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Attention: Bexley Department of Zoning
Regarding: Proposed landscape project at Huntington Bank
Location: 2631 E Main Street, Ohio, 43209

Items of Concern:

3f -- There appear to be (4) existing trees adjacent to the parking spaces (2 on each end) that are no longer in the plan. Is the intent that these be removed? Why?

-We do intend to remove these trees and replace them with a different variety of tree. While Locust / Gleditsia type trees have many merits, they do have some negative aspects in a commercial landscape including a vigorous and invasive root system that can deprive nearby plants of needed water and nutrients and can also damage hardscape features like sidewalks, roads, curbs, and parking lots. This type of tree tends to shed leaves in middle to late summer which can be a nuisance as well as leaving the tree looking very unattractive. Locusts tend to have a high rate of dead fall leaving large amounts of sticks and branches on the ground below them, as well as potentially damaging cars. The small Locust leaf tends to contribute to clogging drains as they fit easily through grates, and can be difficult to clean up. We (Dale's Lawn Care) on behalf of Huntington Bank wish to replace these trees with a substitute that will reduce needed maintenance, and will increase the aesthetics of the landscape.

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It appears that you are proposing a Liquidambar 'Slender Silhouette' in the tree lawn where a mature street tree is currently located. I do not think the Tree Commission will approve of that change unless there is a good reason for it.

-This concern has been noted and the provided landscape plans have been revised to keep the mentioned mature street tree.

While it seems that no landscape will be changed along Main Street, there has been a tree missing in the sidewalk approach for years and now would be the time to replace that tree.

-This concern has also been noted and the landscape plan has been revised to replace the missing tree. Please provide your requested variety of tree for replacement.

4a -- As far as I know this site does not have an existing irrigation system, and there are no plans by Huntington Bank to install a new system that I am aware of.

Scope of Work:

Remove (4) Locust / Gleditsia Trees, and the existing Yew / Taxus hedges on the west side of the parking lot. Replace the landscaping as noted on the provided landscape plans. Remove and replace landscaping contained in the island beds located on the south side of the building near the drive through per the provided landscape plans. Replace the missing tree in the front sidewalk tree pit.

Perspective Concepts for the proposed landscape project:



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Existing / recent site pictures for reference:



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