✓ BURN PERMIT REQUEST (Business Item)

The city ordinance prohibits burning with the following provision:

Sec. 8-1 - Burning wastes without council authorization unlawful.

It shall be unlawful for any person to start, cause or permit to be started any open fire for the purpose of burning waste matter within the city, provided that the council shall have the right to authorize the open burning of waste matter upon application to the council and when in the discretion of the council it shall determine that such burning shall provide for the general welfare of the community.

The owner of 6376 Miller Road (see map) is clearing the lot in preparation for a home site. This process necessitated the grading of the lot. The owner has opted to use existing fill from the site to create a buildable location for their home. The result of the site grading is a large amount of lot clearing activity. The owner now wishes to remove the resulting waste by burning.

Neither the fire chief nor I have a strong opinion on this. Burning allows for removal of brush in a manner that reduces the burden on the resident and our chipping crew. However, lot clearing has always been the responsibility of the owner to manage waste, and the production of smoke is a concern anywhere in the city. Mr. Cole allows these on similar properties in the township, but the culture of non-burning in the city could generate an emergency call at this location even under controlled burn conditions.

I am specifically worried about the volume of material and the content. I have attempted to get specific details about the content and scale of the burn from the applicant. I don't believe the applicant has been very forthcoming. As such, I am not sure the council can reasonably ensure the safety of nearby residents concerning the volume and content of resulting smoke, since brush can generate much smoke. There is also the risk of poison ivy being included, which presents known health hazards.

Lastly, I have reached out to the airport to ascertain and impact it may have on their operations. Joe Medici, the Deputy Director, indicated that the burn could impair visibility or create other issues. He expressed general concerns and felt that, if approved, a public notice should be issued. Without knowing all of the circumstances, he felt that this might constitute an unlawful land use since the geography falls under the airport ordinance. At this point, the benefit of the burn appears to be of negligible public benefit in my opinion. In fact, I suspect there is a reasonable risk of poison ivy and high particulate smoke that could create public health risks, especially given the concerns of Mr. Medici.

The resolution is written in the affirmative, but my recommendation is to deny the request given concerns for the airport and air quality of residents.

Resolution No. 170710-8E RESOLUTION TO APPORVE BURN PERMIT

Motion by Councilmember: _____

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek city council may authorize open burning per ordinance section 8-1 if it finds that such burning will provide for the general welfare of the community, and

WHEREAS, a burning permit is sought by the resident at 6376 Miller Road; and

WHEREAS, the city finds that the circumstances of this request, being a substantial amount of brush on a large and open lot, enable burning as a potentially preferred solution over curbside chipping.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Swartz Creek City Council approve a single occurrence permit for open burning conditioned upon and in conformance with the standard burning requirements of the fire department.

Second by Councilmember: _____

Voting For:	
Voting Against:	

Adam Zettel

From: Sent: To: Subject: Cori DeWolfe <324dewolfe@gmail.com> Friday, July 07, 2017 11:10 AM Adam Zettel Fwd: Burn permit Steve Cooks 6376 Miller Rd

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From: Cori DeWolfe <<u>324dewolfe@gmail.com</u>> Date: July 7, 2017 at 11:03:29 AM EDT To: <u>Azettle@cityofswartzcreek.org</u> Subject: Burn permit

To Whom it may concern,

We are requesting permission to burn trees and brush cleared from our property, 6376 Miller Rd. Swartz Creek. We contracted S & F Construction Company to clear approximately 1.5 acres of trees and brush and to facilitate and oversee the burning process.

We respectfully request permission to take care of the brush as soon as possible so that we may start making this our future home. Plans for the property to follow . Thank you for your time .

Sincerely, Steve & Cori Cooks (810) 845-6171

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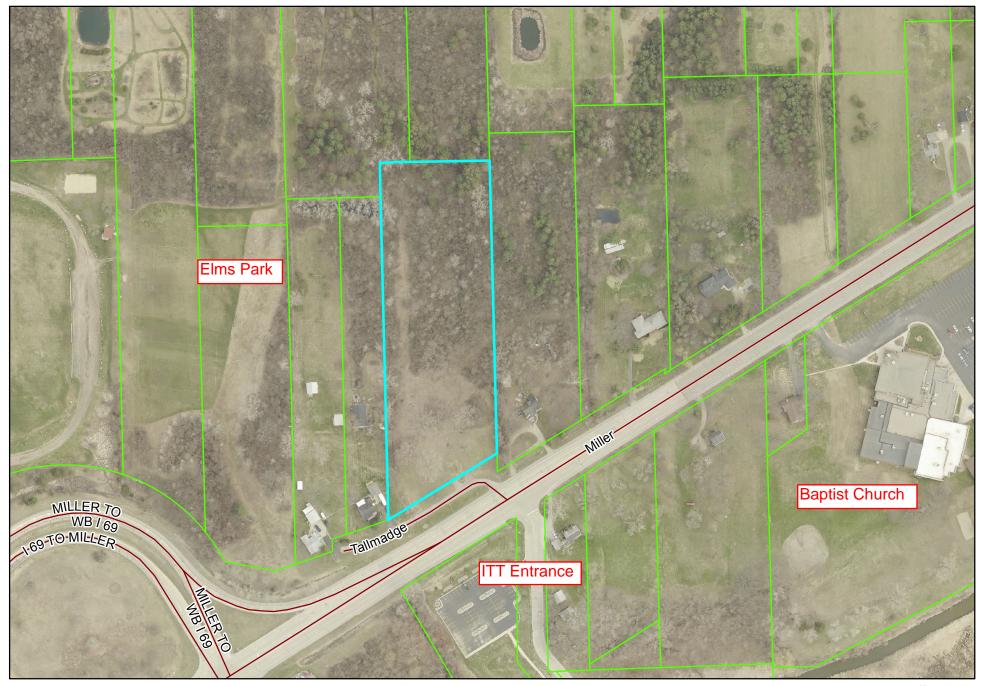
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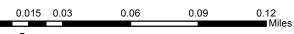
From: Sent: To: Subject: Steve Cooks Jr <steve.cooksjr@gmail.com> Saturday, July 08, 2017 8:46 AM Adam Zettel Burn permit

