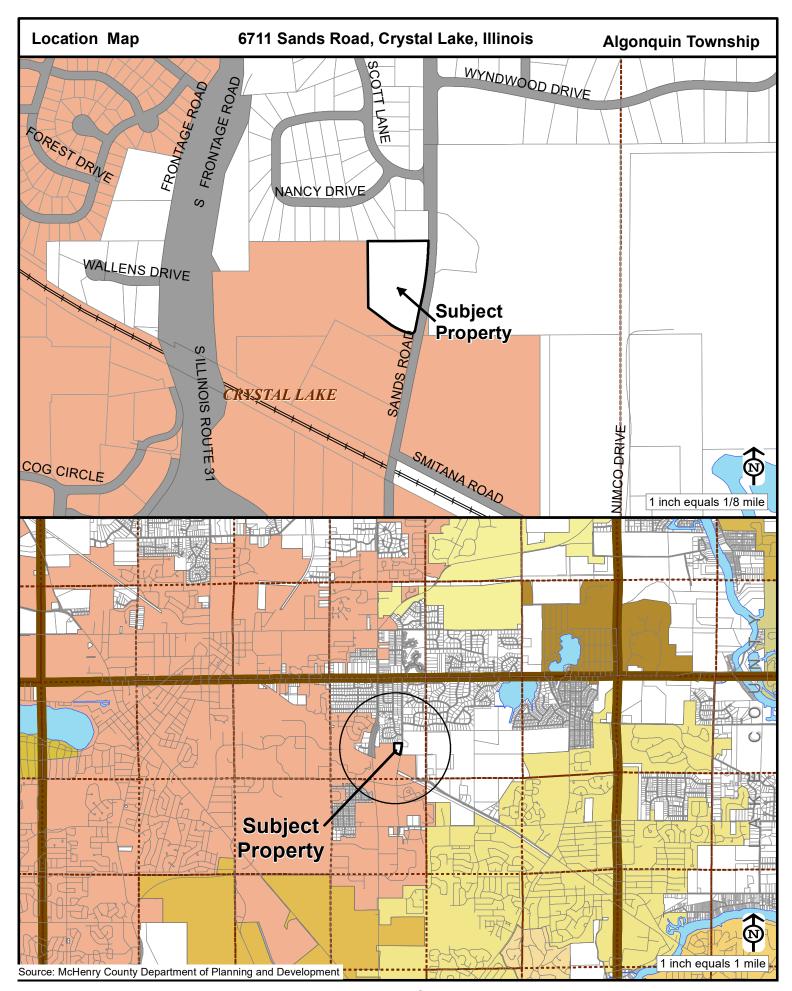


Any parcel lines depicted on the aerial photograph are for general reference only. Please refer to the plat of survey for the location of lot or parcel lines.

