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| 1 | SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION : SOMERSET/OCEAN COUNTIES Docket Nos. L-36896-70 P.W., | | |
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| 2 | L-28061-71 P.W., L-12502-80 P.W. | | |
| 3 | THE ALLAN-DEANE CORPORATION and | | |
| 4 | HILLS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LEONARD DOBBS, TIMBER PROPERTIES, | | |
| 5 | DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, | | |
| 6 | Plaintiffs, STENOGRAPHIC TRANSCRIP | | |
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| 18 | THE HONORABLE EUGENE Do SERPEOTELLI, J.S«C. | | |
| 19 | TRANSCRIPT ORDERED BY: BRIAN D. SCHWARTZ, Esq. | | |
| 20 | (Weinberg & Schwartz) | | |
| 21 | APPEARANCES: | | |
| 22 | MESSRS. BRENER, WALLACE & HILL | | |
| 23 | By THOMAS J. HALL, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiffs | | |
| 24 | The Allan-Deane Corporation and Hills Development Company. | | |
| 25 | Reported by: DAVID G. VORSTEG, C.S.R. | | |
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APPEARANCES (Continuing): 2 MESSRS. WINNE, BANTA, RIZZIf HETHERINGTON & BASRALIAN By RAYMOND R. WISS, Esq. and 3 DONALD A. KLEIN, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff Leonard Dobbs. 5 MESSRS. WEINBERG & SCHWARTZ By BRIAN D. SCHWARTZ, Esq. 6 Attorneys for Plaintiff Timber Properties. 7 KENNETH E. MEISER, Esq. 8 Attorney for Plaintiff Department of the Public Advocate 9 of the State of New Jersey. 10 MESSRS. McCARTER & ENGLISH By ALFRED L. FERGUSON, Esq. 11 and MESSRS. LANIGAN, O'CONNELL & CHAZIN 12 By DANIEL F. O'CONNELL, Esq. Attorneys for Defendant 13 Township of Bedminster. 14 MESSRS. DOLAN & DOLAN By ROGER W. THOMAS, Esq. 15 Attorneys for De endant Planning Board of Bedminster Township, 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

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THE COURT: Okay.

MR, SCHWARTZ: Before the Township puts their witness on, I have a short statement I would like to make. This past week or so representatives of the Township and representatives of Timber Properties have been talking amongst themselves and ourselves about how to effectuage the goals of the Township and the needs of the Township as opposed to the feasibility and the need of Timber Properties. We have at this point reached an agreement as to the zoning of Timber's property and the need for the Township to have property for public-purpose using and for senior citizens' housing.

We have prepared a se tlement agreement between the Township and Timber Pror rties, which has been signed by the attorneys for the Planning Board and the Township and myself on behalf of Timber Properties, which I would like to submit to the Court. Basically, the important element is that Timber is accepting the concept and the equation of calculating that they are. However, Timber is willing —

THE COURT: I'm sorry?

MR. SCHWARTZ: The concept and the numbers of the FAR bonus for giving property to the Township, the multiplier of how it would be worked out. However,

Timber has agreed to give the Township upon obtaining site plan approval ten and a half acres, which would be used for senior citizen housing and also other public-purposes.

In allocating the FAR on that number of acres given to the Township, it comes out that Timber will be permitted to construct office facility of square footage not to exceed 260,000 square feet. That's how the numbers multiply out, using the same FAR bonus that are included in the proposed zoning of the Township.

Also the Township has agreed if and when **the**FAR plan is modified to have 50,000, an additional

50,000 gpd capacity that will be allocated to Timber

Properties or to this property for the senior citizen housing and for Timber's development.

THE COURT: Is it "if and when" or "when"?

MR. SCHWARTZ: I use "if and when."

My understanding of the testimony and of the clarification agreement, which, incidentally, is incorporated by reference in this document specifically, that when the gallonage becomes available it will be allocated to this particular property.

THE COURT: Is there a commitment in your agreement too on behalf of the Township specifically

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to pursue the technical upgrading that's necessary to provide Timber with that sewage?

