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Director

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Matthew J. Stypula, P.E.
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RE: Stormwater Drainage Manual (SWDM) Type II Variance Request
– Columbus Country Club Basin Modifications

Mr. Stypula:

This letter is in response to the subject variance request to SWDM Section 3.2.3.3 - *Additional Layout Requirements for Wet Detention Basins*.

The SWDM Variance Type II (Non Stream Protection) Request was submitted to the City on March 8, 2021. As part of the review process, the subject Variance request was posted on the City website on March 11, 2021 to solicit public comments. No public comments were received by the published deadline. The Variance Review Committee met and reviewed the subject Variance Request on May 12, 2021.

The submitted Variance Request was found to be in compliance with the SWDM Type II Non Stream Protection Variance Application requirements. The applicant requested a variance from providing an aquatic (safety) bench around the existing wet pond which is proposed to be enlarged and used for irrigation, in addition to addressing stormwater management requirements. As the pond is proposed to be used for irrigation purposes, the normal pool of the pond is expected to fluctuate and potentially be lower at times than the pond's outfall. This condition would expose the shallow safety bench and cause a muddy shoreline collecting golf balls, and resulting in an unsafe and unsightly condition.

Upon reviewing and discussing the application and other supportive documentation submitted by the applicant, the Variance Review Committee agreed with the applicant's argument that using the pond for irrigation purposes will make adherence to the SWDM Section 3.2.3.3 aquatic/safety bench requirement impractical and not warranted.



In light of the above, the subject Variance Request (Preferred Alternative) is conditionally approved contingent upon the following stipulations:

- Storm CC-Plans and Stormwater Management Report to be submitted and approved by the City
- The owner agrees to be solely responsible for any safety issues arising as a result of not constructing a safety bench

No approval contained herein relieves or absolves the applicant of any provisions of applicable state or federal laws. Please contact Plan Review Section Manager Greg Fedner, P.E. at 614-645-8072 with any questions.

Sincerely,



John G. Newsome, P.E.
Administrator
Division of Sewerage and Drainage

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