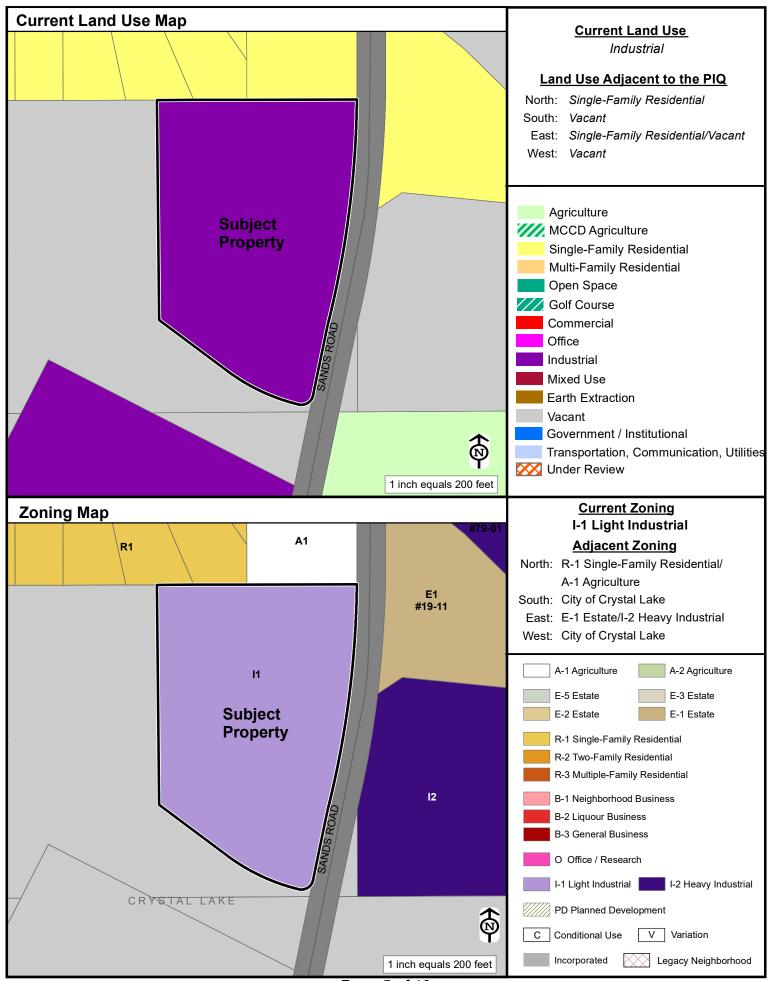
Elevation (feet above sea level)

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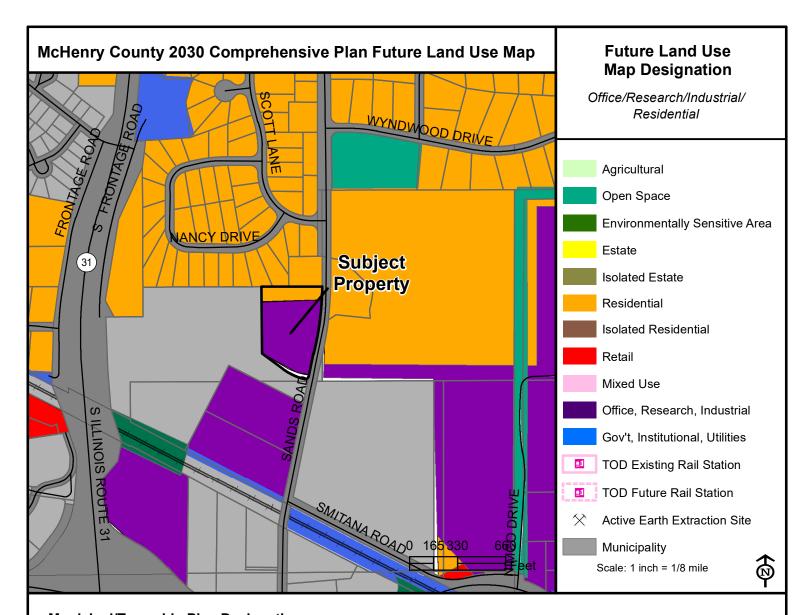




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#### Municipal/Township Plan Designations

Algonquin Township: Office/Research/Industrial/Residential

Cary: Industry & Employment Crystal Lake: Industry Lake in the Hills: No Designation

Prairie Grove: No Designation

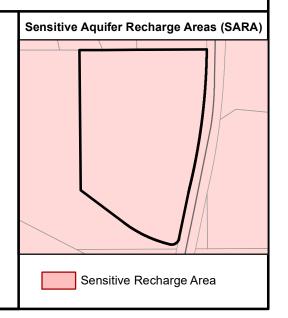
# **McHenry County 2030 Comprehensive Plan — Text Analysis** Land Use

Office/Research/Industrial - includes existing and proposed areas for office, research, industrial, warehousing, and wholesale trade uses. The Office/Research/Industrial district is generally designated in close proximity to major arterial roadways and railroads.