MR. O'CONNELL: We have incorporated both the clarification and the compliance agreement, The clarification indicates that the Township will be taking the steps necessary to upgrade the plant upon the certificate of repose, and in this agreement we are allocating that 50,000 gallons or as much as is needed to Timber's property to build the senior citizen housing and the office facility, which is contingent upon transfer of the land to the Township, So that the Township, in the agreements that they have set forth and incorporated into this document agree that they will upgrade the plant by the 50,000 gallons and will allocate that for this purpose, so that the senior citizen housing can get built.

MR. THOMAS: Your Honor, there is another point that I think should be brought out, that is, there has been a location of the acreage that's to be donated.

THE COURT: That was my next question.

MR. THOMAS: This and the location of that property, if you will recall, will be located specifically on the northeastern or, I'm sorry, the northwestern corner of the property. Unfortunately,

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all — no, they have not. May I just have a moment?

THE COURT: That's adjacent where the road

comes in.

MR. O'CONNELL: It's a long Lamington Road.

MR. THOMAS: Abutting Lamington Road.

MR. SCHWARTZ: It's actually surrounding the existing library.

MR. O'CONNELL: Yes.

MR. THOMAS: Your Honor, in referring to DT-1, specifically, the property, the 10-acre portion of the property, thank you, that would be in this area right over here, which is, as I said, in the northwesterly corner, it's approximately 10 acres. We are still using the same standards, We haven't changed those standards at all. We are still using the same FAR of .175, and there is a transfer credit for each of the acres up to a maximum of 260,000 square feet on property J. we have, the Township was certainly concerned in light of the Court's comments with regard to where that senior citizen site may be located in regard to the amount of property. Of course the original agreement indicated, proposal indicated 6 acres. 10 acres does provide the Township with an additional flexibility and siting. That location has now been

determined, and an appropriate site within that

10 acres, of course, will have to be done. That

will have to be done on the basis of what a

particular agency might find. But we now have a

specific location in that northwesterly corner, which

I think is a significant portion of the agreement.

MR. SCHWARTZ: The final component, or the important component of the agreement is that Timber will be permitted to cluster the single-family residences permitted in the K area and in the rest of Timber Properties. The property which is zoned R 3 percent, it will be at the same density. However, they will be permitted to cluster those residences. The location of that will be determined at site plan time, considering the need to buffer that clustered development from both the rest of the R 3 percent zone to the west and also the commercial site to the east.

MR. THOMAS: That's not unlike, Your Honor, what has been suggested in the compliance package, which was that remaining acreage be on a cluster basis at the density of one to the acre, which is what is being proposed in this agreement.

MR. SCHWARTZ: The result would be a significant amount of open area, probably both to

the east and the west of the development, depending upon where it's eventually located at site plan time. This agreement, like all the other agreements that have been presented to the Court, is specifically contingent upon Township obtaining a certificate of compliance and repose under the compliance agreement, as has been presented and clarified and including this agreement.

MR. THOMAS: Your Honor, the final point is while it has not been specifically stated, it's obvious that the property of 10 acres or whatever it comes out to, ten and a half, is obviously being given to the town in furtherance of the suggestion made by Mr. Mallach that a f /orable application for senior citizens would be loo ed upon more favorably in the event that there is property that's already available at a no cost basis. This is what we have attempted to do by this agreement, to commit that, now.

THE COURT: The intention is still 90 units?

MR. THOMAS: The intentions are not.

THE COURT: You are not increasing?

MR. THOMAS: No, we are not. Just the basis of more land for siting purposes. The suggestion of Mr. Mallach remains the same, that an appropriate

application of 95 is still appropriate. We are not seeking additional credits because of the expertise of Mr. Mallach in part, that an application in excess of that may tend to start decreasing the appropriateness of the application.

MR. SCHWARTZ: Essentially what this agreement does, I think, is that we are going on the record saying that we are committing ourselves to giving the town the ten and a half acres, however it comes out, upon receiving site plan approval. Therefore, the Township has a commitment that it is receiving, that it is going to get that property.

In addition, we have worked out where that property is going to be, whi is one of our concerns of what has been ironed out as part of this process.

THE COURT: Does Timber actually intend to build this?

MR. SCHWARTZ: Build which building?

THE COURT: The commercial building?

MR. SCHWARTZ: Oh, yes,

THE COURT: It's a project that you are representing Timber will undertake?

