

HARTFORD

Amended site plan approved for Trade Tech expansion

Company adds another 4K square feet to already planned 18K-square-foot addition

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HARTFORD – A revised site plan for a proposed major addition to the Trade Tech plant at 2231 Constitution Avenue was approved earlier this week by the Plan Commission.

In December the commission had approved a site plan for a proposed approximately 18,000-square-foot addition, but after examining the plan more closely, company officials realized they needed to make changes that ended up adding approximately 4,000 more square feet to the proposal.

“The company had hoped to begin construction yet this winter, but with the changes it probably won’t start until around spring,” said City Planner Justin Drew.

Trade Tech is a full-service machine shop that provides custom precision machining services for heavy products. The company’s work capabilities include multi-axis CNC machining, milling,

drilling, boring, turning, threading, cutting, pocketing, profiling, reaming and facing. Materials such as aluminum, brass, bronze, steel, stainless steel, exotic metals and plastic materials are used. The proposed addition would be erected south of the original building which was approved in 2006 and built in 2007.

“The proposed addition footprint is the same as the previously approved addition except for a 45-foot by 90-foot bump out at the southeast corner,” Drew said. “They need more space that they originally thought and they need increased height to allow for greater crane functionality.”

The height of the proposed addition is 35 feet above grade, which meets the 45-foot maximum height allowed in the M-4 district, Drew said. “The addition would increase lot coverage to 25.4 percent of the property, below the 50 percent maximum lot coverage allowed by code.”

Drew said the property is in Zone-B of the Wellhead Protection Overlay District, which has a maximum allowable impervious surface of 60 percent.



Submitted rendering

This is what the proposed nearly 22,000-square-foot addition to the Trade Tech facility in Hartford will look like when it is completed.

“After the addition and additional asphalt paving on the southeast side of the building the impervious surface would be 50.9 percent of the site,” Drew said.

Drew also said earlier the company was also negotiating a purchase for more adjacent land.

“They could build another addition to the west in the not so distant future,” Drew said. “The company has grown substantially since it came to Hartford in 2007. The purchase of the additional land would allow them if they did construct another addition to have the impervious surface below the limit of 60 percent on all of their property together.”

The company also finished constructing a heated storage building just a few years ago.

Drew said the addition being proposed now would be composed of gray, insulated metal panels. Five large garage doors and three man doors would be located on each exposed side of the addition, which would include a shop bay, two new bathrooms and a new welding and fabrication area.

Bink Steinbach roast to benefit Blue Lotus Farm and Retreat Center

By Lisa Curtis
Special to the Daily News

WEST BEND — Bink Steinbach, a well-known resident of the West Bend community, is about to show he is also a good sport.

Steinbach will be the guest of honor at a roast to benefit Blue Lotus Farm and Retreat Center, which provides accessible recreational and therapeutic opportunities for individuals of all ages living with profound physical, developmental, cognitive, emotional

or mental health challenges.

Steinbach will be subject to some good-natured ribbing at the event, which will be held March 5 at the West Bend Mutual Insurance Company’s Prairie Center.

Slinging the jokes at Steinbach will be Judge Andrew Gonring, Steinbach’s brother Paul and auctioneer Mike Paul.

“Having just reached the age of 64, I came to realize there are 54 years of awkwardness for people to work with,” Bink Steinbach said

of the potential material for the roast.

But Steinbach can’t just take it, he can give it out as well.

He was on the panel at last year’s Blue Lotus roast of Jeff Szukalski of Jeff’s Spirits on Main. He knew then that he would be the target this year.

“My brother proclaimed the very next day by noon that he had his material for this year,” Steinbach said.

Asked if he had any concerns, Steinbach said, “my life is an open book ... I think.”

Steinbach said he is happy to help raise money for Blue Lotus and contribute to the wonderful services they provide, which he learned more about at last year’s event.

“They do tremendous things there for a wide range of people,” he said.

Steinbach has been active in the community for decades. He owned and operated a small pub and eatery called the Binkery in the early 1980s, and later became a real estate agent for First Weber. He also owns a tree farm. He is a board member of the West Bend Public Schools Foundation.

“Bink is naturally witty, so even if you do not know him, you’ll have fun,” said Blue Lotus Executive Director Jacqueline Janz. “We are truly grateful to Bink and the many sponsors who are making this a spectacular event.”

The evening will also feature the Joyce Malloy Kettle Moraine Quartet, a silent auction and a live auction.

If you go

What: Bink Steinbach Roast to benefit Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center

When: March 5, drinks at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and roast at 7:15 p.m.

Where: West Bend Mutual Insurance Company’s Prairie Center, 1900 S. 18th Ave., West Bend

Cost: \$75 per person or \$400 for a table of six

To register: Go to www.bluelotusfarm.org or call 262-675-2473

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Germantown man allegedly stole from employer

WAUKESHA — A Germantown man has been charged after he allegedly stole more than \$2,000 from his Menomonee Falls employer by failing to make the business’s nightly deposits to its bank account.

Anthony Adkins, 29, was charged Wednesday in Waukesha County Circuit Court with a count of misdemeanor theft and faces up to nine months in jail if convicted.

A criminal complaint said an official with Topper’s Pizza reported there were several deposits that were not completed at the Menomonee Falls store in December 2018 and January 2019. On five dates, deposits worth a total of \$2,187 were missing from the business’s bank, all on days Adkins was the shift manager, the complaint said.

Adkins was fired after the alleged thefts were discovered.

The complaint said a manager who fired Adkins said he told her he was having financial problems and intended on paying the company back.

Milwaukee man arrested for theft in Oconomowoc, Germantown


WAUKESHA — A Milwaukee man has been charged with multiple counts of theft after he allegedly stole over \$4,000 worth of merchandise from an Oconomowoc Fleet Farm in 2019, a Waukesha Circuit Court criminal complaint states.

Kyle Gordon, 48, faces five years in prison if convicted on all charges.

According to the complaint, Oconomowoc police were called to the Fleet Farm at 1555 Pabst Farms Blvd. for a report of a man price-swapping items in the store. The loss prevention manager told officers that Gordon was seen using duplicated UPCs to buy items at lower prices.

On one occasion Gordon left the store with \$769.97 worth of merchandise having only paid \$94.97, the complaint states.

Oconomowoc police were also contacted by Germantown officers who said they had seen Gordon commit similar crimes at a Germantown Fleet Farm and he was detained there as well, the complaint states.




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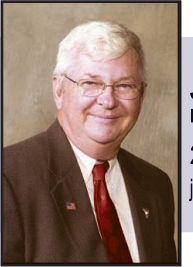
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