

Shade Tree Management Board
Hartley Dodge Memorial
Borough of Madison
Madison, NJ 07940

July 11, 2022

To: Frances Boardman, Board Secretary

From: Shade Tree Management Board

Re: Preliminary & Final Site Plan with Variances
5 Central Ave.
Block 1802, Lot 3

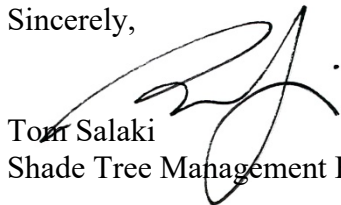
Dear Ms. Boardman,

A site visit was conducted July 1, 2022 at approximately 3:00 PM.

STMB offers the following observations and suggestions regarding the subject application:

- 1) Block 1802, Lot 3 has a total of eight (2) street trees marked as intended to leave in place. These trees are both in good condition with wide healthy canopies.
- 2) STMB is concerned that the proposed building being 4 stories tall, will not accommodate the existing canopy spread of the existing trees. The current site consists of 1 and 2 story buildings and to accommodate the new building, both during and post construction, a significant amount of pruning will be needed. It is the recommendation of the STMB that the two street trees be removed and replace with a species that will provide the same about of scale but be allowed to be pruned over time to accommodate the building and overhead wires.
- 3) Recommended species included but are not limited to,
 - a. Gleditsia triacanthos (thornless),
 - b. Gymnocladus dioicus (seedless),
 - c. Platanus x acerifolia
 - d. Quercus phellos
- 4) It is recommended that if the existing trees are removed and new trees planted that new tree pits be installed including the excavation of existing soil and roots. It is recommended that the new tree pit also be larger in size that the existing tree pit. An appropriate size would be 5x10 feet with a walkable grate over it, or 4x8 without a grate.

Sincerely,



Tom Salaki
Shade Tree Management Board