TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Building and Planning Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Relief Request from Natural Features Code

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I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:

Relief from the Natural Features Code Section 101.5.C.2.b.2 to disturb steep slopes for the installation of two pedestrian pathways at 231 St. Asaphs Road (One Bala Plaza).

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:

Relief from Township Code requires approval from the Board of Commissioners.

III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):

Relief requests are reviewed on a case by case basis.

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

The proposed walkway improvements promote pedestrian connectivity throughout the site. The slopes to be disturbed were created as a result of previous grading associated with development of the site. The proposed improvements are a part of a larger effort to modernize the property to accommodate tenant needs.

V. Impact On Township Finances:

The relief will have no impact on Township finances.

VI. Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners approve the requested relief.