AMENDED SITE PLAN
NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Block 100, Lot 55.02
595 Parkertown Drive
Zone – Scenic Gateway Overlay
GB General Business Zone

Application No. 2011-02B

## RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL 2023-09 PLANNING BOARD, TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR

WHEREAS, an application has been made by New Life Community Church for an amended site plan approval for Block 100, Lot 55.02, as set forth on the Tax Maps of the Township of Little Egg Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the Amended Site Plan was prepared by Owen, Little & Associates, dated November 4, 2022; the survey was prepared by Owen, Little & Associates, dated October 31, 2022; the proposed floor plans were prepared by Hand Line Architects, dated November 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, after carefully considering the evidence presented by the applicant, and the report(s) from its professional staff, hereby makes the following findings of fact:

- 1. The applicant has a proprietary interest in the subject property.
- 2. The applicant has requested approval in accordance with the Ordinances of the Township of Little Egg Harbor.
- 3. The public hearing on the application was held on February 2, 2023, at which time the applicant was represented by Rich Visotcky Esq.
- 4. The site in question is located in the Scenic Gateway Overlay of the General Business zone. The site is located at 595 Parkertown Drive.
- 5. The seeks approval of an amendment to the existing site plan to add a 30ft x 40ft pavilion and a 12ft x 24ft shed, with concrete walkways, to the site.

*The following bulk variances are being requested:* 

Front setback - accessory (pavilion): 70ft required; 50ft proposed Front setback - accessory (shed): 70ft required; 39.95ft proposed Accessory building height (pavilion): 15ft permitted; 17.75ft proposed Accessory gross floor area (pavilion): 900sf permitted; 1200sf proposed

The following design waiver is being requested:
50ft buffer to shed required; 40ft buffer proposed

6. Remington & Vernick Engineers, the Board engineers, prepared a report to the Board dated December 23, 2022. Taylor Design Group, the Board landscape architects, prepared a report to the Board dated January 23, 2023.

The Board hereby adopts the findings in the reports and incorporates them in this Resolution by reference.

7. The applicant presented the testimony of its engineering expert, Frank Little, PE, PP, who testified as to the existing conditions at the site and the additional structures being proposed. The site is surrounded by wooded areas. The proposed pavilion and shed will have no significant impact upon the grade or drainage of the site. No major lighting fixtures are proposed, but rather minimal walking path lights will be provided for the safety of pedestrians. The applicant's architect, William Esarey, testified to the size and design of the pavilion to meet the applicant's religious service space needs, and the size and design of the shed will meet the applicant's storage needs. Pastor McGillian testified as to the outside services contemplated. No additional parking will be needed nor is required.

The testimony elicited supported the applicant's contention that the proposed amended site plan is in keeping with the area and neighborhood and that the granting of the application would in no way be detrimental to the public good.

The Little Egg Harbor Township Planning Board concurs with these representations and so finds.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has determined that the applicant should be granted the requested relief for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposed site plan amendment will pose no danger to the surrounding area.
- 2. The granting of the application will not have a substantial detriment to the public good and will not substantially impair the intent and purpose of the Zone Plan, Master Plan, and/or Zoning Ordinances of the Township of Little Egg Harbor.
  - 3. The positive criteria outweigh the negative, if any.
  - 4. There was no public comment at the hearing.
- 5. The safety and well being of the immediate area will not be adversely affected by the proposed development.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Little Egg Harbor Township Planning Board that the application is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. These specific conditions noted herein are an integral part of the basis for which the approval is being granted and are intended to be inseparable from the right of enjoyment of this approval.

2. The applicant shall comply with all conditions as contained in the aforementioned reports of the Board Engineer & Board Landscape Architect.