MR. SCHWARTZ: Yes. We had concerns about the original square footage. This was one of the considerations in working with the Township. We have

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worked it out that it is feasible and we do intend to construct it.

MR. THOMAS: As a matter of fact, Your Honor, Mr. Schwartz wanted to stipulate to be the attorney of record on the site plan.

THE COURT: This, now, this will increase the size of the building by how much over? Was it 4 acres that was dedicated?

MR.. THOMAS: Your Honor, what would have occurred under the 6-acre transfer would have been a building of 225,000 square feet. What is being suggested at this point, now, is that the building size will be not to exceed 260,000 square feet. There is, of course, an offset. 7 is not as if there is simply an increase in the FA, but rather an increase in the amount of property the Township is willing to accept for the senior citizen and public purposes remaining. The FAR will remain the same.

THE COURT: So there is a difference in 35,000 square feet. The total anticipated sewage flow then based on the parameters we have been using from the building would be what?

MR. SCHWARTZ: We worked in my office. 1 don't have the numbers, Your Honor, but I believe it comes out to, for this entire site, if you were to

take the entire Timber site as a package, it comes out to less, because we are giving up more property.

We, therefore, have four fewer units, residential units. Obviously, that allows more sewage. So if anything, if it's not the same, it would be less gallonage that would be needed for this entire site.

MR. THOMAS: Your Honor, one of the things that was of concern was that very point. While I don't have the figures, Mr. Coppolo has indicated to me that the 50,000-gallon upgrade is more than adequate to accommodate this slight modification of the proposal with leftover for other sites in the Bedminster Village area, so it does not significantly impact this whole question,

THE COURT: You are s /ing that the other sites, which are relying on BFR could still be accommodated within the 50,000?

MR, O'CONNELL: Within the scope of Mr.

Coppolo's testimony. He didn't say it could sewer all of them, but a portion of them, yes. The net result of this is quite simply that our figures indicate that there is no more sewage going to be used for J and K after this change than before and, in fact, it might even be a slight bit less.

MR. KLEIN: Your Honor, the testimony today

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has indicated, I think, if J and K is developed like that, there is not sufficient capacity for the other sites, particularly the H and I site. there is an ability to sewer those other sites -

MR. THOMAS: Your Honor, that has not been the testimony, I believe.

THE COURT: I will have to go back and look at my notes. I thought there was capacity over and above J and K, but I am just doing it by recollection. I remember a number, 38,000.

MR. THOMAS: That was the number that was

THE COURT: So there was 12,000 differential.

MR. THOMAS: Which cc Id accommodate, for

MR. SCHWARTZ: I believe the numbers work out for this proposal to be slightly less than that.

I would like to see those at

MR. SCHWARTZ: We can provide that, because I believe Mr. Coppolo and a member of my firm discussed that in the process of talking about this

THE COURT: Of course if they are provided to me after the case is completed, then of course

provide it to everybody, so Dobbs can have input on it. 2 3 MR. SCHWARTZ: I can probably have that if **not** by the end of .today, then Monday. 4 THE COURT: I should have mentioned we will 5 6 not be in session on Monday. I have had a death in the family last night, so Tuesday will be the next 8 day. We should be able to have it on Tuesday. 9 MR. SCHWARTZ: Certainly. Your Honor, I would 10 like to present the original of this agreement. Like T say, it has been signed on behalf of, by myself on 11 behalf of Timber and Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Thomas; 12 13 on behalf of their clients. THE COURT: All right Perhaps we should 14 mark it as an exhibit. Has Dobbs seen it? 15 MR. SCHWARTZ: Mr. Dobbs has seen it. 16 17 explained it to him, but T did not have an extra lg copy for him, 19 THE COURT: We will make him a copy. MR. SCHWARTZ: Your Honor, at this point if 20 it's all right with the Court I would like to continue 21 to at least passively participate in this proceeding. 22 23 THE COURT: I take it based on this, however, you are not going to present any witnesses? 24 MR, SCHWARTZ: We will not be presenting ²⊅

witnesses. We believe the agreement speaks for itself, plus the representations that counsel has made in conjunction with this agreement. The sewer number will be a number that will be stipulated, I am sure, between the Township and our office, but we will get to the other discussion before it is presented to the Court.

THE COURT: All right. Let's mark that exhibit as a Timber exhibit since there are none in evidence.

