

## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

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Application Number 225-16

GENERAL	Date of Application
	Property Location 340 W- Friendshipst.  Description of Project Build New garage Replacing old one.
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	Applicant
CONTACT INFORMATION	Name Alfred and Ronda Smello  Address 240 W-Friendship St. City Medina State Oh Zip 44256  Phone 22 1881 11-2
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	Phone 20 - 111 - 11 - 1
	Property Owner
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NTA	Address
8	Phone Email
TYPE	Planning Commission Site Plan Conditional Zoning Certificate Code or Map Amendment
	Preliminary Plan Final Plat Conditional Sign (EMC/Shopping Ctr) Cert. of Appr. (TCOV) Other
APPLICATION	Historic Preservation Board Certificate of Appropriateness Conditional Sign
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APP	Board of Zoning Appeals Variance Appeal
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APPLICANT SIGNATURE	By signing this application, I hereby certify that:  1) The information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge;
	2) I am authorized to make this application as the property owner of record or I have been authorized to make this
	application by the property owner of record;  3) I assume sole responsibility for correspondence regarding this application; and
	4) I am aware that all application requirements must be submitted prior to the formal acceptance of my application.
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### Z25-16 West Friendship Street Garage

Property Owner: Alfred & Ronda Smelko

Applicant: Alfred Smelko

Location: 240 West Friendship Street

Zoning: R-3 (High Density Urban Residential)

Request: Area Variance to Section 1113.05(l)(2)(A.) to allow an accessory structure within side yard

setbacks and to be larger than permitted

#### **LOCATION AND SURROUNDING USES**

The subject site is composed of 0.11 acres on the south side of West Friendship Street. Adjacent properties are zoned R-3 and contain single-family and two-family residences.



#### **BACKGROUND & PROPOSED APPLICATION**

The subject property currently contains an 822 sq. ft. home, including the front and rear porches, and an approximately 440 sq. ft. (20 ft. x 22 ft.) detached garage. The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing garage and construct a 768 sq. ft. (24 ft. x 32 ft.) detached garage. The proposed garage will be located 2 ft. from the eastern property line.



#### DETACHED ACCESSORY STRUCTURE REGULATIONS (SECTION 1113.05(I)(2)(A.))

Section 1113.05(I)(2)(A.) includes the following requirements for detached accessory buildings associated with principal buildings used primarily for residential purposes in all districts, and associated with principal buildings for all uses on lots located in the M-U District:

- 3. Detached accessory buildings shall be built no closer than five (5) feet to rear and side lot lines.
- 7. The combined area of all detached accessory buildings on a lot shall not exceed 744 square feet, except as follows: The maximum combined area of all detached accessory buildings on a lot may be increased to a maximum of 1,032 square feet, provided that such area shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area of the rear yard of the lot.

The proposed garage is located 2 ft. from the eastern property line, which is within the required 5 ft. setback.

The maximum combined area of all detached accessory buildings in the rear yard is 744 sq. ft. The proposed 768 sq. ft. structure exceeds the maximum allowable by 24 sq. ft.

#### STANDARDS FOR VARIANCES AND APPEALS (SECTION 1107.08(i))

Factors applicable to area or size-type variances ("practical difficulty"). The applicant shall show by a preponderance of the evidence that the variance is justified, as determined by the Board. The Board shall weigh the following factors to determine whether a practical difficulty exists and an area or size-type variance should be granted:

- A. Whether the property in question will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be any beneficial use of the property without the variance;
- B. Whether the variance is substantial;
- C. Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or whether adjoining properties would suffer substantial detriment as a result of the variance;
- D. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of governmental services (e.g., water, sewer, garbage);
- E. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning restrictions;
- F. Whether the property owner's predicament feasibly can be obviated through some method other than a variance; and/or
- G. Whether the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirement would be observed and substantial justice done by granting a variance.

The applicant has indicated the following regarding the Standards for Variances and Appeals:

- There cannot be a beneficial use of the property without the variance as the existing garage is almost unusable and constructing a new garage without the proposed variance would be difficult.
- The variance is not substantial as the garage is only 3 ft. within the side setback and only 24 sq. ft. over the maximum square footage.
- The spirit and intent of the zoning requirement would be observed as the property would look more appealing and be easier to use.

#### FACTORS APPLICABLE TO AREA OR SIZE-TYPE VARIANCES ("PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY")

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G. Whether the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirement would be observed and substantial
justice done by granting a variance.
with variance the whole property would look more appealing and be easer to use
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#### **AREA SCHEDULE**

Main Floor 768.0 sq ft.

#### DRAWING SCHEDULE COVER\_ SITE ELEVATIONS 1\_ **ELEVATIONS 2** POST LAYOUT\_ FLOOR PLAN\_ ROOF CROSS SECTION\_

#### SMELKO POLE BARN

#### GENERAL NOTES ...

- 1. APPROVED CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS SHALL BE KEPT AT CONSTRUCTION SITE FOR REFERENCE BY BUILDING OFFICIAL,
- 2. ALL CONNECTIONS AND FASTNERS TO MEET OHIO RESIDENTIAL CODE.
- 3, ALL BUILDING MATERIAL & FASTNERS TO BE APPLIED AND FASTENED ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURER.
- 4. STRUCTURE IS DESIGNED TO BE SELF SUPPORTING AND STABLE AFTER COMPLETION, THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE TO DETERMINE ERECTION PROCEDURES, AND ENSURE SAFETY OF BUILDING AND ITS COMPONENTS.

