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Mr. Nick Pantina
301 North Wood Avenue
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Sent Via E mail to: NPantina@linden-nj.org

October 13, 2020

Re: Plan Review 913 Bergen Avenue, Block 112, Lots 9 & 10

Dear Mr. Pantina:

Below is the review of the applicant submission plan for the project listed in the subject line above.

1. Tree and shrub planting details do not comply with LSTC standard details. Revise to comply. LSTC (Linden Shade Tree Commission) can discuss with applicant. There are many issues that are unacceptable and can be further discussed between the LSTC and the applicant.
2. Tree and shrub planting specifications are minimal at best and do not comply with Li. Revise to comply with LSTC standard specifications.
3. Bark Mulch is unacceptable. It sheds water. Ground arborist chips should be used.
4. There was not time to visit the site as this plan was just received before the holiday weekend late on Friday 10/9/20. However, based upon review of Google Maps satellite view that there is extensive vegetation and major shade trees that will be removed from the site. This must be indicated upon the plan and some kind of addition compensation must be paid to the LSTC for tree planting. If there is not room on public property at the site(s), the LSTC shall use the funds for planting trees in other locations.
5. The applicant is not permitted to plant street trees. Any trees to be planted on public property shall be planted by the Shade Tree Commission. The applicant must provide funds in an escrow account accessible by the Commission for replacements and trees removed from site needs further discussion and review.
6. There does not appear to be a plant schedule for varieties of trees. Provide a schedule of plants, sizes, scientific and common names, etc. LSTC can discuss these requirements and expectation further with the applicant.
7. A tree protection plan must be provided for any trees to remain on site and/or trees on City Property. The Applicant will be responsible for replacement cost of any existing trees that may be damaged during construction.



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8. The tree/shrub plant planting details are not consistent with the Shade Tree Commission Standard Planting Detail. Trees should not be planted on compacted fill, but on native soil. 2/3 of the burlap and steel basket must be removed off the top of the ball. Staking is improper (should be at 1/3 the height from grade). DO NOT use tree wrap except in transport of trees and to protect trees during transport and construction. Provide a detail consistent with the Shade Tree Commission detail for planting and protocols.
9. Provide a full specification for planting consistent with the Shade Tree Commission Standard Bid Specifications (Latest edition). All specifications must include a reference and be consistent with ANSI Z 60.1-2014 (or latest edition)
10. Provide a detailed maintenance plan for all plantings. Including but not limited to watering schedule and methods.
11. All landscaping specifications must include a two-year warranty on all plantings. Warranty is based upon full establishment as outlined in the Establishment Criteria listed in the Linden Shade Tree Commission Bid Specifications (latest edition). Warranty is to begin at the "Date of acceptance".

Feel free to have the applicant contact the Shade Tree Commission for any clarifications.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Tandul, LLA, ASLA, M.Arch
Chairman Linden Shade Tree Commission

Cc Zoning Officer Ritacco. City Planner (consultant) Ricci, Councilman Javick, LSTC Liaison,
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