In addition, the following general conditions shall apply:

- 1. The applicant must submit proof of payment of all currently due taxes to the Little Egg Harbor Township Planning Board.
- 2. The applicant must post all bonds and guaranties as required and recommended by this Board and said Planning Board engineer. Moreover, the Applicant must post all required engineering inspection fees.
- 3. All representations and statements made by the Applicant, as well as Applicant's representatives and witnesses, shall be considered and deemed to be relied upon by the Board in rendering this decision and to be an expressed condition of this Board's actions in approving the subject application. Any misstatement or misrepresentation, whether by mistake or change in circumstance, shall be deemed a breach of this condition of approval and shall subject this application to further review of this Board's own motion.
- 4. In the event the Planning Board determines that it reasonably relied upon any misstatement or misrepresentation, then and in that case any approvals previously given may be rescinded and any improvements in place on the premises in question shall not be considered as being in compliance with the ordinances of the Township of Little Egg Harbor.
- 5. The applicant must comply with all conditions as contained in the aforementioned reports of the Board professionals.
- 6. The applicant must obtain reports with signed certifications from the Township of Little Egg Harbor Planning Board Engineer, Zoning Officer, and Building Department certifying compliance with all conditions of the Resolution.
- 7. No building permit will be issued until all escrow accounts have sufficient monies to pay all outstanding Planning Board professional fees. In the event a building permit is issued and there are outstanding escrow monies due for Planning Board professional fees, a stop-work order will be filed against the applicant/contractor until such escrow fees have been confirmed by the Board Secretary as paid in full.
- 8. In the event there is an *existing* violation, the applicant shall have thirty (30) days from the date of the Notice of Decision was published to correct the violation. Failure to correct the existing violation within the time proscribed will result in the issuance of a summons.
- 9. The applicant shall comply with all regulations and obtain all necessary permits required by outside agencies, including local, state and federal.

- 10. The applicant has agreed to participate in the State recycling program. The program provides credits to the Township of Little Egg Harbor when trees and tree parts are cleared from properties and processed into wood chips (at the site) and then recycled for use as product on-site or off-site. The applicant agrees to file the appropriate forms with Little Egg Harbor Township so that the Township will receive recycling credits pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 7:26A-1.4.
- 11. In accordance with NJSA 40:55D-46.1, approval of a minor site plan shall be protected for a two-year period; an extension on such approval may be granted by the Board not exceeding an additional one year. In accordance with NJSA 40:55D-47, approval of a minor subdivision shall expire 190 days from the date of this resolution unless a plat or subdivision deed is endorsed by the Board Chair and filed with the County Clerk within said 190-day period; an extension of said 190-day period may be granted by the Board not exceeding an additional one year. Minor subdivision approval shall thereafter be protected for a two-year period; an extension on such approval may be granted by the Board not exceeding an additional one year. In accordance with NJSA 40:55D-49, preliminary approval of a major subdivision or site plan shall be protected for a three-year period; extensions on such preliminary approval may be granted by the Board for an additional one year not exceeding a total extension of two years. In accordance with NJSA 40:55D-52, final approval of a major subdivision or site plan shall be protected for a two-year period; extensions on such final approval may be granted by the Board for an additional one year not exceeding a total extension of three years. All other approvals will expire one year after the date of resolution approval if a building permit is required or, if a building permit is not required, a certificate of occupancy has not been obtained; thereafter the applicant may apply to the Board for an extension if the conditions and ordinances existing at the time of approval have not changed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the applicant's request for amended site plan approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions as set forth more fully in the preamble of this Resolution, be and hereby are approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the applicant, the Building Department, and the Township Clerk by the Planning Board secretary.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a notification of this favorable Resolution shall be published in an official newspaper of the Little Egg Harbor Township within ten (10) days of the adoption of this resolution.

GEORGE GARBARAVAGE, Chair

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, **Robin Schilling**, Secretary of the Little Egg Harbor Township Planning Board, certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting held on March 2, 2023, memorializing the vote of the Little Egg Harbor Township Planning Board at a meeting previously held on February 2, 2023, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

Robin Schilling, Board Secretary