MR. SCHWARTZ: There were a couple.

THE COURT: There was one marked for identification, so we will mark it PT-2. It's a settlement agreement between che Township and Timber Properties.

(The agreement was received and marked Defendant Timber Properties' Exhibit PT-2 in evidence.)

(Informal discussion outside the record.)

MR. THOMAS: PT-2?

THE COURT: PT-2.

Call down to Harold in the copy room and tell him we have another document.

Who does not have copies of this?

Make about five or six.

(Informal discussion outside the record.)

MR. KLEIN: Judge, just one point of clarification, on the Township plans is Site I included in the compliance package? If so, there will be testimony with respect to expansion beyond the 50,000 in light of the testimony.

MR, O'CONNELL: There is no change in the Township's position. Mr. Coppolo has testified as to what the allocation is between the sites. What we will show is there is no additional sewage being required by J and K. I think in his testimony he indicated that that's the primary site and that stame of the site, H, O; H, O and I could be sewered under the 50,000 gallons. To do i all you would have to expand the plant.

MR. THOMAS: All of Site H could be sewered.

THE COURT: I don't treat this as any change affecting the testimony on the assumption that the change in sewage flow is not going to be substantially greater or lesser. That's what I understand to be the representation, that there might be less or about the same.

MR. THOMAS: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: All right.

Are you ready to proceed, now? When we get

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the agreement back, if there are some additional questions on it, we will come back to it.

MR. FERGUSON: Mr. Selders, please.

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP/TIMBER PROPERTIES, INC.

WHEREAS, Timber Properties, Inc., its successors and assigns (hereinafter referred to as "Timber") is the equitable owner of approximately 60 acres located on the West side of Route 202/206, known as Lot 16 and 16A, Block 41 on the Tax Map of the Township of Bedminster, a portion of which lies within the sites designated as "J" and "K" of the proposed Compliance Package pending before the Superior Court of New Jersey in the matter of The Public Advocate et als. vs. Bedminster Township et als.; and

WHEREAS, discussions have taken place between Timber and representatives of the Township of Bedminster (hereinafter referred to as "Township") with regard to the proposed zoning of Timber's site as contained in said Compliance Package; and

WHEREAS, said discussions have resulted in agreement between the parties wherein Timber would be willing and able to donate to the Township, sufficient acreage so to permit the Township to build Mt. Laurel II Senior Citizen Housing as contemplated by the Compliance Package, as well as other public purpose uses; and

WHEREAS, the Township has agreed to enact modifications to the zoning ordinance as it applies to Timber, consistent with the spirit and intent of the zoning as set forth in the Compliance Package.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved between the parties as follows:

- 1. Timber shall donate to the Township for Mt. Laurel II Senior Citizen Housing and for other public purpose uses, a total of 10.5 acres located at the northwesterly corner of the property upon Timber's obtaining final site plan approval and sewer allocation for the development of Timber's property. The Township will therefore allow Timber to construct an office facility in the O-R zone not to exceed 260,000 s.f., pursuant to the proposed zoning under the Compliance Agreement and shall allow clustering of the balance of Timber's property at its zoned density. The cluster development shall be in accordance with standards as set forth in the proposed zoning cluster ordinance of tract "K".
- 2. The parties incorporate by reference, the Clarification to the Mt. Laurel II Compliance Agreement, which is dated November 27, 1984, the Township shall reserve and allocate capacity in the BFH plant sufficient to accomodate effluent from the proposed Mt. Laurel II Senior Citizen housing complex and the commercial and residential development as more particularly set forth in this Agreement. Timber shall be responsible for the payment, if any, of customary and reasonable reservation fees.
- 3. The precise location of buildings, residences and roadways have been conceptually formulated and will require more detailed study, review and approval by the Township Planning

Board. The parties hereby agree to work together, cooperate and in good faith achieve the goal and objectives of this Agreement.

This Agreement is specifically contingent upon the Township obtaining a Certificate of Compliance and repose as specifically outj-ined in the Mt. Laurel II Compliance Agreement dated -mmmt^S 29, 1984 and the Clarification thereto dated November 27, 1984 in the pending litigation presently before Judge Serpentelli.

TIMBER PROPERTIES, INC^

Attorney for Timber Properties,. Inc.

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