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Planning Commission Staff Report

Project Type: Sign Approval

Meeting Date: September 13, 2010

From: Kristian Corbin, Mara Perry, AICP

Project Planner Senior Planner

Location: 140 Long Road

Applicant: PPM/Long Road LLC.

Description: Pohlman Industrial Park: A request for a free-standing sign to

exceed six (6) feet in height, with an outline area to exceed fifty (50) square feet located on an 8.328 acre tract of land zoned "PI" Planned Industrial District, located along Long Road south of the

intersection of Chesterfield Airport Road and Long Road.

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

PPM/Long Road LLC. has submitted a request for a free-standing sign for the Pohlman Industrial Park development. The proposed sign is seven (7) feet six (6) inches in height with an outline area of 80.56 square feet. The proposed sign is before the Planning Commission for review because the sign height and outline area exceed the requirements set forth in the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance. The Department of Planning and Public Works has reviewed the request and submits the following report.

An existing sign was approved by Staff via Municipal Zoning Approval that was four (4) feet in height and thirty-two (32) square feet in outline area on December 23, 2009.

LAND USE AND ZONING HISTORY OF SUBJECT SITE

The subject site was zoned "M3" Planned Industrial by St. Louis County prior to the incorporation of the City of Chesterfield.

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On December 1, 2008, the zoning of the subject site was changed from "M3" Planned Industrial District to "PI" Planned Industrial via City of Chesterfield Ordinance 2504. The purpose of the change in zoning was to add additional uses on the site.

LAND USE AND ZONING OF SURROUNDING PROPERTIES

Direction	Land Use Category	Zoning
North	Auto repair (C8) & Warehouse (PC)	"C8" Planned Commercial District & "PC" Planned Commercial District
South	Office (C8) & Vacant (PC)	"C8" Planned Commercial District & "PC" Planned Commercial District
East	Church	"PI" Planned Industrial District
West	Vacant	"M3" Planned Industrial District & "PC" Planned Commercial District



STAFF ANALYSIS

Zoning

The subject site is currently zoned "PI" Planned Industrial District under the terms and conditions of City of Chesterfield Ordinance 2504. Ordinance 2504 requires conformance with the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance Sign Regulations. The request is before Planning Commission for review because the petitioner is requesting modifications to the Sign Requirements found in Section 1003.168 C2(2a) of the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance.

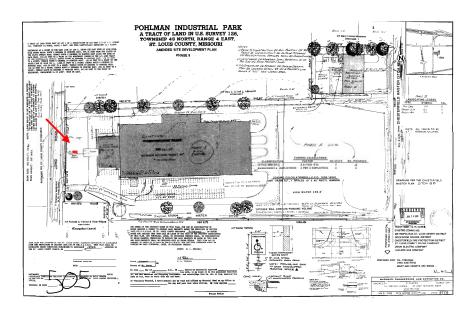
The modifications being requested to section 1003.168 C2(2a) are as follows:

- 1. The height of any freestanding sign shall not exceed six (6) feet. The height may be increased up to twenty (20) feet subject to Planning Commission approval.
 - A. Petitioner is requesting a sign height of seven (7) feet six (6) inches. The height is measured from the finished grade at the base of the sign.
- 2. The maximum outline area per face of any freestanding sign shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet. The maximum outline area of the sign face may be increased up to one hundred (100) square feet subject to Planning Commission approval.
 - A. Petitioner is requesting an outline area of 80.56 square feet.

Exhibit A attached to the end of this report is a photo of the proposed sign.

Location

The location of the sign has already been approved and is shown on the Site Development Plan.





View of the sign location looking northeast

Landscaping

The City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance Section 1003.168C requires that all free standing signs be landscaped. The current location of the existing sign is landscaped with low lying bushes. The existing landscaping will remain. Exhibit B attached to the end of this report contains photos of the existing sign and the existing landscaping.

DEPARTMENTAL INPUT

The submittal is in compliance with all applicable City of Chesterfield ordinances. The Department of Planning and Public Works requests action on the Sign request.

MOTION

The following options are provided to the Planning Commission for consideration relative to this application:

- 1) "I move to approve (or deny) the Sign Request for a free standing sign, 7'-6" in height with an outline area of 80.56 square feet for Pohlman Industrial Park."
- 2) "I move to approve the Sign Request for a free standing sign, 7'-6" in height with an outline area of 80.56 square feet for Pohlman Industrial Park with the following conditions......" (Conditions may be added, eliminated, altered or modified)

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Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: City Administrator

City Attorney

Department of Planning and Public Works

Attachments: Letter from the Petitioner

Photo of Proposed Sign (Exhibit A)

Photos of Existing Sign and Existing Landscaping (Exhibit B) Site Development Plan showing approved Sign Location

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140 Long Road Monument Sign Approval Application

The Proposed Sign for 140 Long Road is: 7'6" Tall X 10'6" Wide
The Sign Face is: 5'6" Tall X 8'6" Wide

The larger sign is needed at the facility because the building is very large, 140,000SF; and houses numerous tenants, currently four, with four new tenants moving in within the next three months. There is also 2,300 SF still available to be leased out to new tenants.

When the sign is completed there will be eight tenant names on it. This sign will allow for blank space as well for new tenants and will give all tenants a larger signage area on the sign face.

The Pictures submitted illustrate how big the building is and the need for the larger sign.

Thank you for your time,

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Partnership Property Management

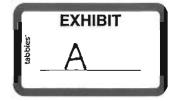
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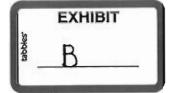




Exterior dimensions: 10'6" wide X 7'6" tall

Square Footage: 80.56sf





This is where the current sign is located. The landscaping will remain the same. The new sign will replace the sign currently displayed.