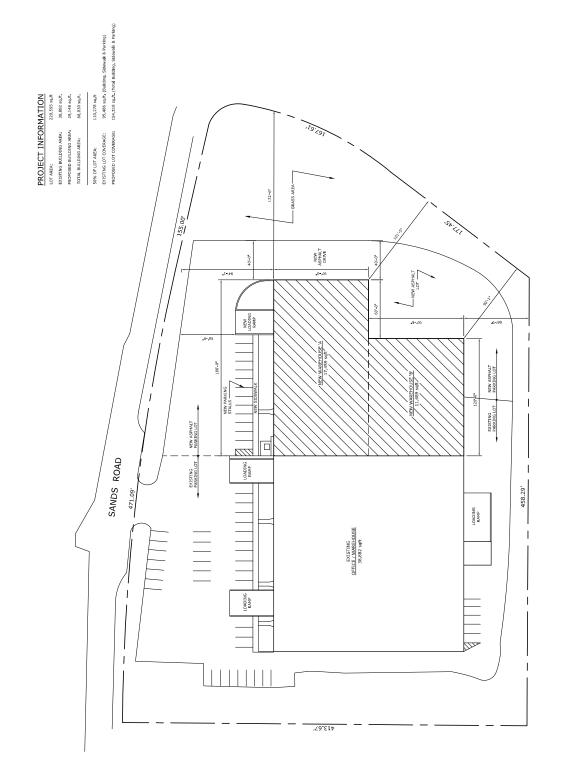
Residential - includes existing and proposed areas for single-family and multifamily residential uses at gross densities of less than one acre per dwelling unit.

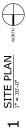
#### Sensitive Aquifer Recharge Areas

The site <u>IS</u> located in a zone with elevated contamination potential.









### McHENRY-LAKE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



1648 S. Eastwood Dr. Woodstock, Illinois 60098 (815) 338-0444 ext. 3 www.mchenryswcd.org

April 24, 2025

Pete Wetzel 15633 E. Big Mound Rd. Lindenwood, IL 61049

Email: plproperties90@gmail.com

Re: Parcel # 19-03-401-020

Common Location: 6711 Sands Rd, Crystal Lake, IL

NRI# L25-028-4689

Zoning Change: Variance for Lot Coverage

#### Dear Mr. Wetzel:

The McHenry-Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District has carefully reviewed your application for Natural Resource Information Report on the <u>Pete's Properties LLC</u> property as applied for in Report #25-028-4689. The SWCD finds that impact to natural resources from the proposed use is minimal for the purposes of the NRI report. A full Natural Resource Information Report will not be necessary.

No floodplain or wetlands were found on the site from office maps. Our wetland inventories are for informational and planning purposes only. Any proposed drainage work, in wet areas, requires a certified wetland delineation. If drainage work is to occur, please contact the Army Corps of Engineers and McHenry County Department of Planning & Development for permit information.

This letter fulfills your requirement to notify the SWCD of land use changes as per the Illinois Compiled State Statutes, Chapter 70, Par. 405/1 et seq. Illinois Revised Statutes, Ch. 5, Par 106 et seq. and the McHenry County Stormwater Ordinance. If you have any questions concerning this letter, feel free to call our office.

Sincerely,

Spring M. Duffey Executive Director

cc. McHenry County Department of Planning and Development

#### Z25-0055

Project Name: 6711 Sands Road

Project Description: Applying for a variance to increase the Lot Coverage from 50% to 75%

Lot Coverage

Permit Type: VARIATION (ZONING)

Site Address (Parcel) Owner Name: 422 N. Hough ST

Parcel Identification Number: 19-03-401-020

Site (Parcel) Address: 6711 SANDS RD CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014

Number of Acres:

Site Address (Parcel) Owner Phone Number:

Site Address (Parcel) Owner Email Address: plproperties90@gmail.com

Applicant Name (if other than owner): Berta, John

Primary Contact: Berta, John

Applicant Address: 422 N. Hough ST

Applicant Phone Number: 8472091125

Applicant Email Address: jberta@comcast.net

## Capital Architects, LLC

422 N. Hough Street Barrington, IL 60010 847-209-1125 Phone

## **Petition**

April 22, 2025

McHenry-Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District 1648 S. Eastwood Drive Woodstock, IL 60098

Re: 6711 Sands Road Crystal Lake, IL

To Whom it May Concern,

We are filling a petition for the existing commercial property located at 6711 Sands Road in Crystal Lake, Illinois. The current property is a 5-acre parcel that totals approximately 219,748 sq.ft. in size. A single-story office/warehouse building is currently located on the property with recessed docks and paved parking areas. The existing building structure totals 38,882 sq.ft.

