

**Stevensville Board of Adjustment Meeting/Public Hearing
Minutes for
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2020
7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call: Mr. Michalson, Mr. Vick, Mr. Dewey, Ms. Devlin & Ms. Holcomb. Staff and members of the community were also present.

2. Discussion on the Following Items

Agency Exemption of Stevensville Municipal Code Chapter 10 § 10-166 – Landscaping; for Stevensville School District

The Town of Stevensville Landscape Ordinance Requirements, sections A, B and C were explained. The total landscaping required includes 18 trees and 17 shrubs. The School District's proposed landscaping includes 6 trees and 187 shrubs.

Jessica Holdren and Ryan Sallsbury from WGM presented the school district's proposed landscaping plan.

The exemption includes shrubs in the parking lot islands and the front facade, in place of the trees. The justification includes the parking lot landscape reduces visibility for law enforcement patrol ability. Parking areas are located away from Park Ave., reducing the need for screening. Therefore, the school is providing foundation planting beds to highlight entrances and visual appeal, low-water use and native species, flowering shrubs and perennials and shade trees in open grassy areas. Native plants were described as the proposed plants and shrubs.

Mr. Michalson clarified that 50 percent of the required landscaping shall consist of trees, and the school is requesting the exempt from that portion of the landscape requirement.

Mr. Dewey asked about the financial burden portion of the request, as far as the cost difference toward the school district for the number of trees purchased for the landscaping. Jessica from WGM, explained that while trees are fairly expensive, the cost difference is not substantial.

Currently, the parking lot is proposed to be a combination of asphalt and gravel. Mr. Dewey called for Public Comment, and none at this time.

3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Brandon E. Dewey, Mayor

Monica Hoffman, Town Clerk