# Al Smelko

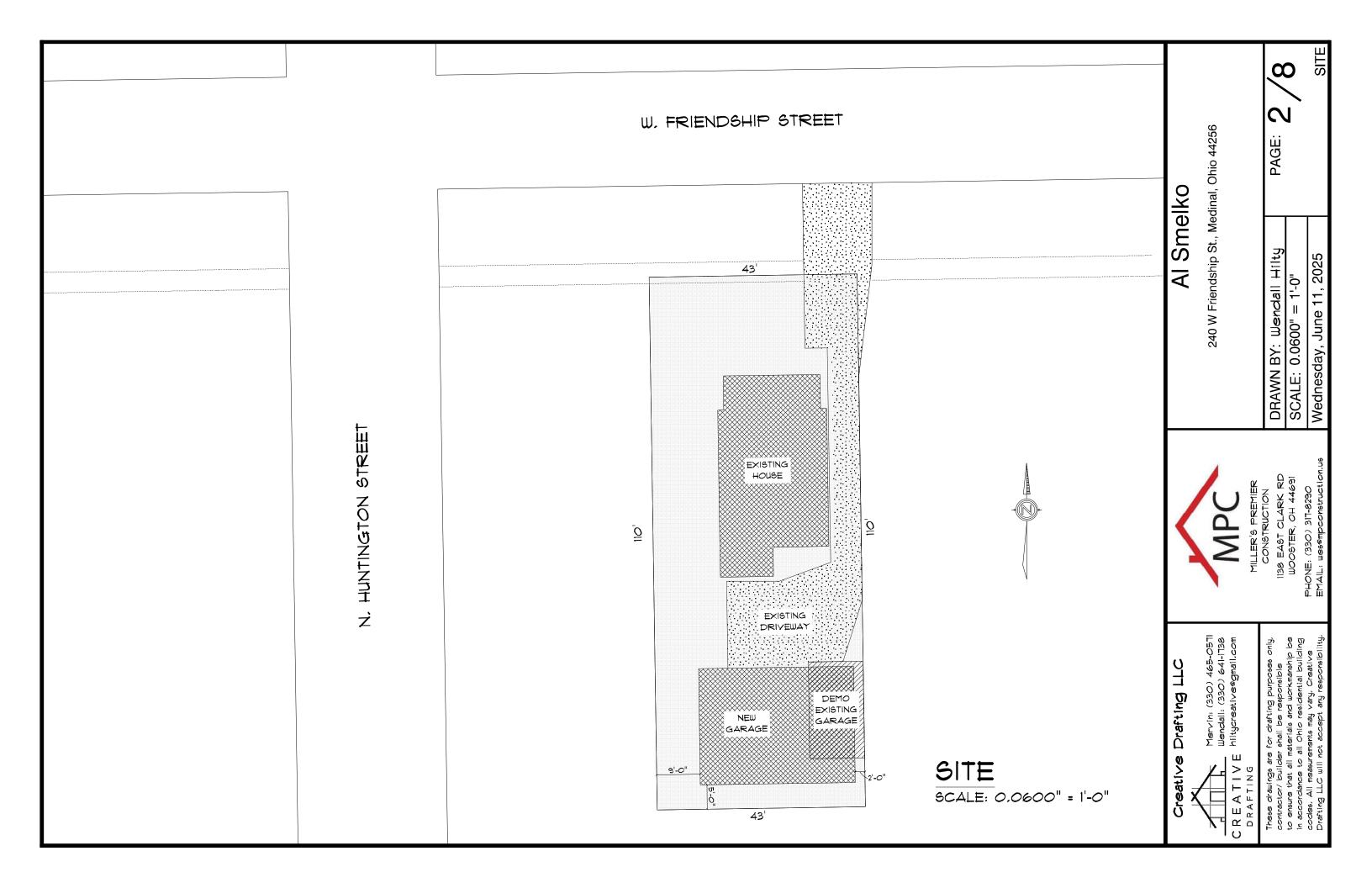
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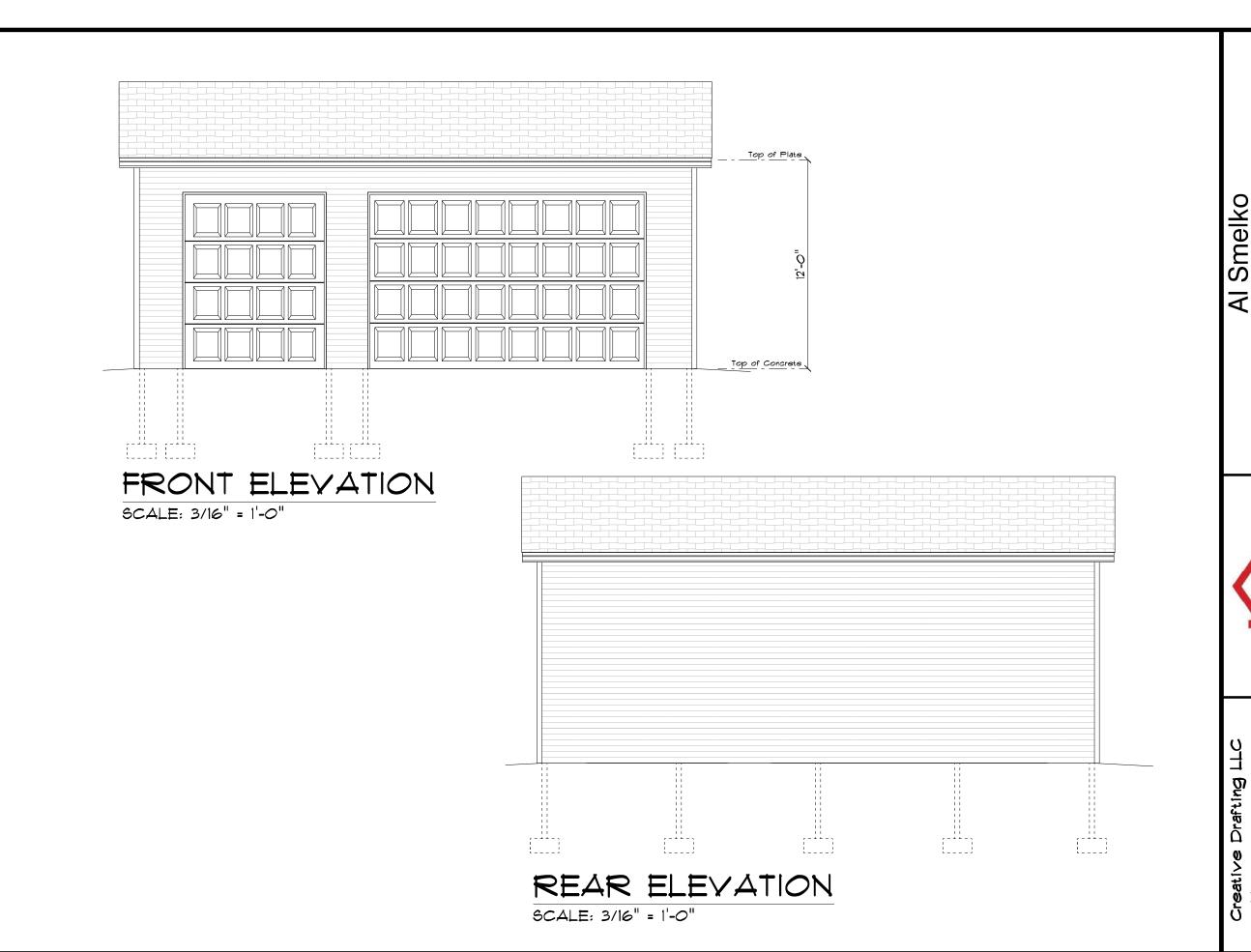