The proposed scope of work is to construct an addition to the south side of the building. The new addition will be a total of 29,148 sq.ft. The new addition will provide additional warehouse space and drive in docks. The total building area to be 68,030 sq.ft.

The current zoning code for this property allows for a 50% lot coverage. The existing lot coverage totals 95,486 sq.ft. The proposed lot coverage with the building addition and parking will total 154,518 sq.ft. The proposed lot coverage exceeds the 50% allowable lot coverage. A variance will be applied to increase the lot coverage to 75%.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this project, please feel free to call or contact us.

Thank you

John Berta Capital Architects, LLC

#### **Approval Standards for Variation**

(McHenry County Unified Development Ordinance §16.20.020F)

This form must be completed for requests for variation(s). Yes and No answers are insufficient, please provide a minimum of one (1) or two (2) sentence explanation. If there is insufficient room (650 character limit), please provide a separate response page.

1. What hardship is placed upon the property owner due to the particular surroundings, shape, or topographic conditions of the property if the strict letter of the zoning regulations were carried out?

If the 50% hard surface limit is enforced, we will not have the capacity to provide sufficient warehousing space to meet the growing needs of the businesses operating within our building. As these businesses expand, they require more functional space for inventory, storage, and logistics. Without the ability to increase the hard surface area, we risk limiting their growth or losing them altogether. This creates a hardship not only for us as the property owner, but also for the businesses working to stay and thrive in McHenry County.

2. How is the hardship described in question 1 unique to this property and not applicable to all properties within the same zoning district?

This property is uniquely positioned as a multi-tenant commercial building where several businesses are growing simultaneously and require expanded warehousing space to support operations. Unlike other properties in the district that may serve a single, less space-intensive use, this site must accommodate a broader range of logistical needs within a limited footprint. The current hard surface limitation does not reflect the functional demands placed on this property due to its specific use and the scale of the businesses operating within it.

3. Other than increased monetary gain, what is the purpose of the variation?

The purpose of the variation is to provide the necessary space for warehousing operations that support the businesses currently occupying the building. As these businesses grow, so does the need for accessible, organized storage and inventory management. The additional hard surface will allow for safer, more efficient warehousing functions and will help prevent the disruption that could occur if storage becomes inadequate. This change supports business sustainability, job retention, and local economic development—not personal financial gain.

4. Did the property owner or past owners create the difficulty or hardship that the variation seeks to relieve?

No. The hardship is not the result of any action taken by the current or past property owners. The need for increased hard surface area has emerged as a result of natural business growth and the evolving operational needs of our tenants. As warehousing demands increase, the existing surface area no longer adequately supports efficient use of the site. This is a response to success and expansion—not poor planning or neglect.

5. Will the variation be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property ow improvements in the neighborhood?

No. The proposed increase in hard surface area is intended to support warehousing operations for growing businesses on the property. It will not introduce excessive noise, traffic, or disruptions to the surrounding area. The hard surface addition is planned with respect to the surrounding properties and is consistent with maintaining a clean, organized, and professionally operated site. This variation will actually support local economic stability by helping businesses remain viable within McHenry County.