Hello Adam. The materials being burned consists of brush and cut down trees. The amount is made up of 1.5 acres of brush and cut down trees. The burn piles are located on the North East part of the property within the proposed pond area on the prints. S&F Construction will conduct a "CONTROLLED BURN" preferably starting Friday, July 14th and ending Sunday July 16th. The date could be moved up or back for according to your needs.

Steve Cooks Jr steve.cooksjr@gmail.com (810) 845-6171

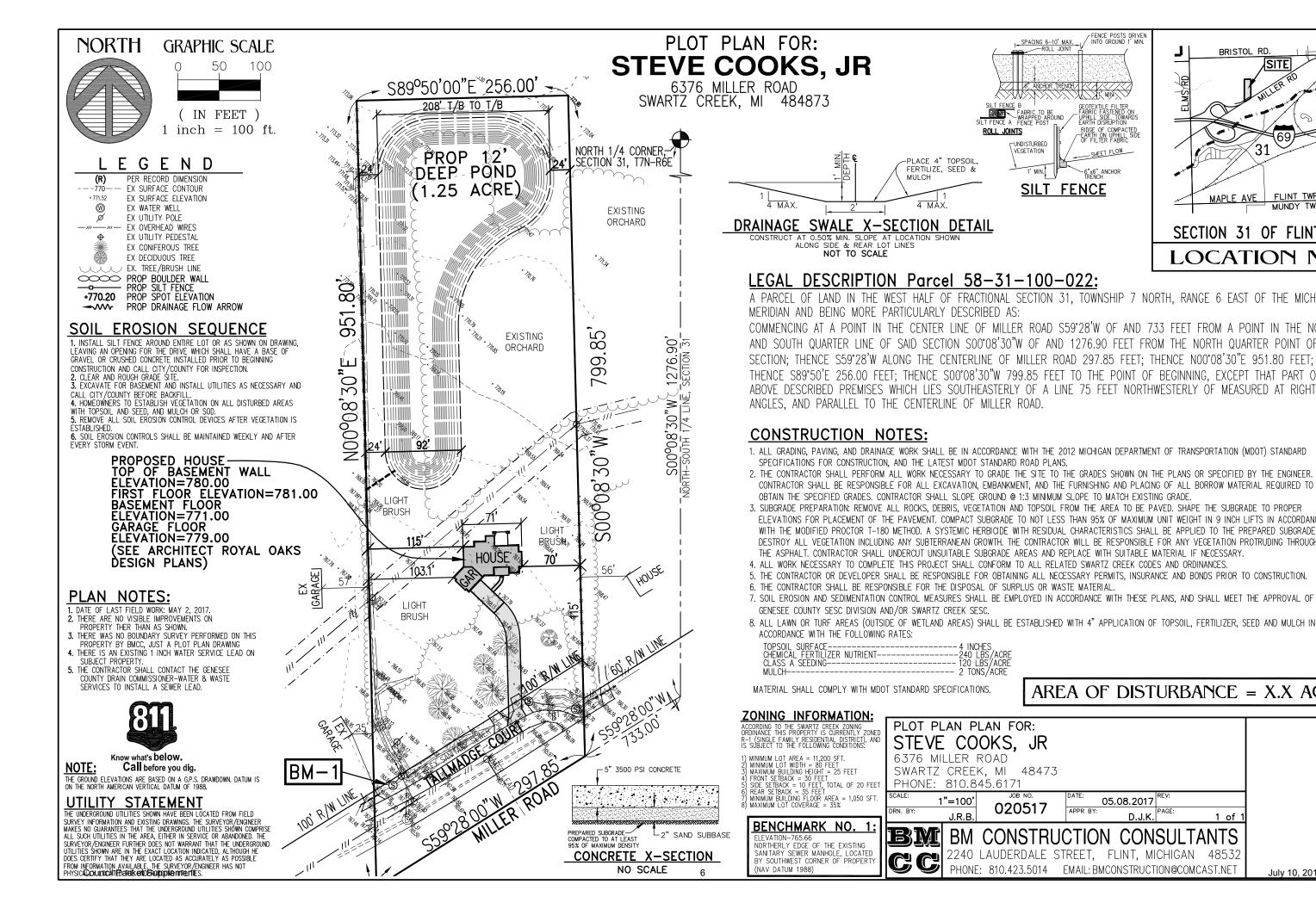


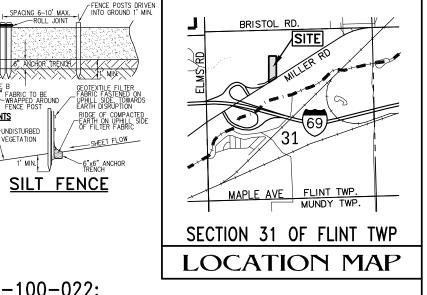
City of Swartz Creek Council Packet 6376 Miller Road





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