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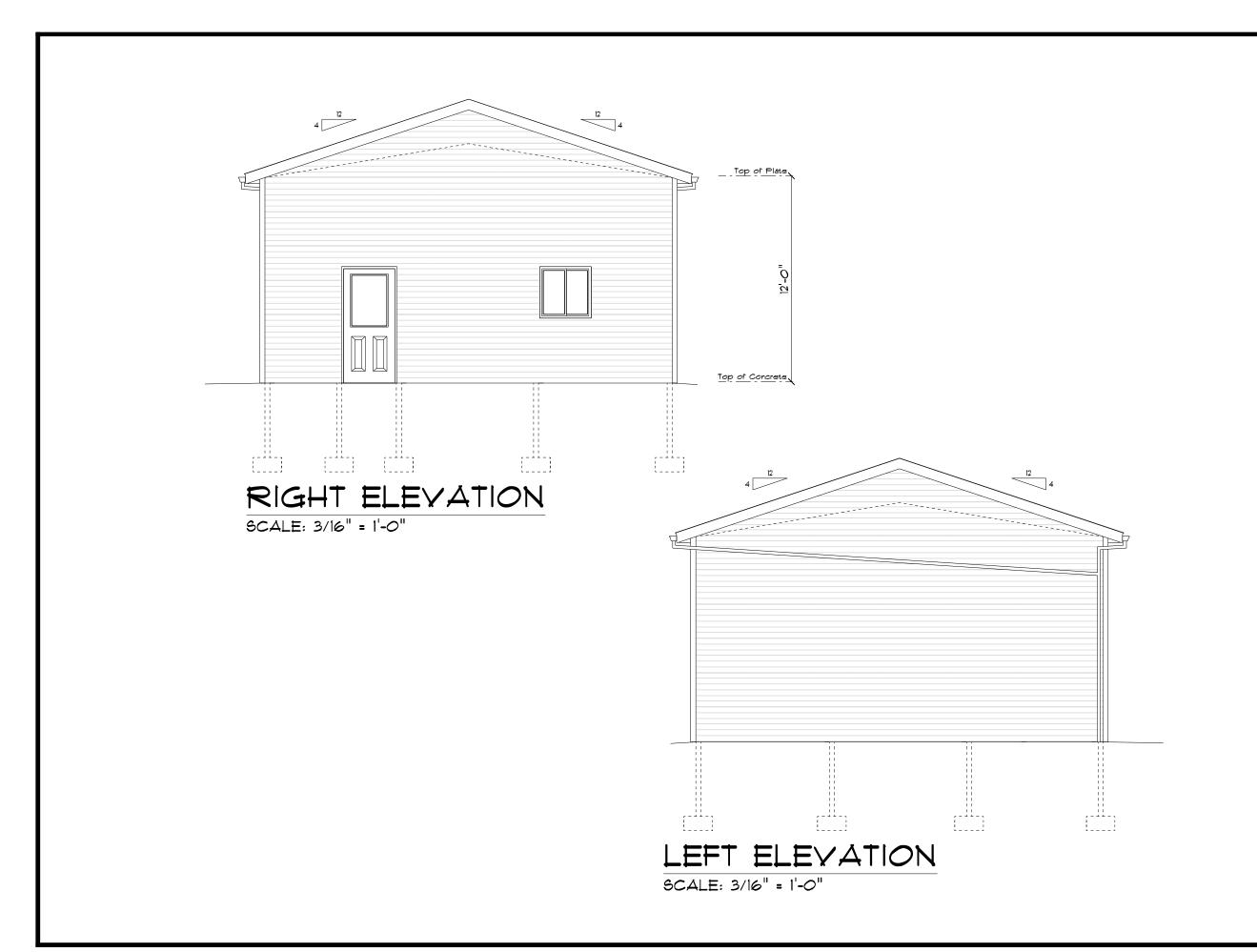
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