- 6. Will the variation: impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjoining property, increase congestion on the public streets, increase the risk of fire to adjacent property, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood?
  - No. The proposed increase in hard surface area to support warehousing will not impact the supply of light or air to neighboring properties. The additional surface is planned within the existing footprint of the site and will not encroach on adjacent lots or obstruct visibility. Because the purpose is warehousing—not public traffic or retail activity—it will not increase congestion on public streets. Fire safety standards will continue to be met, and the change will not pose any added risk to adjacent properties. In fact, this improvement may help maintain or even enhance surrounding property values by supporting well-managed businesses.
- 7. Will this variation confer special privilege to the property owner that is denied to other owners with property in the same zoning district?
  - No. This variation does not grant a special privilege but rather responds to a legitimate and growing operational need for expanded warehousing space to support the businesses within the building. The increased hard surface area is necessary to accommodate these warehousing functions-allowing tenants to store inventory efficiently and meet increased demand without relocating. This request supports economic growth and job retention in McHenry County. Denying the request could force businesses to consider leaving the county in search of more flexible space, potentially impacting the local economy.

#### CONSENT TO ON-SITE INSPECTION

I/We are the owners of record of the real estate which is the subject of this application. Owners of the described real estate do hereby freely and voluntarily consent to inspection of the site of the parcel in question for purposes of determining the appropriateness of the pending proposed zoning petition by the Zoning Enforcement Officer and/or designated representative, McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals or where applicable, the McHenry County Hearing Officer, and hereby release such persons from any liability based in whole or in part on the inspection of the parcel in question. That in exchange for the above actions by the Applicant(s), McHenry County agrees that the Zoning Enforcement Officer and/or designated representative, member of the Zoning Board of Appeals or, if applicable, the McHenry County Hearing Officer, will inspect the parcel in question prior to considering the evidence presented upon the above application. In the case of Conditional Use applications, if approved by the McHenry County Board, the Zoning Enforcement Officer and/or designated representative many inspect the property periodically to ensure compliance with the adopting ordinance and any conditions therein.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF FEES FOR TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES**

I/We, the applicant(s), verify that I/we are aware of the use of a transcription service utilized by McHenry County to prepare a record of public hearings. Applicant(s) agree to directly reimburse the Department of Planning and Development for all incurred transcript fees and associated costs for hearings before the McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals or where applicable, the McHenry County Hearing Officer unless determined otherwise by McHenry County. The applicant(s) further recognizes failure to fully reimburse the County prior to the scheduled County Board Date will grant McHenry County the unconditional right to withhold the application from McHenry County Board action. Applicant(s) further understand that transcripts shall be retained by McHenry County as part of the permanent zoning application file.

#### ZONING APPLICATION INTERPRETATION

I/We understand that the McHenry County Department of Planning and Development Staff will review and evaluate this application per the text of the McHenry County Unified Development Ordinance, the Official Zoning Maps, and any relevant documentation provided by the applicant and otherwise available to the Department, and consult with other staff to create a Legal Notice and staff report.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF FEES FOR NOTIFICATION**

I/We, the applicant(s), authorize the McHenry County Department of Planning and Development Staff to produce the Legal Notice of Public Hearing to be published and mailed per the requirements of Chapter 16.16 (Zoning Application Process) of the McHenry County Code of Ordinances. I/We agree to reimburse the County for the cost of certified mailing and publication to the newspaper, prior to a vote by the McHenry County Board, in order to meet the notification requirements for a public hearing by Illinois State Statute.

#### CONSENT

I/We hereby authorize that the applicant, attorney, or agent to act and testify on my behalf as my agent in the matter of this zoning application regarding the property listed above that is the subject of this application.

VERIFICATION  I/We hereby verify and attest to the truth and correctnes sented herein.  Owner's signature  A WEIZEL	How B Wetzel Signature LOCI B Wetzel
Print Name	Print Name

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me

this ZF day of May , 20 ZS. Hathlen Elaine Niewczyk Notary Public

OFFICIAL SEAL
Kathleen Elaine Niemczyk
Notary Public, State of Illinois
Commission No: 988890
My Commission Expires 3/29/2028

MCHENRY COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT 2200 N. SEMINARY AVENUE, WOODSTOCK, IL 60098 815-334-4560

