



The City of Grove City, Ohio

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Planning Commission Staff Report
Lower Level Conference Room
May 3, 2016 1:30pm

- 4. APPLICATION: Bethel Lutheran Church Columbarium | Development Plan**
- Project Number: 201603280019
- Location: 4501 Hoover Road (040-002913)
- Proposal: To install a Columbarium and other site improvements at the Bethel Lutheran Church
- Applicant: Rev. Peter Ray, 4501 Hoover Rd, Grove City, OH 43123

Relevant Code Section(s):

- 1139.12 Zoning Districts and Regulations – Non-residential District Requirements

Project Summary

The applicant is proposing to install a columbarium at the Bethel Lutheran Church at 4501 Hoover Road. The use of a columbarium will be reviewed by Planning Commission and City Council through a separate “use approval” application.

The columbarium will be located on the north side of the sanctuary wall and will contain 99 8”x8” companion niches. The total height of the columbarium is proposed to be approximately 7’2” including a granite capstone and the total width is proposed to be approximately 8’4”. The sides and base of the columbarium will be finished in brick to match the sanctuary wall.

A four (4) foot high wall is proposed to extend approximately 12 feet off the sanctuary wall to create a partially enclosed courtyard area for the columbarium near the existing prayer garden. The wall will be finished in brick to match the existing church structure. Plans show two concrete benches and groundcover landscaping (pachysandra) within the new courtyard area created by the 4’ wall. Materials do not show any additional lighting or other improvements to the site outside of the columbarium courtyard area.

Recommendation

After review and consideration, the Development Department recommends Planning Commission make a recommendation of approval to City Council for the development plan as submitted.