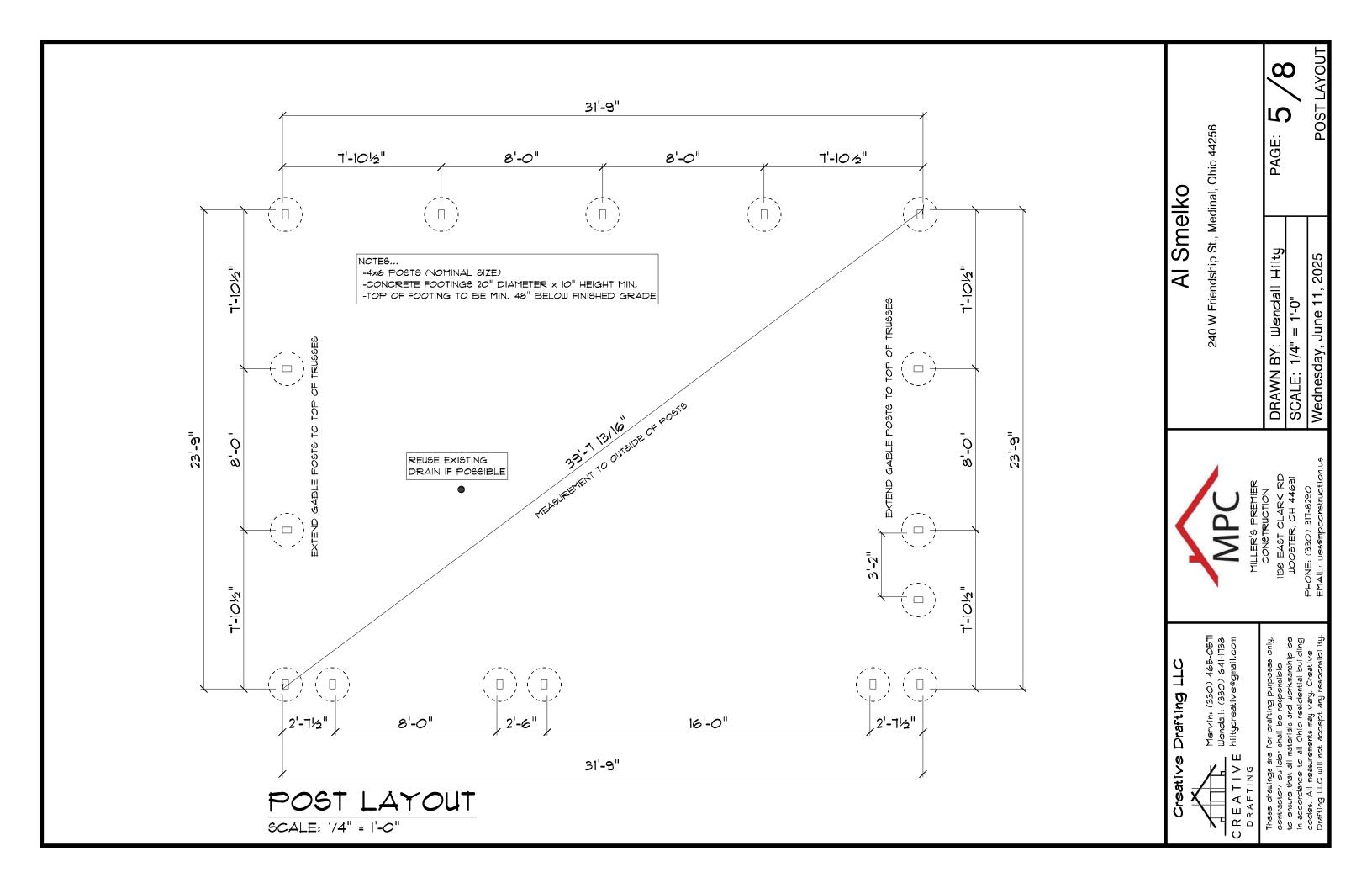
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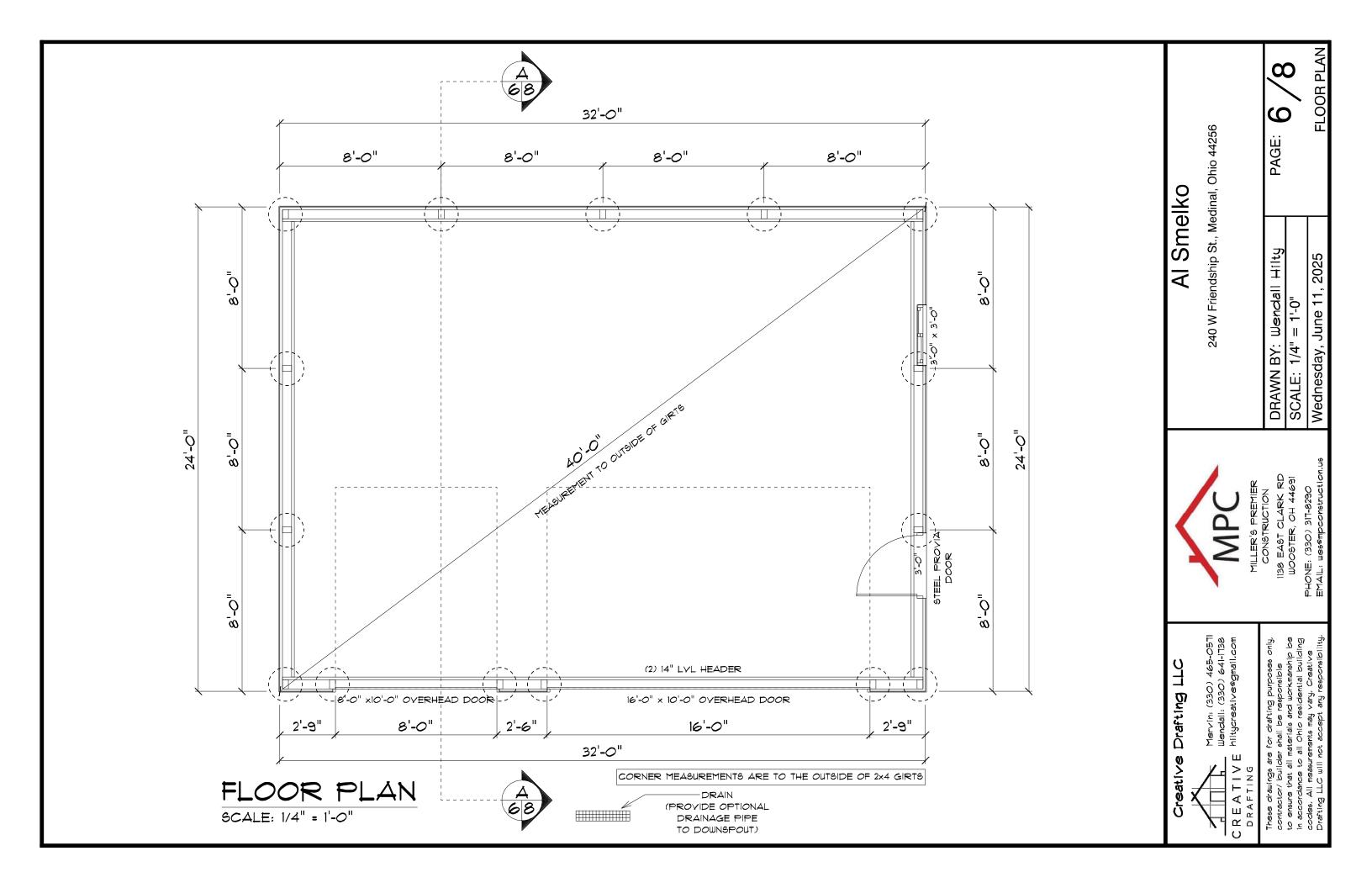