Office Use Only	
Petition #/Permit #	

#### CORPORATE DISCLOSURE

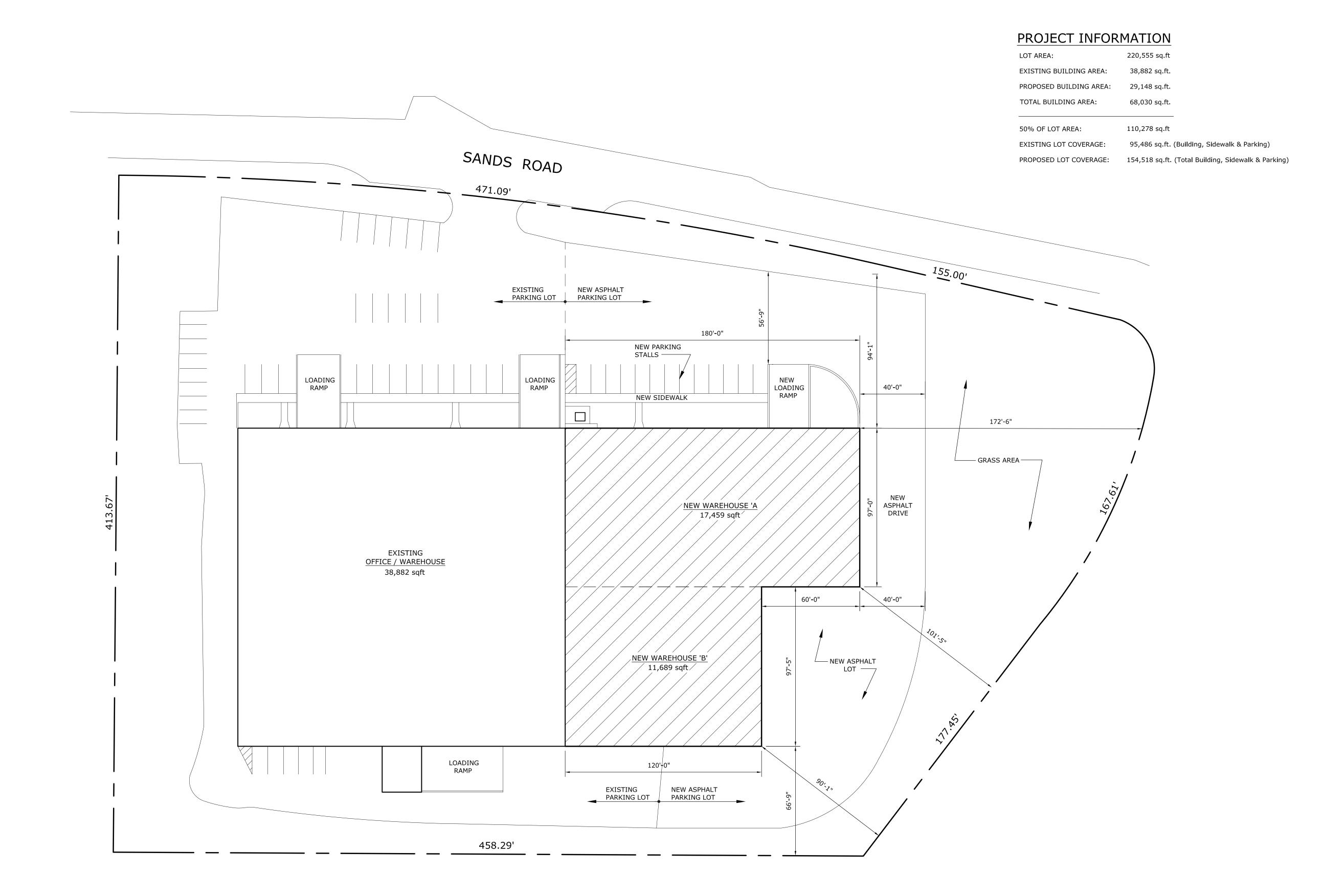
Applications shall be brought in the name of the record title owner or the owner(s) of the beneficial interest through authorized agents. If application is made by a corporation or partnership for any zoning map amendment, variation, or conditional use permit, the application and notice shall identify the names and addresses of all officers and directors and all shareholders/stockholders owning an interest in excess of seven and one-half percent (7.5%)

If an owner, officer, director, shareholder/stockholder is another legal entity and not an individual, we require the same information (name, title, address) for that entity.

