

Village waives brick requirement

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Cramer Coil officials promise to clean up site in exchange for leeway

The Village of Saukville's Community Development Authority/Industrial Review Committee immersed itself in a little industrial diplomacy recently.

Officials from Cramer Coil came to the meeting with a two-pronged request: gaining approval for a 1,600-square-foot storage building and combining four parcels the company owns on Progress Drive into a single plat.

The village sold an adjacent parcel to Cramer Coil last year in anticipation of the company's need for more space, but the formal combining of lots was never completed.

"It is probably something that should have been done last year. It is a good thing to do when there is a single ownership," said Marilyn Haroldson, the village's economic development and planning consultant.

Company president Terry Wilkinson said the new building will be used to house an air compressor, as well as for storage of materials and possibly a backup generator. A shed on the site that is in disrepair will be removed as part of the plan.

Although village officials had no problem with allowing the building, the request triggered a discussion of the village requirement that buildings in the business park have a portion of the facade facing the street be brick or masonry.

Wilkinson said the requirement would add unnecessary expense to the project, since the building would be located 20 feet behind the existing manufacturing plant.

Landscaping and trees on the lot already screen the existing building.

CDA member John Ross said enforcing the masonry requirement seemed arbitrary in this case.

"It doesn't really make a lot of sense in this case," Ross said

However, before the panel would consider backing the requests, there was some unfinished business officials wanted done.

CDA members said the north side of the current building has become overgrown with brush and needs tending.

"We'll be happy to clean up that side and make it look a lot nicer," Wilkinson said.

The panel then approved waiving the masonry required for the storage building, contingent on the lot being cleaned up.