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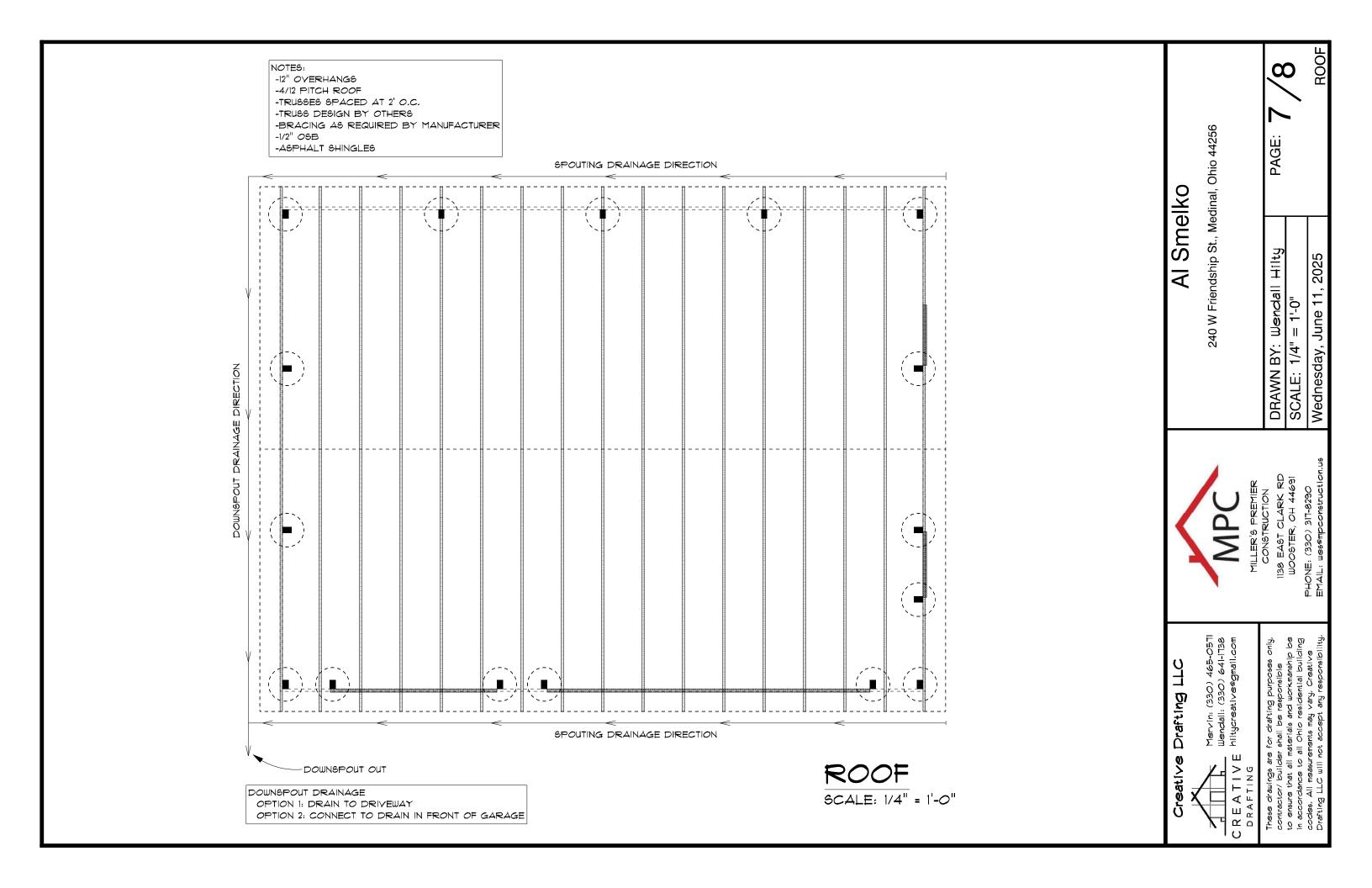
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