Name of Entity:	Tes PhoPerties		
Name	Title (officers, directors, shareholders/stockholders)	Address (address, city, state, zip)	Percent of ownership interest
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LORI B Wetzel	VP	ROAD LUDENWOODEL	50%
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Please attach additional information, if needed.

<sup>\*</sup>Extracted from Title 16: Unified Development Ordinance §16.16.020 §§ A1-4 (2014).



1  $\frac{\text{SITE PLAN}}{1" = 30'-0"}$  NORTH

SANDS ROAD

Warehouse Addition

6711 Sands Road Crystal Lake, IL 60014

CAPITAL ARCHITECTS, LLC

PLANNING & DESIGN

422 N. Hough Street Barrington, Illinois 60010

Tele: (847) 209-1125

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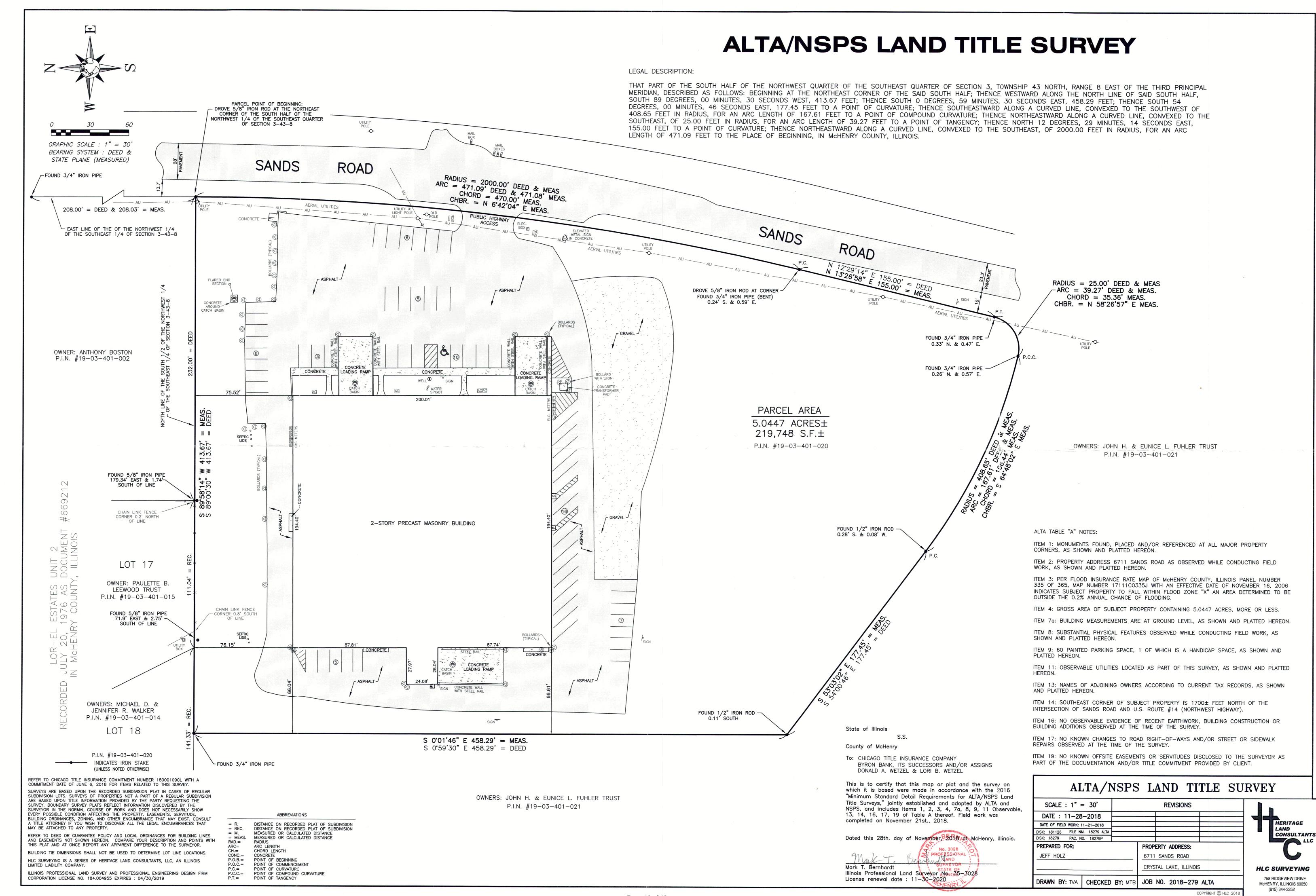
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Sincerely,

