



Camp Hill grants preliminary approval to Centric Bank branch proposal

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Camp Hill Borough Council voted unanimously Wednesday to allow Centric Bank to move forward with plans for a branch at Market and South 17th streets.

First, the council waived a provision of an ordinance requiring separate preliminary and final design plans. Then, the borough conditionally approved the plan Centric submitted through its engineering firm, Evans Engineering.

Councilman Rich Guerin expressed concern that the traffic on that portion of Market Street is already "a horrible situation" and wondered if the bank might make it worse.

Primary access for the branch would be two-way off of 17th Street. The drive-through access would be one way on the right side of the building onto Market Street.

Judd Dayton, an engineer with the firm, said it was still working with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation on a highway occupancy permit.

The bank, he said, would be low-traffic, with the highest peak generally Saturdays around lunchtime.

Borough manager Gary Kline said he'd spoken with the bank and Cumberland County about proposed changes to Market Street and Centric was interested in becoming a cornerstone of that project.

Centric, he said, was willing to install a crosswalk and move trees and curbs at its expense. In exchange, Kline said, the county was willing to offer funds for an additional crosswalk.

Councilman Aubrey Sledzinski said he was concerned how stormwater run-off would be affected.

Dayton said the bank would be changing the land to a slightly bowled shape to allow water to flow down to a detention system below the branch.

Most of that water, he said, would be allowed to infiltrate naturally. Only during very heavy events would there be any kind of discharge.

The branch would take over two vacant parcels of land and displace an existing hair salon, the council said.

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