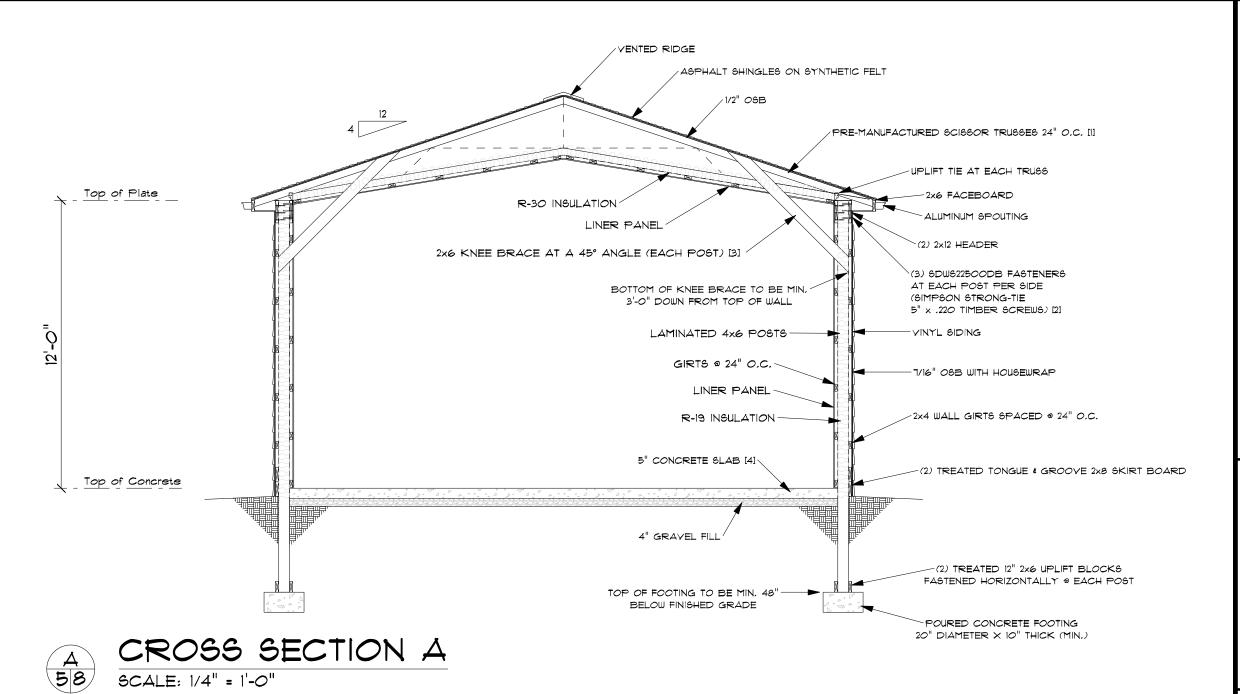
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**ELEVATIONS 2** 