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cc. McHenry County Department of Planning and Development

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF **PETE'S PROPERTIES, LLC, OWNER OF RECORD,**FOR AN AMENDMENT OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR A **VARIATION** 

) ) LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ) Z25-0055 )

Notice is hereby given in compliance with the McHenry County Unified Development Ordinance, that a public hearing will be held before the **McHenry County Hearing Officer**, in connection with this Ordinance, which would result in a **VARIATION** for the following described real estate:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID SOUTH HALF; THENCE WESTWARD ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH HALF, SOUTH 89 DEGREES, 00 MINUTES, 30 SECONDS WEST, 413.67 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES, 59 MINUTES, 30 SECONDS EAST, 458.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 54 DEGREES, 00 MINUTES, 46 SECONDS EAST, 177.45 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE SOUTHEASTWARD ALONG A CURVED LINE, CONVEXED TO THE SOUTHWEST OF 408.65 FEET IN RADIUS, FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 167.61 FEET TO A POINT OF COMPOUND CURVATURE; THENCE NORTHEASTWARD ALONG A CURVED LINE, CONVEXED TO THE SOUTHEAST, OF 25.00 FEET IN RADIUS, FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 39.27 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES, 29 MINUTES, 14 SECONDS EAST, 155.00 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE NORTHEASTWARD ALONG A CURVED LINE, CONVEXED TO THE SOUTHEAST, OF 2000.00 FEET IN RADIUS, FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 471.09 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

#### PIN 19-03-401-020

The subject property is located approximately eight hundred thirty-five feet northeast of the intersection of Sands Road and Smitana Road with a common address of 6711 Sands Road, Crystal Lake, Illinois in Algonquin Township.

The subject property is presently zoned "I-1" Light Industrial District and consists of approximately 5.0447 acres with "R-1" Single Family Residential and "A-1" Agriculture District zoning to the North, "E-1" Estate and "1-2" Heavy Industrial District to the East, and the City of Crystal Lake to the South and West.

The Applicant is requesting a VARIATION of the subject property to allow for an increase in the total impervious surface coverage of the lot from the Sensitive Aquifer Recharge Area maximum of fifty (50) percent to a maximum of seventy-five (75) percent.

Donald A. Wetzel, President, and Lori B. Wetzel, Vice President, of Pete's Properties, LLC, the Owner and Applicant, can be reached at *15633 East Big Mound Road, Lindenwood, Illinois*.

A hearing on this Zoning Application will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025 at 11:00 A.M. in the County Board conference room at the McHenry County Government Center Administration Building 667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, Illinois at which time and place any person desiring to be heard may be present. The McHenry County Government Center Mailing address is 2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, Illinois 60098.

#### DATED THIS 16TH DAY OFJUNE 2025.

By: Michael McNerney, MCHO McHenry County Hearing Officer 2200 N. Seminary Avenue Woodstock, IL 60098

Petitions for all Zoning hearings can be accessed at the following link: <a href="https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/county-government/new-meeting-portal">www.mchenrycountyil.gov/county-government/new-meeting-portal</a> and choosing the "Agenda" link for the specific meeting date.

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