

MEMORANDUM MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE:

June 6, 2002

TO:

Montgomery County Planning Board

VIA:

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Development Review Division

FROM:

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REVIEW TYPE:

Site Plan Review -

APPLYING FOR:

Amendment of Off - Site Parking Location

PROJECT NAME: Young Israel Shomrai Emunah

CASE #:

8-71016B

REVIEW BASIS:

Sec. 59-D-3, M. C. Zoning Ordinance

ZONE:

RT- 12.5

LOCATION:

Southwest Quadrant of the intersection of Arcola Avenue and

Lamberton Drive

APPLICANT:

Young Israel Shomari of Greater Washington

FILING DATE:

May 17, 2002

HEARING DATE: June 13, 2002

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of relocated off-site parking with the following conditions:

- 1. Conformance to the original approval of #8-71016 and its amendment with Site Plan #8-98023 and the Site Plan Enforcement Agreements as amended to include this proposed off-site parking facility.
- 2. Any future revisions to the off-site parking scheme to be reviewed by staff for adequacy.

DISCUSSION

The proposal is to relocate an off site parking facility for the use of the congregation.

In 1998, Young Israel Shomari Emunah (YISE) received Planning Board approval of an addition to the synagogue. When YISE proposed the addition to the temple, the addition eliminated the small on-site parking lot. The site plan approval provided for "off-site parking spaces" per Section 59-E-3.4 of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance. At

the time of the site plan approval for the addition, they utilized the parking lot within the adjacent shopping center to the north. Later that arrangement changed and the congregation utilized the parking within the Yeshiva School north of the site beyond the M-NCPPC Park. That revision was handled as a staff level approval as a minor change to a site plan per Section 59-D-1.7

The current proposal to revise the off-site parking location is brought before the Planning Board for approval because a neighbor has filed a lawsuit related to this site. A public hearing on this change ensures that all adjacent property owners are informed of the proposed changes.

Staff has spoken with Mr. Dellaratta, the owner of the shopping center. He supports the relocated site of the parking center but remains concerned about pedestrian safety of people crossing the shopping center from the YISE to the M-NCPPC Park or the shopping center.

PROPOSAL

The applicant has provided an analysis that shows the adequacy of parking for the pool and YISE and an agreement that proposes to alleviate possible conflicts regarding concurrent use of parking areas. Their proposal of March 12, 2002 is attached.

The proposal shows a sidewalk connection and continuation of landscaping along the shared boundary. The parking lot is now contiguous to the YISE and the members can access the site directly without crossing any adjacent roads. Vehicular access to the pool parking lot is directly off of Arcola Avenue, thus creating no disturbance to other local roads.

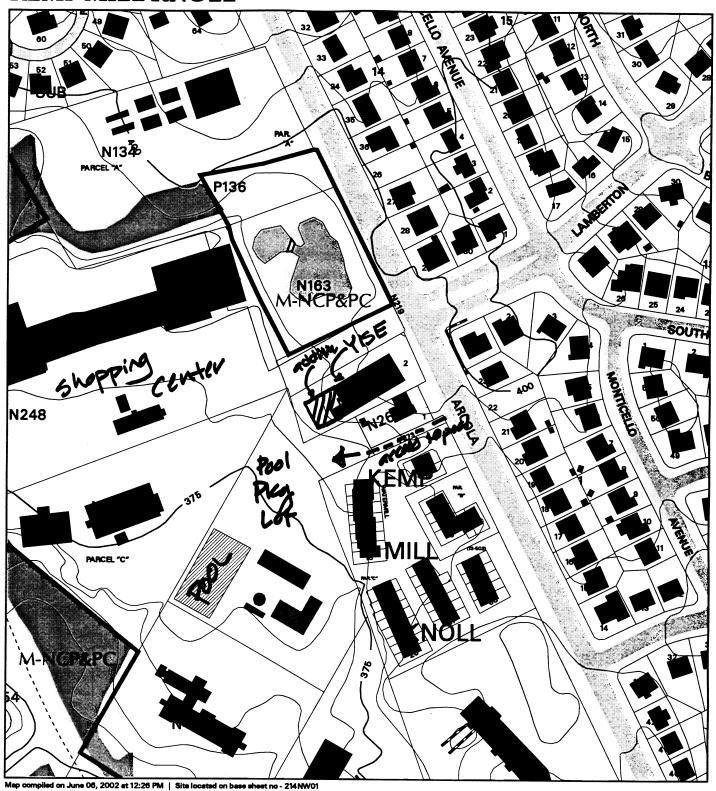
Staff recommends the Planning Board approve the relocated off site parking for YISE.

