

**KENT PLANNING COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 15, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amanda Edwards
Derek Salustro
Ken Crookston
Earl Clausson
Naser Matar

STAFF PRESENT:

Bridget Susel, Community Development Director
Tim Sahr, Development Engineer

I. Call to Order

Ms. Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Amanda Edwards, Derek Salustro, Earl Clausson, Naser Matar, and Ken Crookston were present.

III. Reading of Preamble

Ms. Edwards read the Preamble, which describes the purpose and procedures of the Planning Commission as well as the applicant's right to an appeal.

IV. Administration of Oath

Ms. Susel instructed those members of the audience wishing to be heard on the case to be presented at this meeting to raise their right hand. Ms. Susel administered the Oath, "Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony that you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, if yes, please say "I do." The participants responded, "I do."

V. Correspondence

None.

VI. New Business

A. PC25-006 **THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY
1500 N. MANTUA STREET**

The applicant is seeking Comprehensive Sign Plan approval for the property located at 1500 N. Mantua Street. The property is located within the R-T-O: Research, Technology, and Office Zoning District

Mr. Sahr presented the project as submitted and presented the staff report to the Commission. He stated that the site is accessed from N. Mantua St. and is bordered by residential uses to the

north, east, and west, and City of Kent Schools to the south. He stated that the request for the Comprehensive Sign Plan is to tie the signs at the main campus with the signs for the new SEED campus to the east. Mr. Sahr read "Section 1109.11: Comprehensive Sign Plan" for this case and the following case. He stated that staff finds the request for approval of a Comprehensive Sign Plan, as presented, to be in accordance with the applicable sections of the City of Kent Zoning Code.

Chad Brintnall, 2702 Scarborough Rd, Cleveland Hts., presented the images for both cases. He stated that their approach is to standardize the signage and create more wayfinding messaging and incorporate the Davey Tree brand.

Mr. Crookston questioned if there was any external illumination.

Mr. Brintnall responded no.

Mr. Matar questioned if there was any new signage at the street.

Mr. Brintnall stated that there are no new signs proposed at the street at this time.

Public Comment

None

Planning Commission Discussion

MOTION: *In the case of PC25-006, The Davey Tree Expert Company, 1500 N. Mantua St., Mr. Salustro moved that the Planning Commission approve the Comprehensive Sign Plan as presented with the following conditions:*

1. Technical Plan Review.

Mr. Matar seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

B. PC25-007 THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY 6700 STATE ROUTE 43

The applicant is seeking Comprehensive Sign Plan approval for the property located at 6700 State Route 43. The property is located within the R-T-O: Research, Technology, and Office Zoning District

Mr. Sahr stated that the information for this case is the same as the previous case. He noted that this project is located across the street and is a separate parcel and therefore requires a separate Comprehensive Sign Plan.

Chad Brintnall explained the images and locations for the signs.

Public Comment

None

Planning Commission Discussion

Ms. Edwards stated that she feels that the signs are lovely, they work appropriately for a campus, and they fit in really well.

MOTION: *In the case of PC25-007, The Davey Tree Expert Company, 6700 State Route 43, Mr. Clausson moved that the Planning Commission approves the Comprehensive Sign Plan as presented with the following conditions:*

1. Technical Plan Review.

Mr. Matar seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

VII. Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *Mr. Clausson moved to approve the March 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Salustro. The motion carried 4-0-1. Mr. Matar abstained.*

VIII. Other Business

None

IX. Adjournment

MOTION: *Mr. Clausson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Salustro. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.*