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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 15, 2023

Raymond Stackhouse, BCO Caln Township 253 Municipal Drive P.O. Box 72149 Thorndale, PA 19372

RE: Celebree School – 3025-3035 Zinn Road Conditional Use Review Caln Township ARRO No.: 11243.55

Dear Raymond:

As requested, we have completed a review of the Conditional Use Application submitted for the proposed Celebree School. The property is located at 3025-3035 Zinn Road, UPI Nos. 39-4-91.16A and 39-4-91.16B. The Plan intends to merge the lots comprising the property and to reuse the existing building on the property for a child daycare center.

I. SUBMISSION

The following information was received by ARRO:

- Conditional Use Plan Set, consisting of one (1) sheet dated June 14, 2023, and prepared by Howell Engineering (Plan).
- Tax Map / Aerial Photo, dated May 12, 2023, prepared from Chester County GIS.

II. <u>APPLICABLE ORDINANCES</u>

The plans and reports have been reviewed for compliance with Caln Township Code:

• Chapter 155 Zoning

III. RELIEF GRANTED

On July 6, 2023, the Zoning Hearing Board of Caln Township, upon consideration of the Application of Prosperity Property Investment, LLC, for the property located at 3025-3035 Zinn Road, Thorndale, Caln Township, Chester County, PA 19372 (Tax Parcel Nos. 39-4-91.16A, 39-4-91-16.B), in the TV-1 Thorndale Village Zoning Distract of the Township, for 1) a dimensional variance from Code Section 155-26.E, Matrix Chart 6 (minimum lot area) and 2) a dimensional variance Code Section 155-70.D(4)(d) (minimum separation

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distance for outdoor play area), the requested relief is GRANTED, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The proposed use shall be constructed in substantial conformity with the evidence and testimony presented to the Zoning Hearing Board;
- 2. The Applicant shall comply with all other the rules, regulations, and ordinances of the Township, as well as all federal, state, and local laws and regulations;
- 3. The Applicant shall obtain all required permits and approvals; and
- 4. The fencing for the play areas shall be a minimum of six (6) feet high and constructed of vinyl unless directed otherwise by the appropriate federal or state entity.

IV. REVIEW COMMENTS

We offer the following comments for your consideration:

A. Chapter 155. Zoning Ordinance

§155-26 TV-1 Thorndale Village Zoning District
C. Uses by conditional use
(6) Child day-care center, subject to 155-70 of the Code.

A child daycare center is permitted by conditional use within TV-1 zoning district.

2. §155-43.G When redevelopment of an existing property, building or structure within the Lincoln Highway Overlay District is proposed or any new use of an existing structure or building is introduced, the Board of Commissioners may approve the following incentives or modifications of the standards that would otherwise apply pursuant to this chapter or the Caln Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

and

§155-70.D(4)(c) The outdoor play area shall be located within the rear yard of the property and have sufficient size to accommodate all of the children at the facility at once. The designated outdoor play area shall be planted and maintained in grass or lawn and shall be enclosed with a continuous and self-latching gate with a height four feet.

The Applicant has requested modifications of §155-70.D(4)(c) to permit fencing around the play areas to be six (6) feet in height and to permit a turf surface instead of grass or lawn in parts of the play area. ARRO offers no objection to the requested modifications. The Applicant should provide an explanation of the proposed use of the outdoor play area and the number of children that the outdoor play area will accommodate. If the area will not accommodate all children at once, then further modification of this section may be required.

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3. §155-68.F(2) All solid waste materials awaiting transport shall be properly screened and concealed from the view of all adjacent properties. All containers shall be airtight, verminproof and have adequate storage capacity to accommodate existing and projected volumes of solid waste.

The Applicant shall provide for solid waste in accordance with this section.

4. §155-70.D(5) In addition to the number of off-street parking spaces required for the principal and secondary use of the facility, an off-street pickup and dropoff area measuring 10 feet in width and 60 feet in length shall be designated and maintained for the discharge and collection of children. The designated pickup and dropoff area shall be marked by signs and physically removed from any required parking area, loading area, fire lane and all points for vehicular access providing ingress and egress to the facility.

The pickup/dropoff stacking spaces appear to be on the opposite side of the building from the entrance/exit, and sidewalk is not provided to the pickup/dropoff spaces.

- 5. §155-138 The width of aisles within the off-street parking areas shall comply with the following minimum design requirements:
 - (1) Where the angle of the parking spaces are at ninety-degree angles, the width of the aisle shall be 24 feet in width and may accommodate two-way travel.

The proposed stacking spaces along the east side of the building reduce the parking aisle to less than the required 24 feet.

6. §155-139.J Off-street loading areas.

The Applicant shall provide an off-street loading space or demonstrate to the Board of Commissioners that none is required.

7. §155-172.F(7) The applicant shall provide evidence with supporting documentation the facility or use provides safe and convenient pedestrian access and internal circulation within the grounds of the facility and particularly for points of access from the facility to the parking areas.

The proposed play area will block the existing sidewalk around the south side of the building. Pedestrian access shall be provided along the south side of the building, from the building to the proposed pickup/dropoff stacking spaces and to the proposed satellite playground area. There are no existing sidewalks along Zinn Rd. Sidewalks also may be required as part of subdivision and land development. Celebree School – 3025-3035 Zinn Road Conditional Use Review August 15, 2023 Page 4 of 5

B. Building and Life Safety Comments:

 Roads/Emergency Services access will need to be evaluated for compliance with Section 137- 24 F., Section 503 and Appendix D of the 2018 International Fire Code (see attached turning radius detail).

C. Caln Township Municipal Authority Comments:

- 9. Capacity will need to be obtained from the CTMA by executing a Capacity Reservation/Extension Agreement. All capacity is allocated in accordance with CTMA Resolution 2005-10-CTMA.
- 10. An escrow will need to be established so the Authority's Engineer can complete an evaluation of the existing system to determine if the project will not create a hydraulic overload in the Authority's System.
- 11. Flow Data which shows all the proposed uses that will be needing public sewer along with an official request must be submitted so the Authority's Engineer can proceed with the capacity evaluation once the escrow is established.
- 12. Once the flow data evaluation is complete, and if it determines that improvements and/or upgrades are needed in the existing system, they will be addressed as part of an extension/improvement and capacity reservation agreement between the Caln Township Municipal Authority ("CTMA"), and the Developer.
- 13. Provide a plan that shows the proposed development along with any proposed locations of the sewer extensions and their connection points to the Authority's system, which will need to be installed to serve the development along with any necessary easements.
- 14. Once the evaluation is done and the agreements are executed, the developer will also need to submit a complete PADEP Sewer Planning Module or exemption request, along with the Executed Agreements, to the PADEP for review and approval. Once they receive all governmental approvals and satisfied all conditions outlined in the Executed Agreements, the capacity will then be considered reserved.

This letter should not be considered as our all-inclusive comments; future reviews may provide additional comments as additional information is provided by the applicant.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at <u>lowell.leaman@arroconsulting.com</u> or by phone at our West Chester office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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