ATTACHMENTS:

March 12, 2002 YISE Proposal Proposed Site Plan for off site parking

Copies of the earlier site plan approval and opinions are available to the public within the staff file (Planning Board to receive their own copies).

KEMP MILL KNOLL



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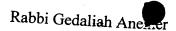






MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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March 12, 2002

Three and a half years ago, the owner of the Kemp Mill Shopping Center suspended our parking priviledges in the shopping center lot. Up until this time, we had been using the shopping center lot for our parking needs for almost twenty years. The Yeshiva of Greater Washington located across the park from our synagogue has stepped in to assist us with our daily parking requirements. This action has already been approved by the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning.

In order to make parking more convenient to our members and in order to have the additional parking that is necessary to rent our social hall to our members for family celebrations, we have negotiated a parking rental plan with the Parkland Pool, our immediate neighbors.

We will rent approximately twenty-five spaces from the pool for our daily services and classes on Sunday through Friday and additional spaces for family parties and synagogue special events. The pool has approx. 200 spaces available for parking. They are willing to rent their upper lot which has approx 45 spaces to our synagogue. This upper lot has not been utilized by the pool for many years. From Labor Day through Memorial Day when the pool is closed, there will be no conflict with the pool. During the summer months, extending from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the times that we utilize the lot will rarely conflict with the pool. As mentioned above, the pool has not used the upper lot for many years. On Friday night and Saturday, there will never be a conflict in mixed usage. Since we are an Orthodox Jewish Synagogue our members do not drive during our sabbath for religious reasons. The lease (see enclosed) gives preference to the pool if the pool has a function that is in conflict with our needs.

Please find enclosed the amended parking site plan. There have been a few modifications to our last site plan submitted to you in December, 1997. A six foot wide asphalt path will extend from our driveway down into the pool parking area. This path will be approx. eighteen feet back from the street. Two bushes will have to be moved to the side of the path and an additional four to six new bushes will be planted to the sides of the path.

Parkland Pool and the synagogue understand that if there is any change in use or in the joint use agreement that a new use and occupancy permit and proof that sufficient parking is available for both parties.



Since we are a non-profit (Eleemosynary) Institution, I am requesting that Park and Planning waive fees (if possible) that are customarily charged for our request.

Please contact me if there is any additional information that is needed in granting our request for this parking arrangement and for the placement of the above described path.

Sincerely,

Marc S. Katz

Vice President

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MIXED USE

Please note that from Labor Day through Memorial Day there will be no mixed use with Parkland Pool as they are closed. We will still have our own area of around 45 parking spaces (we are being charged for the lease of 25 per month) that will be fenced off in order to separate our area from the Pool's. There will be times that we will be able to open the gate (into the Pool lot proper) and use the entire parking lot for special synagogue events, funerals and parties.

From Memorial Day when the Pool opens their season until the third week in June when the kids are out of school for the summer the Pool is open late afternoons and weekends. There is a three week period of time (usually during the month of July) that Orthodox Jews do not plan celebrations (for religious reasons). I am noting this to emphasize that during the three month Pool season there are really only around six weeks that there will truely be mixed use of the lot.

Please also note that the Pool capacity is around 180. Considering the fact that families usually come to swim together, the Pool has informed me that their parking requirement is one spot for every four people in the pool. This means that their requirement is around 45 spaces out of a parking lot capacity of around 200 spaces. Also note, that the Pool's peak capacity time is between the hours of 3:00-5:00 PM ON sundays.

MIXED USE CHART: MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY

•		WEEKDAY		
	6:30 am - 8:30 am	9:00 am - 7:00 pm	7:00 pm - 9:00 pr	n
YISE	25 spaces	0	25 spaces	
POOL	0	10-30 spaces	15 spaces	
		SATURDAY		
YISE		0 spaces		
POOL		45 spaces		
		SUNDAY		
	6:30 am- 8:30 am	8:30 am- 1:00 pm	1:00 pm - 7:00 pm	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
YISE	25 spaces	100 spaces *	0 spaces	25 spaces
POOL	0	25 spaces	45 spaces **	25 spaces

^{*} During a six week period extending from the end of June to Labor Day (minus a three week period in July mentioned above) there could be bar mitzvah parties that would require that we use some of the pool's lot. In the lease, it is stated that if the pool ever had a function (three summer

swim meets or their July 4th or Labor Day BBQ, that they get first preference for the lot.

** The Pool may need 75 spaces during this time period on July 4 and Labor Day when they have their party/BBQ.