SPECIFIC NOTES ...

[1] TRUSS BRACING AS REQUIRED BY MANUFACTURER

[2] OTHER FASTENERS MAY BE USED IF THEY HAVE A MINIMUM SHEER OR WITHDRAW VALUE OF 4680 POUNDS PER POST

- BI KNEE BRACE TO BE FASTENED TO TOP AND BOTTOM CHORDS OF TRUSS AS WELL AS POST
- [4] CONCRETE TO HAVE FIBERMESH REINFORCEMENT ON 6 MIL POLY VAPOR BARRIER

GENERAL NOTES ...

[A] ALL FASTENERS TO TREATED WOOD TO BE GALVANIZED [B] EAVE OVERHANGS TO BE 12"

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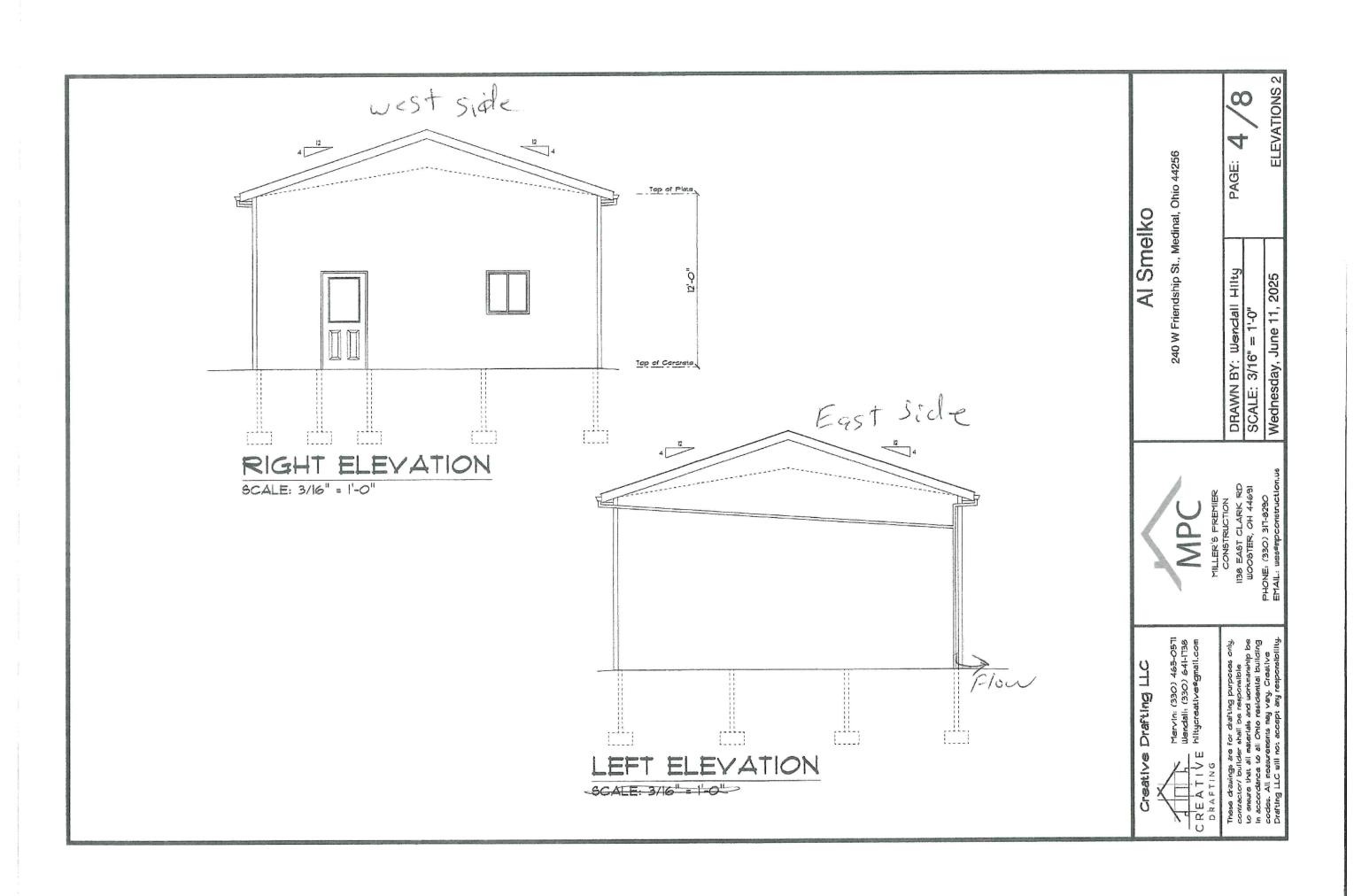
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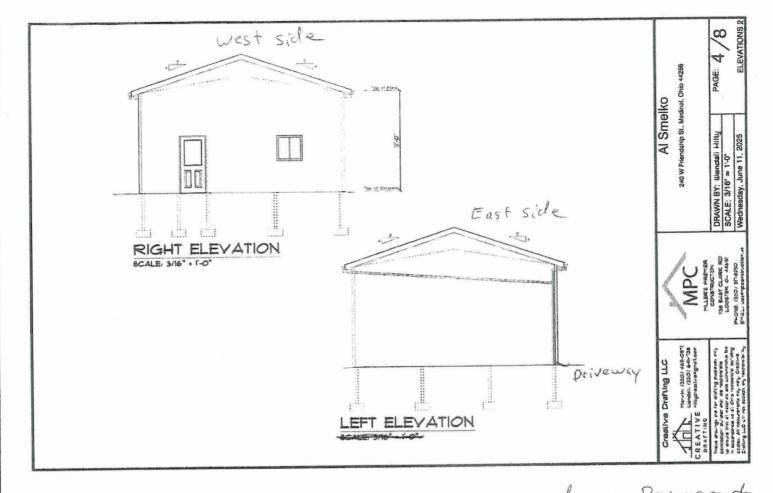
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The rainwater will run down Downsports into the driveway and to the street. The driveway is pitched to route water to the street.

----Original Message-----

From: Tammy Kirby <tammy\_kirby@earthlink.net>

Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 8:52 AM

To: Andrew Dutton <adutton@medinaoh.org> Cc: Rick Kirby <richard\_kirby@hotmail.com>

Subject: RE: Smelko 240 w friendship st - garage variance

#### Thanks Andrew!

There are concerns with drainage as it is a current issue and has been for as long as we have lived here. The gravel driveway and backyard are going from a significantly porous surface with the ability to absorb standing water to being significantly covered in hard surfaces, i.e the new concrete driveway and the request for an oversized garage. The Smelko backyard is lower in elevation then the front/side yard and currently does not drain, does not flow anywhere. Even on a regular rain will consume, cover the current Smelko garage floor(s) and backyard. Prior to pouring the new concrete driveway there was no grading done for elevation to aide in the drainage. The concrete was just simply poured on top the existing gravel driveway taking on the current contour of the ground as is. Proposed downspouts from the new requested garage releasing water into the lowest elevation of the property and greatly reduced porous ground are making the current drainage issue even worse.

Thanks, Tammy Kirby 330-241-3817

----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Dutton <adutton@medinaoh.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2025 9:25 AM To: Cory Clifford <cclifford@medinaoh.org>

Subject: FW: Smelko 240 w friendship st - garage variance

#### Cory,

The BZA will be reviewing a new garage at 240 W Friendship St. Tammy Kirby has indicated drainage concerns (below).

It looks like you've talked with the homeowner regarding drainage. From what I can tell there is a downspout in the NE corner of the garage that drains onto the driveway and goes north to the street.

Do you have any concerns/comments?

Andrew Dutton, AICP Community Development Director City of Medina adutton@medinaoh.org 330-722-9023

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#### **Andrew Dutton**

**From:** Cory Clifford

**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 4:10 PM

**To:** Andrew Dutton

**Subject:** RE: Smelko 240 w friendship st - garage variance

**Attachments:** Page from Job 112.pdf; Contours.pdf

#### Andrew,

The discussion I had with Mr. Smelko was related to providing proposed drainage information on his plan. Although I did not verify any of the information provided, all the current hard surface and proposed hard surface is shown to drain to the street. The ground surface flow will only be changed to the extent of the garage footprint and immediate perimeter grading and should be very similar to the "as existing" surface flow toward the street.

Each individual property owner has a responsibility to manage surface water on their own property and this improvement shows adequate drainage management. Execution of this plan will be Mr. Smelko's responsibility. This plan does not take into account or consider any existing drainage problems as suggested by the neighbor Tammy Kirby. Tammy Kirby email -"The Smelko backyard is lower in elevation then the front/side yard and currently does not drain, does not flow anywhere. Even on a regular rain will consume, cover the current Smelko garage floor(s) and backyard." With the addition of the new larger structure the lower elevation area in the back might be corrected. If Mr. Smelko's garage blocks drainage pathways or inhibits drainage, it will be his responsibility to correct. 236 & 246 West Friendship have submitted drainage inquiries or complaints in the past but no record exists for 240 W. Friendship. Per the Medina County GIS contours 236-246 West Friendship lots are relatively flat.

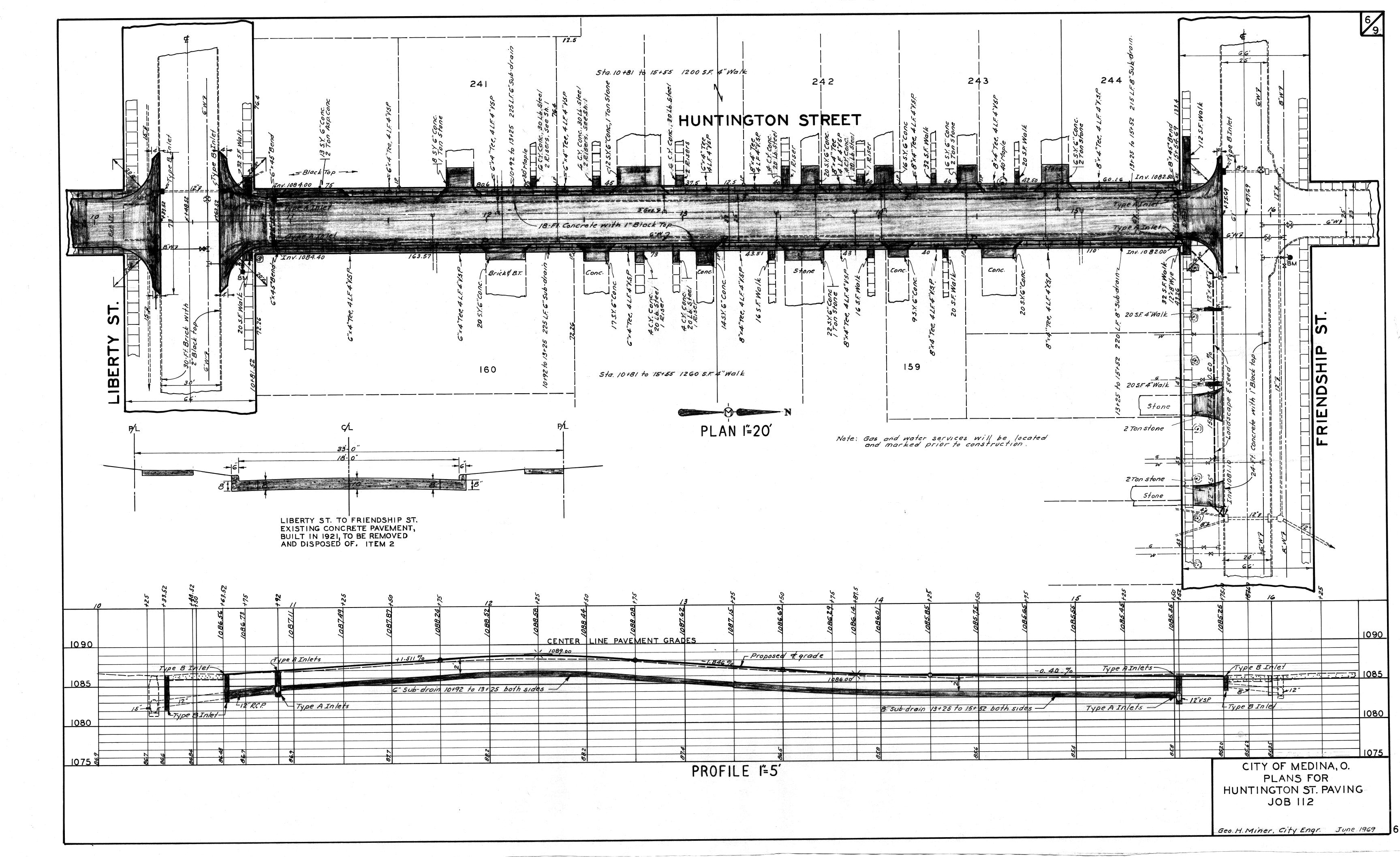
There is a 12" storm sewer in the tree-lawn on West friendship and is accessible to 232, 236, 240, and 246. If Mr. Smelko or any other property owners would like to make a storm sewer connection, a permit and inspection for work in the Right of Way (ROW) is all that is required.

Thank You,

Cory Clifford
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